

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

February 21, 2012

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

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 Leaser, 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; Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Elementary Learning & Leadership; 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/Deputy Clerk.

President Thompson introduced Superintendent Pfeiffer and stated that Dr. Pfeiffer would be giving a portion of her report at the beginning of the meeting. Dr. Pfeiffer thanked everyone for coming to the Board of Education meeting and offered her thoughts regarding the YMCA Before and After School Care Program and the potential elementary restructuring.

OPEN FORUM

Julie Last, 202 Elm Street, Neenah, suggested the District broadcast the Board of Education and committee meetings on the District's YouTube channel and make better use of the District's website in getting information out to the community.

Gwen Sargeant, 560 Grove Street, Neenah, expressed her disappointment with the proposed Board Policy 8450 and suggested tabling the policy to determine what the best policy would be for the elementary schools.

Maria Jones, 413 Dieckhoff Street, Neenah, expressed her disappointment with the proposed Board Policy 8450 regarding head lice.

Andrea Marsh, 633 S. Park Avenue, Neenah, shared her thoughts regarding the proposed Board Policy 8450 and the proposed elementary realignment.

Kris LeCompte, 1051 Pilgrim Road, Neenah, school nurse, spoke on behalf of the students and explained the process followed when students are found to have head lice.

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Gina Larsen, 685 Oak Street, Neenah, shared information with regard to attendance at Wilson School and expressed her disappointment with the proposed Board Policy 8450 regarding head lice.

Deb Bunno, 810 Caroline Street, Neenah, shared her concerns with the communication process in the Neenah Joint School District.

Mather Zickler, 324 Park Drive, Neenah, stated that she is in favor of neighborhood schools and shared her thoughts regarding the proposed elementary restructuring.

Christoph Zickler, 324 Park Drive, Neenah, shared his thoughts regarding the proposed elementary restructuring.

Jill Meixl, 1235 S. Park Avenue, Neenah, asked whether the District has a timeline for receiving feedback from staff and the community regarding the proposed elementary restructuring.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:44 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer addressed the proposed elementary restructuring topic, stated that no decisions have been made, and shared her thoughts regarding a timeline.

Dr. Pfeiffer offered to meet with Ms. Bunno in an attempt to resolve her concerns.

Dr. Pfeiffer thanked Julie Last for her ideas regarding broadcasting Board of Education and committee meetings and stated that the administrators would check into this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Alissa Rashid and Jessica Werhand...

- reported that the NHS Science Olympiad performed well in regional competition and will be headed to state competition at UW-Stout.
- provided an update to recent sporting events and activities.
- reported that Wilson School will be holding their annual carnival on Saturday, February 25, and recently raised approximately \$7,000 for the American Heart Association through their Jump Rope for Heart event.
- stated that Student Council has been holding auditions for the Coffee House which will be held on Friday, March 2.

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- congratulated NHS Student Council for winning the Region 3 award in the “Spirit of Excellence” competition.
- shared that Winterfest was a success.
- provided information regarding recent and upcoming musical events.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- recognized everyone involved in Band-O-Rama which was held on Monday, February 20, 2012.
- congratulated NHS Student Council and their efforts in the “Spirit of Excellence” competition.
- introduced Hoover Principal Michael Tauscher who, along with Hoover staff members, shared information related to Hoover’s school goals and progress.

OFFICIAL ACTION

President Thompson stated that item 4 under the Consent Agenda would be pulled for further discussion. Motion was made by Christopher Kunz to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Request for a Waiver of Tuition to allow Baramee Pookcharoen, a foreign exchange student from Thailand, to attend Neenah High School for the 2012-13 school year (Exhibit 2-M-12); 2. Employment of Personnel which includes recommendations for a request for a leave of for Alisa Jeske, Grade 1 teacher at Hoover from April 18 through June 7, 2012 and a request for resignations from NESPA staff members for David Glennon, District Operations and Maintenance, and Cary Polakowski, Educational Assistant/Special Education, Coolidge (Exhibit 2-N-12), and 3. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 7 dated January 31, 2012 reflecting revenues of \$13,885,579.38 and expenditures of \$5,358,465.69) (Exhibit 2-O-12). The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous vote.

Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Elementary Learning & Leadership, reviewed the second reading of NEOLA Board Policy 8450 – Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases (Exhibit 2-P-12). A discussion ensued regarding how the District will deal with noncompliant families and how the proposed policy differs from the current policy. Motion was made by Christopher Kunz to approve the second reading of the Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases NEOLA Board Policy 8450 as presented with the following modification to page 8450A: Whenever a student is found to be infested with head lice, s/he is to be sent home for treatment and not readmitted until the student is free of head lice. **If the student returns to school free of head lice but exhibits nits, school personnel will conduct examinations on that student until the student is free of nits. Furthermore, school personnel may use additional resources both internal and external as needed in cases of habitual reoccurrence of head lice.** The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Leeser, Lehman, Lewis, Thompson) and one no (Spoehr).

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald stated that there are no meetings of the Curriculum and Program Development Committee scheduled due to the fact that items that would normally have come through the committee have been brought before the entire Board. Ms. Grunwald stated that she, Mr. Duerwaechter, and Mr. Dreger plan to meet with the new Board member after the April election to inform the new member of items the committee is currently working on.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair John Lehman stated that the next meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Spoehr stated that he visited Roosevelt School to see the iMovies created by students in Mr. Justin Schultz's class and encouraged Board members and administrators to visit Mr. Schultz's classroom.

Christopher Kunz reported that the Communications Committee met with Joe Donovan, President of Donovan Group LLC, to discuss improving communications throughout the NJSD.

Christine Grunwald stated that she participated as a community reader at Roosevelt School recently.

Peter Kaul stated that he attended Hoover School's spaghetti lunch recently and was very impressed with their basket raffle. Kirk Leeser stated that he also attended this event.

President Thompson asked for volunteers to participate on the Board of Education Scholarship Committee, along with Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. Christine Grunwald and Peter Kaul volunteered to participate on this committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new items.

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 Betsy Ellenberger to adjourn and that the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the February 7, 2012 closed session meeting and discipline of specific students. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 9:11 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the February 7, 2012 closed session meeting and discipline of specific students.

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ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Jeff Spoehr, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk