

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

August 2, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

Vice President John Lehman 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, Kirk Leeser, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Elementary Learning & Leadership; Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; and Diane Doersch, Director of Instructional Technology. The absence of Scott Thompson was excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Nick Bezier, 1530 Whitetail Drive, Neenah, acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Trent Gilman, stated that the District is losing a well-loved teacher, and thanked Mr. Gilman for his years of service to the NJSD.

Vice President Lehman declared the open forum closed at 7:02 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that Mr. Gilman has accepted a position in the Winneconne School District where his children attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of seven yes (Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Leeser, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr) and one abstention (Ellenberger).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer...

- stated that the first day with staff for the coming school year will be on August 29 at 8:00 a.m. in Pickard auditorium and invited all Board members to the convocation.
- invited all Board members to a freshmen cookout at Neenah High School on September 1 at 10:45 a.m.

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

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Request for a Waiver of Tuition (Exhibit 8-A-11); 2. Employment of Personnel which includes requests for employment of new teachers for Jessica Bayer, grade 5 at Coolidge, Maria Biebel, grade 5 at Hoover, Stephanie Dembiec, grade 3 at Wilson, Katherine Jones, grade 4 at Spring Road, and Samantha Kalmerton, grade 2 at Spring Road; employment of an administrator, Chad Buboltz, Associate Principal at Shattuck; increase in teacher contracts for Shelley Dorner, science teacher at NHS, Mitch Nonn, social studies teacher at Shattuck, and Kristina Rollo, math teacher at Shattuck; and a resignation from Trent Gilman, science teacher at Neenah High School (Exhibit 8-B-11); and 3. School Board Independent Hearing Officer (Exhibit 8-C-11). The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Pfeiffer introduced Chad Buboltz as the new associate principal at Shattuck Middle School.

Dr. Pfeiffer provided an overview of the first reading of the new Grievance Policy (Exhibit 8-D-11) and answered questions of Board members. The new Grievance Policy will be brought back to the August 16, 2011 Board meeting for a second reading and will be voted on at that time.

Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership, provided opening comments regarding the District's Digital Conversion Plan and introduced Diane Doersch, Director of Instructional Technology, who introduced technology mentors, technicians, and administrators who worked on the plan. Mrs. Doersch presented the District's Digital Conversion Plan (Exhibit 8-E-11) and answered questions of Board members. Board members thanked all staff who helped with the plan.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald stated that she, Mr. Duerwaechter, and Mr. Dreger would like to meet with Kirk Leaser after the meeting to determine a time when they can all meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Lehman stated that the next scheduled meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee would take place on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Kaul reported that construction has begun on the concession stand at the NHS soccer stadium.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the next NEOLA meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Lehman announced that it would be necessary to adjourn the regular meeting and to subsequently reconvene in closed session. Motion was made by Peter Kaul to adjourn and that the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the July 19, 2011 closed session meeting and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:16 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the July 19, 2011 closed session meeting and potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Larry Lewis, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk