

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

September 17, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:05 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, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Jeff Spoehr, Michelle Swardenski, Scott Thompson, student representatives Luke Nelessen and Brianda Hickey, 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 Learning & Leadership; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; and Jim Strick, Communications Manager. The absences of Betsy Ellenberger and Kirk Leeser were excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, questioned when the first reading of the Wellness Policy took place.

Nancy Lewandowski, 113 Limekiln Drive, Neenah, asked whether the Curriculum and Program Development Committee met recently to discuss advanced classes.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:07 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer informed Mr. Hanby that the Board held a separate meeting on September 3, 2013 to discuss NEOLA policies and stated that the Wellness Policy was really a revision rather than the first time the Board has seen the policy.

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that there were scheduling conflicts related to the Curriculum and Program Development Committee getting together. Jeff Spoehr, chair of the committee, stated that the committee would be meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. for the World Language Review and that advanced classes came up at the August 20 meeting related to making an exception to the criteria for students taking advanced classes. Mr. Spoehr stated that the committee will be meeting sometime in the future to discuss advanced classes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six yes (Boyer, Kaul, Kunz, Lehman, Swardenski, Thompson) and one abstention (Spoehr).

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

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six yes (Boyer, Kaul, Kunz, Lehman, Swardenski, Thompson) and one abstention (Spoehr).

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Luke Nelessen and Brianda Hickey...

- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- shared that the National Honor Society held their induction ceremony last night.
- reported that Challenge Day will be held next week at Neenah High School.
- stated that Student Council held its first meeting of the school year recently.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- stated that she attended the cross country meet last Thursday and recognized Luke Nelessen's participation.
- complimented Sara Kokko for writing and receiving a grant for \$8,000 from the DPI for her work with autistic students at Tullar School.
- reported that the School Report Card scores were released today and the NJSD was rated as "Exceeds Expectations".
- reminded Board members of the WASB Fall Regional meeting on October 2 at Bridgewood.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Christopher Kunz requested to pull the Wellness Policy – Second Reading from the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Jean Maurice Boyer and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 2 dated August 31, 2013 reflecting revenues of \$276,378.23 and expenditures of \$2,438,398.30) (Exhibit 9-D-13), 2. Investment Report (Exhibit 9-E-13), and 4. Wisconsin OPEB Trust and Trust Agreement (Exhibit 9-F-13). The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Christopher Kunz proposed changing the word "should" to "must" in section 546.561 of the Wellness Policy – Second Reading (Exhibit 9-G-13). Following a lengthy discussion, it was decided to leave the Wellness Policy as presented. Motion was made by Jean Maurice Boyer to approve the Wellness Policy – Second Reading as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote.

2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, answered Board members' questions regarding the preliminary 2013-2014 budget as presented at the public hearing. Motion was made by Scott Thompson to adopt the preliminary 2013-2014 School Budget as presented at the public hearing (previously entered as Exhibit 9-C-13). The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Spoehr stated that the Curriculum and Program Development Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. to review the work of the World Language committee.

President Thompson and Jean Maurice Boyer stated that they will be participating in Challenge Day at Neenah High School next week as facilitators.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Insurance discussion (Oct.)
Advanced courses at NHS (Dec.)
Elementary restructuring
Middle school charter (Nov./Dec.)

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 Peter Kaul to adjourn and that the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the August 20, 2013 regular closed session meeting, litigation, and discussion of specific personnel. The motion was seconded by John Lehman and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:12 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the August 20, 2013 regular closed session meeting, litigation, and discussion of specific personnel.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Michelle Swardenski, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk