

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education

December 20, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, December 20, 2011.

President Scott Thompson 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 Christine Grunwald, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, Kirk Leaser, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, student representative 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 Betsy Ellenberger and student representative Alissa Rashid were excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Dave Jones, 413 Dieckhoff Street, Neenah, stated that he was representing parents at Wilson Elementary School, distributed informational packets to Board members and administrators, shared information regarding issues with head lice at Wilson School, and requested the Board adopt a "No Nit" policy.

Julie Last, 202 Elm Street, Neenah, expressed her concern with head lice at Wilson School and recommended the Board adopt a "No Nit" policy.

Gwen Sargeant, 560 Grove Street, Neenah, expressed her concern with head lice at Wilson School and recommended the Board adopt a "No Nit" policy.

Gretchen Ugoretz, 626 Fairview Avenue, Neenah, shared her concerns with fighting, bullying, drugs, etc. in the Neenah schools.

Nicole Niedermeier, 614 Maple Street, Neenah, shared her concerns with head lice at Wilson School and with bullying issues at Shattuck Middle School.

Andrea Marsh, 633 S. Park Avenue, Neenah, expressed her concern with head lice at Wilson School and recommended the Board adopt a "No Nit" policy.

Gina Larsen, 685 Oak Street, Neenah, expressed her concern with head lice at Wilson School and recommended the Board adopt a "No Nit" policy.

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Marcie Willming, 623 Fairview Avenue, Neenah, expressed her support of a “No Nit” policy.

Maria Jones, 413 Dieckhoff Street, Neenah, expressed her concern with head lice at Wilson School and recommended the Board adopt a “No Nit” policy.

Tina Schroeder, 951 Grove Street, Neenah, expressed her concern with head lice at Wilson School and recommended the Board adopt a “No Nit” policy.

Jennifer Willming, 707 Nicolet Boulevard, Neenah, expressed her concern with head lice at Wilson School and recommended the Board adopt a “No Nit” policy.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:33 p.m.

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Mr. Dreger thanked the parents for their comments, thanked Wilson principal Mr. Hammerschmidt for his leadership throughout this process, and stated that the Board and Administrators are currently reviewing Board policy and will keep the “No Nit” policy in mind during this process. President Thompson suggested accelerating the process of passing a “No Nit” policy. It was suggested that the Administrators communicate to parents immediately regarding keeping students who have head lice and/or nits at home until they have a note from their doctor or the Public Health Department stating that they may return to school. It was also suggested that the Administrators immediately establish guidelines and prepare a policy for initial review at the next policy meeting.

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that she was sorry to hear the stories of bullying, suggested parents read the NJSD Bullying Policy on the website, and encouraged all students and parents to immediately notify their school staff of any bullying issues that take place.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Jeff Spoehr to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six yes (Kaul, Kunz, Leaser, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr) and two abstentions (Grunwald, Thompson).

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six yes (Kaul, Kunz, Leaser, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr) and two abstentions (Grunwald, Thompson).

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Christine Grunwald to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of seven yes (Grunwald, Kunz, Leaser, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and one abstention (Kaul).

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Jessica Werhand...

- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- reported that the NHS math team won in the Fox Valley Lutheran tournament and is currently first in the conference.
- shared that the holiday concert is taking place at NHS tonight.
- reported that the NHS Heart and Key Clubs are teaming up to collect nonperishable goods to be donated to Double Portions Soup Kitchen.
- stated that Shattuck students recently raised money and canned goods for charity through a dodgeball tournament.
- reported that students at NHS are currently registering for classes for next year.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- reported that three staff members, Diane Luft, Shelley Kumbier, and Cheri Miller, have had their names forwarded to the state level for the Kohl Fellowship.
- shared that student representative Alissa Rashid was accepted to and will be attending Vanderbilt University next year.
- introduced Madeline Prahl, Neenah High School English Language Learner educational assistant, who thanked Board members and administrators for approving her leave of absence and shared her experience teaching English in a refugee camp in Algeria last spring.
- introduced Wilson Principal Ryan Hammerschmidt who, along with staff members Amy Pritzl, Kris Martin, Debbie Wedding, and Cindy Collar, shared information related to Wilson's school goals and progress.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 5 dated November 30, 2011 reflecting revenues of \$550,731.72 and expenditures of \$5,134,171.17) (Exhibit 12-B-11),
2. Investment Report (Exhibit 12-C-11), and
3. Course Additions, Deletions, and Revisions (CADR) Report for 2012-2013 (previously entered as Exhibit 12-A-11). The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. President Thompson expressed his concerns regarding the World Language recommendations

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald stated that the Curriculum and Program Development Committee did not hold a meeting last month and currently does not have a meeting scheduled.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair John Lehman stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. to review the annual audit report. Mr. Lehman stated that the next Finance and Personnel Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Lewis thanked Peter Kaul for agreeing to be the WASB delegate at the State Education Convention in January. Dr. Pfeiffer reminded Board members that there is one Board meeting scheduled in January on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new items.

ADJOURNMENT

President Thompson announced that it would be necessary to adjourn the regular meeting and to subsequently reconvene in closed session. Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr 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 December 6, 2011 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:57 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the December 6, 2011 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Jeff Spoehr, seconded by Peter Kaul, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Diane Haug  
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr  
Board Clerk