

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education

February 18, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Jean Maurice Boyer (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Betsy Ellenberger, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Jeff Spoehr, Michelle Swardenski, Scott Thompson, student representative Brianda Hickey, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Learning & Leadership; Kathleen Davis, Assistant District Administrator of Business Services; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; Andrew Thorson, Director of Facilities/Engineer; and Jim Strick, Communications Manager. The absences of Peter Kaul, Kirk Leiser, and student representative Luke Nelessen were excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Mike Gibbs, 122 Klompen Court, Neenah, thanked the Board for considering his request to have Klompen Court moved into the Tullar School boundary area.

Andy Teska, 3159 Sundew Way, Neenah, asked whether with the revision of the boundaries there will still be a need for forced transfers of students.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:03 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

President Thompson stated that the Board would address Mr. Teska's question during their discussion of elementary boundaries tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Brianda Hickey...

- stated that parent/teacher conferences will be held next week.
- reported that nearly \$500 was raised for the American Heart Association during "Red Out" recently.
- shared that Neenah High School participated in Rachel's Challenge this week and it was well-received by the students.

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- invited everyone present to an orchestra concert on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Pickard Auditorium.
- shared that there will be a District choir festival on February 25.

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- shared that she, President Thompson, and Mr. Kaul attended the celebration at Neenah High School honoring the students and staff for the Spirit of Excellence Award.
- provided an update to recent and upcoming music, athletic, and academic events.
- introduced Michaela Neitzel, principal at Spring Road School, who introduced staff from Spring Road who shared information related to their math and literacy school goals and progress (Exhibit 2-F-14).

President Thompson stated that in the interest of those who were in attendance to hear the discussion related to Elementary Boundaries, we would move to this item on the agenda.

#### ELEMENTARY BOUNDARIES

Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Learning & Leadership, presented updated information related to elementary boundaries (Exhibit 2-G-14) and answered questions of Board members. Mr. Dreger stated that as soon as possible after the boundaries are approved by the Board, families of elementary students will be notified about which school their children will attend and the process for requesting another school should they be interested in their students attending somewhere other than their home school. Mr. Dreger stated that in answer to Mr. Teska's question, he feels that District transfers will be significantly reduced with the revised boundaries. Mr. Dreger stated that a letter would be sent to Taft families inviting them to a meeting in the Shattuck Auditorium where he will talk about the changes, the plan, and the process and then depending on how many families are there, break into small groups with elementary principals facilitating the groups to discuss the transition, leadership related to the hiring process, and a focus for Taft. Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve the administrative recommendation for the revised elementary boundaries. The motion was seconded by John Lehman and carried by unanimous vote.

#### OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for retirement and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) from an administrator (Jon Fleming, Associate Principal, Neenah High School); a request for employment of faculty (Jena Szewczyk, school counselor, Shattuck); and a request for employment of support staff (Kelly Kelderman, District Wellness Coordinator, administration; Julie Borchardt and Renee Reid Roehl, health assistants, elementary; and Mary Braemer, business services administrative assistant; administration) (Exhibit 2-H-14); and 2. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 7 dated January 31, 2014 reflecting revenues of \$13,246,958.87 and expenditures of \$6,561,407.27) (Exhibit 2-I-14). The motion carried by unanimous vote. Board members and Dr. Pfeiffer thanked Mr. Fleming for his years of service to the District.

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EARLY AUTHORIZATION FOR 2014-15 MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Andrew Thorson, Director of Facilities/Engineer, provided an overview of several major maintenance projects to ensure their completion prior to the beginning of school in September 2014 (Exhibit 2-J-14) and answered questions of Board members. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of resurfacing the running track at Neenah High School. Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve the early authorization of 2014-15 major maintenance projects up to \$1,540,000 as recommended by administration. The motion was seconded by Jean Maurice Boyer and carried by unanimous vote.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The motion carried by unanimous committee vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Thompson shared that Luke Nelessen won the conference championship for his weight class in wrestling and has a good shot at going to state.

Betsy Ellenberger stated that several Board members attended the welding open house at Neenah High School and that she also participated in Puzzle Day at NHS recently.

Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support, reminded Board members of the Board of Education scholarship which was created a couple of years ago and requested a Board member sit on the scholarship review committee along with Peter Kaul. Michelle Swardenski volunteered to assist the scholarship review committee. Mr. Joch stated that if any Board member would like to make a contribution to the Board of Education scholarship fund, they may do so online, through payroll deduction, or by writing a check and stated that the current balance is approximately \$10,000.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members requested an update on the Common Core

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 February 4, 2014 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and discussion of specific personnel. The motion was seconded by Michelle Swardenski and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:43 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the February 4, 2014 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and discussion of specific personnel.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Jeff Spoehr, seconded by Scott Thompson, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Diane Haug  
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr  
Board Clerk