

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education

September 20, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, September 20, 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, Kirk Leeser, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, student representative Alissa Rashid, 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; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; Diane Doersch, Director of Instructional Technology; and Andrew Thorson, Facilities Engineer. The absence of student representative Jessica Werhand was excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Kate Hancock-Cooke, 216 Bosworth Court, Neenah, stated she was representing the Sustainable Neenah Committee, expressed her appreciation for the Board's passage of the Neenah Joint School District's Sustainability Policy, provided Board members with reusable water bottles from the Sustainable Neenah Committee, encouraged the Board of Education to bring their bottles with them to the Board of Education meetings, and distributed reports from the Sustainable Neenah Committee.

David Costello, 1111 Park Village Drive, Neenah, 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Neenah High School, expressed his appreciation for his guidance counselor, Mrs. Torres, for all of her help and guidance throughout his high school career.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:04 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/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 September 6, 2011 special meeting. Jeff Spoehr requested the minutes be corrected to reflect the fact that he was not in attendance at this meeting. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Leeser, Lehman, Lewis, Thompson) and one abstention (Spoehr).

**Board minutes are available on the district's web site: [www.neenah.k12.wi.us](http://www.neenah.k12.wi.us)**

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 regular meeting. Jeff Spoehr requested the minutes be corrected to reflect the fact that he was not in attendance at this meeting. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Leeser, Lehman, Lewis, Thompson) and one abstention (Spoehr).

#### STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Alissa Rashid...

- provided an update to recent fall sporting events.
- shared information regarding Homecoming events for the week.
- provided an update on recent student council news.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer...

- challenged Neenah High School student council members to share how they are celebrating Neenah.
- congratulated Mike Heidke for winning his third consecutive Fox Cities Marathon this past weekend.
- reminded Board members of the WASB Fall Conference tomorrow, Wednesday, September 21, at Bridgewood Conference Center.
- stated that Challenge Day at Neenah High School is in need of additional male volunteers tomorrow.
- introduced and welcomed Andrew Thorson, Facilities Engineer for the Neenah Joint School District.

#### OFFICIAL ACTION

Christopher Kunz requested the Computer Usage Policy be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Employment of Personnel which includes a recommendation for employment of new personnel (Michelle Halfman, Speech Language Pathologist at Spring Road); and a resignation and request for retirement (Randall Bockin, Operations/Maintenance Manager at NHS) (Exhibit 9-F-11); 2. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 2 dated August 31, 2011 reflecting revenues of \$435,129.77 and expenditures of \$3,044,640.58) (Exhibit 9-G-11); 3. Investment Report (Exhibit 9-H-11); and 5. Wellness Policy – Second Reading (Exhibit 9-I-11). The motion was seconded by Christine Grunwald and carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the Computer Usage Policy – Second Reading (Exhibit 9-J-11). Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve the second reading of the Computer Usage Policy with changes to letter I. on page 2 to read as follows: "If a student or staff member transfers a file or software program that infects the Network with a virus and causes damage, the student or staff member may be liable for any and all repair costs to make the Network once again fully operational." The motion was seconded by Larry Lewis and carried by unanimous vote.

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, reviewed the proposed 2011-12 budget for publication and presentation at the October 18, 2011 Budget Hearing (Exhibit 9-K-11). Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve Draft #2 of the 2011-12 School Budget for publication with the only change being to reduce the local property tax revenue by \$500,000. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote.

#### CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Larry Lewis to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by committee vote of three yes (Grunwald, Lewis, Spoehr) and one abstention (Leeser).

Chair Christine Grunwald stated that Curriculum and Program Development Committee meetings for the school year will take place in October, January, April, and June with dates to be determined. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, at 6:00 p.m. at which time the Committee will review the 2011 summer school program and plan for the 2012 program.

#### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair John Lehman stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee had nothing to report at this time.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that learning walks are taking place throughout the District.

Challenge Day is being held at Neenah High School Monday through Wednesday of this week.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members requested a review of the current bussing policy.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Peter Kaul. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Diane Haug  
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr  
Board Clerk