

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

December 4, 2012

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, December 4, 2012.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Kirk Leaser, John Lehman, Steve Lenz, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, student representatives Jessica Werhand and Luke Nelessen, 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; Susan Nennig, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, complimented Neenah High School on their forthright approach to bullying and questioned why the District has not expanded the services of the Downtown Campus.

Lauri Asbury, 234 Limekiln Drive, Neenah, complimented the Board on the CADR with the addition of the 9th grade World Studies class and stated that she was hoping to see advanced level classes beginning at a younger age either at Horace Mann or Shattuck.

Nancy Lewandowski, 113 Limekiln Drive, Neenah, shared her thoughts regarding the CADR process.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:12 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the District is currently reviewing its alternative education needs and may draw some conclusions for implementation for next year.

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that she has not had a conversation regarding advanced classes at the younger levels but that the World Language Committee has been looking at kindergarten through sixth grade levels. Dr. Pfeiffer shared that the Board will be meeting on January 8 regarding the elementary programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of seven yes (Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lehman, Lenz, Spoehr, Thompson) and two abstentions (Ellenberger, Leaser).

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

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Jessica Werhand and Luke Nelessen...

- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- shared that the chess team won their first tournament of the season.
- reported that the Horace Mann math team competed recently and brought home several awards.
- shared that there are several elementary holiday programs taking place this week.
- stated that Wilson School collected over 100 pounds of candy in the "Treats for Troops" program.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- recognized Amanda McCann, NHS graduate, who was featured recently in the Appleton Post-Crescent for her volunteer work with Child Care Resource & Referral, and encouraged those who have not yet done so to visit the Transition Education Center.
- shared that DeAnna Doersch won an all-expense paid trip to Ireland through 91.1 The Avenue's Journey of a Lifetime contest as a "hero of a lifetime" for her community service work.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for employment of a support staff member (Dzenita Kolar, Operations at Administration and Lakeview Elementary) (Exhibit 12-A-12), and 2. 2013 Summer School Proposal (previously entered as Exhibit 11-E-12). The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous vote.

COURSE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND REVISIONS (CADR) REPORT FOR 2013-14

Susan Nanning, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment, presented the Course Additions, Deletions, and Revisions (CADR) Report for 2013-14 (Exhibit 12-B-12), thanked the administrators for their work with the report, and answered questions of Board members. Board members requested summary information for the past three to five years. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding standard vs. advanced vs. AP English classes. The 2013-14 CADR report will be voted on at the December 18, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christine Grunwald stated that she obtained a copy of the DVD "Real For Us" which was produced by Haesefilms, features students from Neenah High School, and pertains to bullying. Anyone is welcome to borrow the DVD.

Christine Grunwald reported that the Standards Based Grading Committee met again on November 28.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

An update to the food service program will be presented at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting on December 11, 2012.

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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 the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(f) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the November 20, 2012 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and negotiations update. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the November 20, 2012 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and negotiations update.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk