

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

June 7, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, June 7, 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 Alissa Rashid and Jessica Werhand, 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; and Jon Joch (arrived at 7:35), Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Shirley Willis, 531 Haylett Street, Neenah, long-time substitute teacher in the NJSD, shared her concerns about the pay rate for substitute teachers, the AESOP sub calling system, and the dress code at Neenah High School.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:09 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the District has researched and will continue to research to make sure that the pay rate for substitute teachers is aligned with other districts and that she feels the transition to AESOP went rather smoothly this year. Dr. Pfeiffer stated that she will look into the extra pay for extra periods for the next school year. Mrs. Holt explained the preferred sub feature of AESOP and the fill rate with the AESOP system.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Alissa Rashid...

- introduced Jessica Werhand, who will be the junior representative on the Board of Education next year.

Jessica Werhand...

- provided an update to recent and upcoming sporting events.
- reported that the 8th grade dance at Shattuck was held on Friday, June 3, 2011.

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- stated that the 7th and 8th grade awards program took place on Monday, June 6, and the 6th grade awards program was being held tonight, June 7, 2011.

Alissa Rashid...

- reported that finals at Neenah High School concluded today, June 7, 2011.
- stated that graduation for seniors at Neenah High School will take place on Wednesday, June 8, 2011.
- provided an update on recent student council news.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer...

- announced that the Rockets baseball team will be headed to the state tournament for the first time since 1990.
- recognized Alyssa Roehrig, Neenah High School senior, for achieving a perfect score of 25 in Forensics for four years in four different categories and being the only student to accomplish this in the history of Neenah High School.
- recognized the Neenah Girls Track Team for their fourth place finish at state and introduced coach Jody Drake and members of the team.

Dr. Pfeiffer requested a date to go over her performance evaluation. Mr. Thompson suggested setting July meeting dates and a date for Dr. Pfeiffer's performance review during the announcement portion of the meeting.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Request for Waivers of Tuition (Exhibit 6-C-11) and 2. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for a resignation from Cooksey Smith, reading teacher at Neenah High School (Exhibit 6-D-11). The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous vote.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous committee vote.

Chair Lehman stated that the next meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will take place on July 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. An updated five year maintenance plan will be brought to the full Board at the July Board of Education meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pfeiffer requested a closed session meeting prior to the June 21 Board of Education meeting to discuss her performance review. Due to four Board members being unable to attend the June 21 meeting, the Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday,

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June 28, after the Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting to go over Dr. Pfeiffer's performance review. The Board will then meet at 7:00 p.m. for the regular Board of Education meeting.

It was decided that there will be one meeting in July on Tuesday July 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

President Thompson reported that he, Betsy Ellenberger, and John Lehman will represent the Board of Education at the Neenah High School graduation tomorrow night.

Jeff Spoehr provided a brief update regarding Trent Gillman's Runners' High course.

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 May 17, 2011 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, NEA negotiations, and administrative/exempt staff salaries. The motion was seconded by John Lehman and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the May 17, 2011 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, NEA negotiations, and administrative/exempt staff salaries.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by John Lehman, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk