

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

February 1, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and ascertained that the meeting had been properly noticed on the District's web site and at each of the school buildings. Board members Betsy Ellenberger, Christine Grunwald, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, Colleen Zuro-White, student representatives Noah White and Alissa Rashid, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Central Services; Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership; Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Elementary Learning & Leadership; Anne Lang, Director of Pupil Services; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, inquired how a job share impacts benefits for the employees, requested clarification on the laminating reduction item, and stated that moving the music program to Fund 80 didn't reduce the budget but reduced the portion of the budget that falls within our revenue limits.

Cody Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, 7th grade student at Shattuck Middle School, thanked the Board members and administrators who purchased a wreath from him for the Brigade wreath sale and stated that it helped him to place first in sales.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:04 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Mrs. Holt stated that in a job share situation, the benefits cannot be in excess of one position.

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that an annual amount was established for laminating and that when the laminating material runs out this year, there will not be any more purchased until next year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Colleen Zuro-White and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson, Zuro-White) and one abstention (Lehman).

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Noah White and Alissa Rashid...

- invited all present to several upcoming NHS fine arts events in Pickard Auditorium: the winter drama *The Laramie Project* will take place on February 10-12, and an orchestra concert will be performed on February 17.

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- stated that the Pennies for Patients drive began today and runs through Friday, February 11.
- shared that Winterfest will be held the week of February 14-18.
- reported that a meeting was recently held to explore a different way to approach Student Council.
- shared that the elementary schools would be celebrating the 100th day of school this Friday, February 4.
- turned the meeting over to Steve Dreger who introduced Bob Schmidt of TRANE and the BTU Crew students in Mrs. Dorn's and Mrs. Messner's classes from Hoover School who gave a presentation about their experience with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) curriculum.

Dr. Pfeiffer thanked Bob Schmidt and TRANE for working with our students and thanked the staff and students for their participation and the parents for their support of the students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer ...

- thanked the staff and Board members who attended the State Education Convention this year and requested that these people share something at the next Board meeting.
- asked Mr. Duerwaechter to share his experience subbing for Teresa Walotka, NJSD gifted and talented teacher, who earned a day off by having her door prize ticket drawn at the all-staff convocation in August.
- asked members of the Budget Advisory Committee who were in attendance to stand and share a brief statement about their involvement in the committee and introduced Scott Stielow who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the work of the Budget Advisory Committee thus far this year (Exhibit 2-A-11).

Board members thanked Dr. Pfeiffer and the committee members for their work in the budget process.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Employment of Personnel which includes requests for resignations and retirements from Jan DeMenter, Linda Nemschoff, Bruce Nufer, Mary Resch, Sandra Smith, and Jim Zipple effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year; a request for a resignation from Vergene Miller effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year; and a request for a job share for the 2011-12 school year by Bobbie Cercone and Stephanie Markman (Exhibit 2-B-11); 2. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 6 dated December 31, 2010 reflecting revenues of \$9,752,441.11 and expenditures of \$6,572,496.00) (Exhibit 2-C-11); 3. Investment Report (Exhibit 2-D-11); 4. School Property Tax Report (Exhibit 2-E-11); 5. 2010-2011 Quarterly Budget Projection Report (Exhibit 2-F-11); and 6. Mid-Year Scholarship Update Report (Exhibit 2-G-11). The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. Board members accepted with regret the resignations and requests for retirement from Jan DeMenter, Linda Nemschoff, Bruce Nufer, Mary Resch, Sandra Smith, and Jim Zipple, and the resignation of Vergene Miller and thanked the staff members for their years of service to the Neenah Joint School District.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Colleen Zuro-White to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by a committee vote of three yes (Grunwald, Spoehr, Zuro-White) and one abstention (Lewis). Chair Christine Grunwald shared that the focus of the meeting was on the Common Core State Standards and that this topic will come before the full Board at a future date.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair John Lehman gave the floor to Dr. Pfeiffer who reviewed the recommended administrator contract changes (Exhibit 2-H-11) which will be brought to the February 15, 2011 Board meeting for a vote. Chair Lehman requested the full administrator contract be provided to the Board members in preparation for the next meeting.

Chair Lehman reminded Board members of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betsy Ellenberger shared that she attended the NHS Introduction to Engineering and Design class Puzzle Cube activity on Friday, January 28, 2011.

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)(c)(f) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the January 11, 2011 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, consideration of issuing preliminary notices of nonrenewal, performance discussion of specific administrative personnel, and NESPA negotiation issues. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:04 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the January 11, 2011 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, consideration of issuing preliminary notices of nonrenewal, performance discussion of specific administrative personnel, and NESPA negotiation issues.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Spoehr, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk