

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

August 3, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Betsy Ellenberger, Christine Grunwald, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, Colleen Zuro-White and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Central Services; Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership; 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.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, shared several personal stories with all in attendance.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:07 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 July 15, 2010 special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of seven yes (Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and two abstentions (Ellenberger, Zuro-White).

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of seven yes (Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and two abstentions (Ellenberger, Zuro-White).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer ...

- reminded Board members of the meeting scheduled for August 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with Baker Tilly for the purpose of providing input and stated that the Board will receive a full report from Baker Tilly on October 5, 2010.

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- requested Board members and administrators keep October 12, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. open for a meeting regarding the budget process.
- informed the Board that an administrative inservice is scheduled for next week and that the all-staff convocation would take place on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 in Pickard Auditorium beginning at 8:00 a.m.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 12 dated June 30, 2010 reflecting revenues of \$31,380,360.78 and expenditures of \$19,509,494.20) (Exhibit 8-A-10); 2. School Board Independent Hearing Officer (Exhibit 8-B-10); and 3. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for resignations from staff members (Anna Fulk, EBD teacher at Coolidge, and Meredith Pucci, newly hired kindergarten teacher at Alliance Charter), and a request for employment of new personnel (Jennifer Cormier, English teacher at NHS; Kate DeLong, Family and Consumer Education teacher at NHS; Natasha Kempen, Wellness/PE teacher (1 year position/grant) at Spring Road; Debra Rudd, kindergarten teacher at Tullar; and Cooksey Smith, reading specialist at NHS) (Exhibit 8-C-10). The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote.

Anne Lang, Director of Pupil Services, and Diane Doersch, Director of Technology, provided background information and presented a first reading of a proposed Bullying Policy (Exhibit 8-D-10). Discussion ensued regarding the difference between harassment and bullying, the definition of cyberbullying, and the consequences of bullying.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by a committee vote of three yes (Kaul, Kunz, Lehman) and one abstention (Ellenberger).

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald stated that the Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2010 was canceled. It was decided that an August meeting will not be necessary and that the next meeting of the Curriculum and Program Development Committee would be scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Thompson stated that he, the committee chairs, and Dr. Pfeiffer met to discuss committee process and to determine which items will begin at the committee level and which items will come before the full Board without going through committee.

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

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the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the July 20, 2010 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and NESPA negotiations update. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:56 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the July 20, 2010 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and NESPA negotiations update.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Spoehr, seconded by Peter Kaul, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Diane Haug, Board Secretary