

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
September 21, 2010

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and ascertained that proper notice of the meeting had been given to the local newspaper and that the meeting had been properly noticed on the District's website and at each of the school buildings. Board members Betsy Ellenberger, Christine Grunwald (arrived at 6:33), Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, and Scott Thompson, 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. The absence of Colleen Zuro-White was excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary.

President Thompson announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to conduct a required public hearing on the proposed 2010-11 Neenah Joint School District budget. A summary of the proposed budget (Draft #1) was made available to those in attendance (Exhibit 9-D-10).

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, presented an overview of major components included in the proposed 2010-11 school budget including highlights of the 2010-11 budget, major differences from the 2009-10 budget, budget summary by fund, tax levy history, distribution of revenues and expenditures, general fund budget by object, summary of staff, and long-term debt schedule.

Kent Franklin, 1241 Nature Trail Drive, Neenah, stated that he currently has four students in the school district, that with the slow economy it is extremely important for everyone to live within their means, shared some current statistics with the Board, and asked some questions to help gauge whether the school Board is being a good steward of taxpayers' money and living within their means.

Andrea Marsh, 633 S. Park Avenue, Neenah, urged the Board to only raise taxes where there is an absolute need, to consider which positions they are cutting, and to keep class sizes as low as possible.

Dr. Pfeiffer and Board members provided additional information and attempted to answer the community members' questions.

President Thompson thanked everyone for attending and for their comments and interest.

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President Thompson stated that the Board intended to vote on adoption of the proposed 2010-11 budget during the Board meeting scheduled to begin at the conclusion of this special meeting.

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Jeff Spoehr to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The budget hearing adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk