

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

May 3, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, May 3, 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 Betsy Ellenberger, Christine Grunwald, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, 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; Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership; Anne Lang, Director of Pupil Services; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; and Diane Doersch, Director of Instructional Technology. 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 7:01 p.m.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Thompson announced that it would be necessary to elect Board of Education officers for the ensuing year per Board Policy 220 as follows: President, Vice President, Clerk, Treasurer, and Secretary/Deputy Clerk. President Thompson stated that the election of each officer, to be conducted in a public meeting, may be by secret ballot or by roll call vote. It was decided the elections would be held by secret ballot. President Thompson appointed Vicky Holt as vote teller and Paul Hauffe as vote certifier.

President Thompson announced that nominations were open for the office of President. Mrs. Holt announced the following nomination for President: Scott Thompson. Motion was made by Larry Lewis to close the nomination and unanimously approve Scott Thompson for the office of President. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote of acclamation.

President Thompson announced that nominations were open for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Holt announced the following nominations for Vice President: John Lehman, Peter Kaul, and Christine Grunwald. Peter Kaul and Christine Grunwald requested that their names be removed from nomination. Motion was made by Scott Thompson to close the nomination and unanimously approve John Lehman for the office

of Vice President. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous vote of acclamation.

President Thompson announced that nominations were open for the office of Clerk. Mrs. Holt announced the following nomination for Clerk: Jeff Spoehr. Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger to close the nomination and unanimously approve Jeff Spoehr for the office of Clerk. The motion was seconded by Scott Thompson and carried by unanimous vote of acclamation.

President Thompson announced that nominations were open for the office of Treasurer. Mrs. Holt announced the following nomination for Treasurer: Peter Kaul. Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr to close the nomination and unanimously approve Peter Kaul for the office of Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Christine Grunwald and carried by unanimous vote of acclamation.

President Thompson announced that nominations were open for the office of Secretary/Deputy Clerk. Motion was made by John Lehman that Diane Haug, Administrative Assistant to the District Administrator, be declared Secretary/Deputy Clerk by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote.

President Thompson stated that it is his intention to maintain the current committees with their current positions and that if any Board members have a desire to switch committees, they should let him know. President Thompson stated that the Board has a current need for a CESA 6 delegate, explained briefly the responsibilities, and stated that he would consent to be the CESA 6 delegate if no other Board members are interested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Christine Grunwald to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Alissa Rashid and Nick Bezier...

- provided an update on Student Council events taking place recently.
- invited everyone present to the NHS talent show on May 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- announced that AP testing will be taking place this week and next.
- reported that prom is set for Saturday, May 14.
- stated that Show Choir Finale will take place this Saturday, May 7.
- reported that the Diversity Fair will take place this Friday, May 6, at Neenah High School.
- provided an update to recent and upcoming sporting events.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer...

- stated that due to the fact that former Board member Colleen Zuro-White could not be present tonight, she will be recognized at a future meeting.
- shared that she attended a Suzuki performance and encouraged those in attendance to take in a performance in the future.
- introduced Jim Strick, Activities Director, who introduced Dan Paul, coach of the NHS bowling teams, who introduced the team members and acknowledged their accomplishments this year.
- introduced Mark Duerwaechter who recognized Camille Morley, recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Wisconsin School Counselor Association, and her NHS guidance counselor and mentor, Beth Altekruise.
- introduced Clayton School Principal Kim Benson who introduced Clayton staff members and gave a presentation using the Student Response System regarding Clayton School's goals and progress this school year (Exhibit 5-A-11).
- introduced Tullar School Principal Diane Galow who introduced Tullar staff members and gave a presentation regarding Tullar School's goals and progress this school year (Exhibit 5-B-11).

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz to approve the item under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. School Property Tax Report (Exhibit 5-C-11). The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Holt, and Mr. Hauffe provided an update on the development of the 2011-12 District budget including high priority needs (Exhibit 5-D-11). Discussion ensued regarding the uncertainty at the state level, the progress of the District's one-to-one technology plan, and maintenance of NJSD parking lots. The Board gave its support to the projects needing to be completed before the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald stated that the next scheduled meeting of the Curriculum and Program Development Committee would be held on Tuesday, June 28, at 4:30 p.m.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair John Lehman reminded Board members of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. It was decided that the meeting date for June will be determined at the May 16 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Thompson stated that the Employee of the Year reception would be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. in the Shattuck cafeteria and encouraged Board members to attend.

Board minutes are available on the district's web site: www.neenah.k12.wi.us

President Thompson stated that interviews for the Board vacancy would be scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011 in the evening.

President Thompson reminded Board members of the lunch at Neenah High School tomorrow, May 4, 2011 and the listening session with students following lunch.

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 John Lehman 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 April 19, 2011 special closed session meeting, the April 19, 2011 closed session meeting, discussion of legislative issues related to bargaining, and administrative contracts. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:39 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the April 19, 2011 special closed session meeting, the April 19, 2011 closed session meeting, discussion of legislative issues related to bargaining, and administrative contracts.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session was made by Larry Lewis, seconded by Peter Kaul, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

President Thompson called the open session to order at 10:04 p.m.

Motion was made by Larry Lewis to issue final notices of partial nonrenewal to Kristina Rollo, math teacher at Shattuck Middle School (.2 fte layoff, .8 fte contract); Mitch Nonn, social studies teacher at Shattuck Middle School (.2 fte layoff, .8 fte contract); John Palacek, German teacher at Neenah High School (.6 fte layoff, .4 fte contract); and Jilaine Jarvis, music teacher at Horace Mann and Shattuck Middle Schools (.2 fte layoff, .4 fte contract). The motion was seconded by Scott Thompson and carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Larry Lewis to issue final notices of nonrenewal to Timothy Rall, social studies teacher at Shattuck Middle School; Luke Matthias, social studies teacher at Shattuck Middle School; Heather Ponschock, family and consumer education teacher at Neenah High School; and Margie Kaphingst, adaptive physical education teacher at

Clayton and Taft. The motion was seconded by Scott Thompson and carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Betsy Ellenberger. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk