

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

March 15, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), student representatives Nick Bezier and Alissa Rashid, 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; 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

As no one present wished to address the Board, President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:02 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

No comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2011 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of seven yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kunz, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and two abstentions (Kaul, Zuro-White).

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2011 special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote. (Colleen Zuro-White arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Nick Bezier and Alissa Rashid...

- reported that the NHS Coffee House was a success.
- shared that district solo-ensemble festival took place on Saturday, March 5, at Fond du Lac and many participants will be going on to state competition on April 30.
- provided an update on items and upcoming events the Student Council is currently working on.
- stated that spring break will begin next Monday, March 21.

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- reported that the Young People's concert will take place on March 31 at 9:30 a.m. in Pickard Auditorium.
- provided an update to recent and upcoming sporting events.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer ...

- introduced Coach Harry Kelderman and Jim Strick, NHS Activities Director, who shared information about Harry's accomplishments in coaching youth soccer in Neenah and throughout the Fox Valley area for the past 30 years, his upcoming induction into the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame, and the fact that he was honored with the Bergstrom Award at the Red Smith Banquet in January.
- shared that Monica Schoen, Horace Mann reading teacher, was named a 2011 Herb Kohl Fellowship recipient.
- shared that Scott Hertting, NHS physics teacher, recently had an article published in *The Physics Teacher* entitled "Stunt Barbie - A Laboratory Practicum Combining Constant Velocity and Constant Acceleration."
- introduced Shattuck Middle School Principal Jon Fleming who introduced Shattuck staff members who gave a PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit 3-H-11) regarding Shattuck Middle School's goals and progress this school year.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 8 dated February 28, 2011 reflecting revenues of \$8,715,212.01 and expenditures of \$7,981,779.06) (Exhibit 3-I-11); and 2. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for a contract increase for the 2011-2012 school year for Linda Lagieski, fifth grade teacher at Wilson School from 0.5 to 1.0 FTE due to a job share partner retirement; a request for a leave of absence for the 2010-2011 school year for Tina Winters, NHS family and consumer education teacher; and a request for a resignation at the end of the 2010-2011 school year from Mary Ann Powers, NHS school psychologist (Exhibit 3-J-11). The motion was seconded by Christine Grunwald and carried by unanimous vote.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald stated that the next meeting of the Curriculum and Program Development Committee will take place on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, with the topic being External Reading Review. Hard copies of the report will be provided to the entire Board.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair John Lehman stated that the next meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will take place on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christine Grunwald stated that the Fox Valley Area High School Art Exhibition is currently on display at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum and that the Friendship Place currently has an exhibit upstairs at the museum. Ms. Grunwald shared that retired NJSD administrator Jeff Zdrale volunteers his artistic skills with members of the Friendship Place.

Board members were reminded of the Board/Administrative workshop on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 in the Armstrong library at Neenah High School.

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) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the February 24, 2011 special closed session meeting and the March 1, 2011 closed session meeting and discussion of specific personnel. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:37 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the February 24, 2011 special closed session meeting and the March 1, 2011 closed session meeting and discussion of specific personnel.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk