

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education

December 6, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

Vice President John Lehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and ascertained that proper notice had been given to the local newspapers and that the meeting had been properly noticed at each of the school buildings. Board members Betsy Ellenberger, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, Kirk Leeser, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, student representatives Alissa Rashid and Jessica Werhand, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Central Services; Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Elementary Learning & Leadership; Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership; Anne Lang, Director of Pupil Services; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. The absences of Christine Grunwald and Scott Thompson were excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Jeff Parker, 2427 Maple Grove Drive, Neenah, thanked Dr. Pfeiffer and Jim Strick for their help in working with the WIAA in keeping the girls cross country team in compliance with the WIAA rules while allowing them to compete in the Nike National Cross Country meet recently in which they placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Jim Karrmann, W6081 Nolan Drive, Appleton, NJSD teacher, stated that he was here as a NHS wrestling coach and expressed his concerns with the athletic code, specifically the academic ineligibility list.

Nancy Lewandowski, 113 Limekiln Drive, Neenah, shared her thoughts regarding the CADR report and stated that she is overwhelmingly in favor of the advanced classes for English and science at Shattuck next year.

Vice President Lehman declared the open forum closed at 7:07 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM

## ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that a lot of work has gone into the CADR report and commended Ms. Phernetton and Mr. Buboltz.

Dr. Pfeiffer provided background regarding the situation with the NHS girls cross country team and stated that this was a group effort.

Dr. Pfeiffer suggested Mr. Karrmann work with Mr. Strick and Ms. Doyle regarding the academic ineligibility situation.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of five yes (Ellenberger, Kaul, Kunz, Lewis, Spoehr) and two abstentions (Leeser, Lehman).

## STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Alissa Rashid and Jessica Werhand...

- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- reported that the NHS School Climate Committee met recently to discuss ideas to combat bullying.
- shared several dates of upcoming concerts.
- provided an update on recent student council news.
- reported on the live mannequin event in downtown Neenah last Friday.
- stated that the Madrigal Dinner and performance and the opener for Act II and Vintage were successful.
- informed all present of a girls basketball fundraiser at Perkins Restaurant on Thursday, December 15, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- shared that many elementary school holiday programs are currently taking place.
- stated that Clayton fifth graders are currently participating in the annual Give-A-Kid-A-Book project.

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- reminded Board and community members that there will be only one Board meeting in January on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.
- introduced Mr. Jim Strick, Activities Director, who helped recognize music students and staff who participated in the Wisconsin State Music Association Honors Project, the six Post-Crescent Athletes of the Year, and students and staff involved in the State Theatre Festival.
- introduced Horace Mann Principal Brian Wunderlich who, along with staff members Mary Greene, Jennifer Merritt, Jodi Stanchik, and

Monica Schoen, shared information related to Horace Mann's school goals and progress and the implementation of the iPads.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

A discussion took place regarding the establishment of a Board of Education Scholarship for Neenah High School students. It was decided that a sub-committee would be formed consisting of Peter Kaul, John Lehman, and Jeff Spoehr with oversight by Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements and Business Services Support. The sub-committee will be responsible for working out the details of the scholarship and will bring the information and guidelines back to the full Board.

#### CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Larry Lewis introduced Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning and Leadership, who thanked all staff members involved in the CADR report, reviewed the Course Additions, Deletions, and Revisions (CADR) Report for the 2012-2013 school year (Exhibit 12-A-11), and answered questions of Board members. The CADR Report for the 2012-2013 school year will be brought to the December 20, 2011 Board meeting for approval.

#### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Peter Kaul stated that the next meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will take place on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pfeiffer reminded Board members that they will be getting their pictures taken at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, and will then meet at 6:00 p.m. to review Dr. Pfeiffer's goals with her.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new items.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Lehman announced that it would be necessary to adjourn the regular meeting and to subsequently reconvene in closed session. Motion was made by Peter Kaul to adjourn and that the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the November 15, 2011 special closed session meeting, the November 15, 2011 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:57 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the November 15, 2011 special closed session meeting, the November 15, 2011 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Diane Haug  
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr  
Board Clerk