

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education

June 17, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, June 17, 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, Betsy Ellenberger, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Margaret Murphy, Jeff Spoehr, Michelle Swardenski (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), Scott Thompson, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Instructional Support Services; Kathleen Davis, Assistant District Administrator of Business Services; Timothy Gantz, Director of Pupil Services; Susan Nennig, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. Anne Pergolski, District Math Coordinator, was also present. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Jim Dickson, 1338 Whittier Drive, Neenah, shared his concerns with the Common Core.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:08 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

President Thompson stated that the Board would be hearing a presentation regarding the Common Core at tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by John Lehman to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2014 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- thanked Scott, Jeff, and Michelle for attending and assisting at Neenah High School's graduation and stated that it went very well.
- recognized the 3200 meter relay team for placing first at state.
- thanked the staff for their continued commitment to our students.
- recognized Paul Hauffe for his years of service to the NJSD.
- introduced Brian Wunderlich, principal of Neenah High School, who shared information related to their math and literacy school goals and progress (Exhibit 6-G-14).

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OFFICIAL ACTION

Jean Maurice Boyer requested that item 6. Legal Services Contract be pulled from the consent agenda. Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for employment of certified staff (Bethany Andersen, supportive math, elementary; Juddson Eastman, wellness, Shattuck; Katie Hager, instrumental music, Shattuck/Neenah High School; Mallory Lampe, cognitive disabilities borderline, Neenah High School; Sarah Pickering, social studies, Shattuck; Rhonda Pilzak, grade 4, Coolidge; and Allyce Zimmer, cross categorical, Wilson); a request for resignation of certified staff (Crystal Galica, grade 6 language arts, Horace Mann; Agatha Kossakowski Long, grade 3, Taft; Rebecca Rousseau, speech communication, Neenah High School; and Kim Simon, science, Neenah High School); and a request for resignation of non-certified staff (Connie Murray, educational assistant/special ed (SLD), Coolidge) (Exhibit 6-H-14), 2. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 11 dated May 31, 2014 reflecting revenues of \$516,489.54 and expenditures of \$5,090,512.25) (Exhibit 6-I-14), 3. Investment Report (Exhibit 6-J-14), 4. Request for Waivers of Tuition (Exhibit 6-K-14), 5. Designation of Public Depositories (Exhibit 6-L-14), and 7. Student Fees (Exhibit 6-M-14). The motion carried by unanimous vote. Discussion ensued regarding item 6. Legal Services Contract (Exhibit 6-N-14). Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve the renewal of the legal services contract for the 2014-15 school year as recommended. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous vote.

Margaret Murphy was excused from the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2013-14 SCHOOL BUDGET FINAL REVISIONS

Kathy Davis, Assistant District Administrator of Business Services, reviewed the final revisions to the 2013-14 school budget (Exhibit 6-O-14) and answered questions of Board members. Motion was made by Scott Thompson and seconded by Peter Kaul to accept the Resolution to Amend the 2013-2014 School Budget as presented. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

CURRICULUM & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Susan Nennig, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment, and Anne Pergolski, District Math Coordinator, along with various NJSD staff members, presented information related to the Common Core (Exhibit 6-P-14) and answered questions of Board members. Discussion ensued regarding whether the Common Core is geared to high achieving students vs. students who struggle, what is being done to increase collaboration, how the Common Core might affect special education students, and how we might measure the success of the Common Core program.

Susan Nennig and Anne Pergolski presented information regarding the District's assessment results for the 2013-14 school year (Exhibit 6-Q-14) and answered questions of Board members. Discussion ensued regarding the various assessments which are administered at various grade levels, valuing continuous improvement, and attempting to explain the District goals in proficiency and benchmark targets.

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Chair Jeff Spoehr reported that he received the minutes from Mike Derleth for the recent Automotive-YES meeting and will forward those on to the Board.

#### FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting. The motion carried by a committee vote of three yes (Kaul, Kunz, Lehman) and one abstention (Ellenberger).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jean Maurice Boyer stated that he heard positive comments about the lunch time graduation ceremony for the student athletes who were not able to participate in the evening graduation ceremony due to their participation at state.

#### 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)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the June 3, 2014 regular closed session meeting, the June 10, 2014 special closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, discussion of specific personnel, and evaluation of District Administrator. The motion was seconded by Michelle Swardenski and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Diane Haug was excused from the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

#### CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 9:34 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the June 3, 2014 regular closed session meeting, the June 10, 2014 special closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, discussion of specific personnel, and evaluation of District Administrator.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by John Lehman, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

#### OPEN SESSION

President Thompson called the open session to order at 10:25 p.m. Board members Jean Maurice Boyer, Betsy Ellenberger, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Jeff Spoehr, Michelle Swardenski, Scott Thompson and the following administrator was present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator. The absence of Margaret Murphy was excused.

CONTRACT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the recommendations for adjustments to the District Administrator's salary and benefit compensation package as presented (Exhibit 6-R-14). The motion was seconded by John Lehman and carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Diane Haug  
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr  
Board Clerk