

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

January 10, 2012

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, Kirk Leeser, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, student representatives Alissa Rashid and Jessica Werhand, 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; 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

Nancy Lewandowski, 113 Lime Kiln Drive, Neenah, expressed her disappointment with planned curriculum at Shattuck Middle School and Neenah High School for the 2012-13 school year.

Kris LeCompte, 1051 Pilgrim Road, Neenah, stated that she has been a school nurse for 18 years, expressed her concern with the possible no-nit policy, and stated that head lice do not carry disease and that students could be out of school for an extended period of time if the Board adopts a no-nit policy.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:09 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the Board responded to the head lice situation at Wilson and that her understanding is that the situation has been resolved. Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the Board will be considering a no-nit policy at the next Board policy meeting which will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

Mr. Duerwaechter stated that curriculum in the Neenah Joint School District is based on rigor, relevance, and relationships and offered to meet with Ms. Lewandowski in an attempt to resolve her concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Leeser, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and one abstention (Ellenberger).

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Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Leeser, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and one abstention (Ellenberger).

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Alissa Rashid and Jessica Werhand...

- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- reported that Horace Mann students will have a social on Friday, January 13.
- stated that Coolidge School is having a sock hop on January 27.
- provided an update on recent and upcoming Student Council events.
- reported that there is an early release tomorrow afternoon as it is a professional learning day for staff.
- stated that NHS students will be taking their first semester finals next week.
- shared that there is a band concert tonight at Neenah High School and that NHS jazz ensembles will perform at the Cotton Club which will take place on Saturday, January 21, in the NHS cafeteria.
- reported that there will be a blood drive on February 20 at Neenah High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer ...

- announced that Tullar once again placed first in the Stock Market Simulation and the team of Emma Kroll, Olivia Millay, and Madelynn Hendriks, who along with their advisor, Mr. Tim Hopfensperger, will have an all-expense paid trip to New York City on March 8 and 9.
- welcomed crossing guards who were in attendance and asked Jeff Spoehr, Board Clerk, to read a proclamation from State Superintendent of Schools Tony Evers recognizing January 9-13, 2012 as Adult School Crossing Guard Awareness Week.
- introduced Lakeview Principal Mary Renning who, along with staff members Mary Thompson, Rebecca VanDuser, Sue Mallmann, Tricia Retzlaff, Holly Luczak, and Karen Hovie, shared information related to Lakeview's school goals and progress.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for a leave of absence for Heather Verrier from February 24 – March 2, 2012 (Exhibit 1-A-12) and 2. 2010-2011 Financial Audit (Exhibit 1-B-12). The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous vote.

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, reviewed the suggested revisions to the 2011-12 school budget (Exhibit 1-C-12). Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve the resolution to amend the 2011-2012 school budget. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support, presented a recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee to invest funds in the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation (Exhibit 1-D-12). Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee to partnership with the Oshkosh Area

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Community Foundation. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote.

Jon Joch presented a recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee to advance the Associated Bank Affinity Program (Exhibit 1-E-12). Discussion ensued regarding obtaining a legal opinion related to the contract, where to draw the line on marketing, and whether there will be any impact to KimCentral Credit Union at Neenah High School. Motion was made by Peter Kaul to accept the recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committee to move forward with the Associated Bank Affinity Program after contract review by legal counsel. The motion was seconded by John Lehman and carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and one no (Leeser).

Jon Joch presented a recommendation to establish a Board of Education scholarship (Exhibit 1-F-12). Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve the Board of Education scholarship proposal for the current school year with a modification of the grade point average to 2.75 with the details for the donation process to be worked out by the business office. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald stated that the next meeting of the Curriculum and Program Development Committee has been postponed until staff is able to pull information together regarding the adoption of learning materials.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by a committee vote of three yes (Kaul, Kunz, Lehman) and one abstention (Ellenberger).

Chair John Lehman stated that the next meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Board of Education meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Clerk Jeff Spoehr presented the names of candidates and their placement on the April 3, 2012 Board of Education election ballot and stated that the following individuals are certified to fill three (3) three-year terms and one (1) two-year term on the Board of Education: Kirk R. Leeser, John R. Lehman, Betsy Ellenberger, and Steve Lenz (Exhibit 1-G-12). Board members thanked Larry Lewis, who has filed a Notice of Non-Candidacy and will not be running again, for his years of service on the Board of Education.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Pfeiffer suggested a Rockets Banking overview in July. President Thompson requested the contract related to the Associated Bank Affinity Program be reviewed in February.

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 Jeff Spoehr to adjourn and that

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the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the December 20, 2011 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 9:08 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the December 20, 2011 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

President Thompson called the open session to order at 9:59 p.m.

The Board discussed a new opportunity for an insurance plan with 0% employee contribution. No action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by John Lehman, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk