

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

June 19, 2012

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, June 19, 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, Christopher Kunz, Kirk Leaser, John Lehman, Steve Lenz, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Central Services; 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 Peter Kaul was excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Sheila Brucks, 238 Butte Des Morts Drive, Menasha, administrative assistant at Spring Road School, stated that summer school is up and running and that the students are having a great time despite the heat.

Stuart Taylor, 104 Limekiln Drive, Neenah, provided his perspective regarding the grading policies at Neenah High School and questioned why NHS cannot provide a weighted grade transcript to those colleges that request it.

Pamela Loewenhagen, 1324 Radcliff Road, Neenah, NJSD food service worker, asked the Board to reconsider ARAMARK as the food service vendor for next year.

Amy Lewandowski, 113 Limekiln Drive, Neenah, fifth grade student at Coolidge School, stated that she does not agree with the proposed policy regarding late homework and with the proposal to eliminate extra credit.

Nancy Lewandowski, 113 Limekiln Drive, Neenah, shared her views regarding what she feels is the watering down of education in the NJSD for college-bound students and her thoughts regarding the late homework and extra credit policies.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:14 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

President Thompson stated that the Board will be discussing the issues related to Neenah High School and also the food service contract during tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Jeff Spoehr to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2012 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- thanked those Board members who attended the NHS graduation and shared that this year's senior class handed Principal Doyle dollar bills to be donated to Children's Hospital.
- stated that there was a recent article in the Post-Crescent which contained some misinformation regarding teacher lay-offs and asked Mrs. Holt to clarify the information.
- congratulated the girls soccer team for making it to state competition.
- shared that Wilson will receive \$100,000 through a Community Learning Center grant and stated that Wilson will have an after-school program similar to the CLC program at Hoover.
- introduced Neenah High School Principal Colleen Doyle and Associate Principal Jon Fleming who shared information related to Neenah High School's semester transition and school improvement goals (Exhibit 6-E-12) and answered questions of Board members.
- acknowledged Anne Lang, Director of Pupil Services, for her years of service to the Neenah Joint School District.

OFFICIAL ACTION

President Thompson requested that the Food Service Contract be pulled from the Consent Agenda to discuss separately. Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Employment of Personnel which includes a recommendation for employment of new teachers (Curtis Bartlett, 1.0 FTE math at NHS, and Lisa Lux, 1.0 FTE gifted/talented at Lakeview), a request for employment of an administrator (Timothy Gantz, Director of Pupil Services), and a recommendation to deny a leave of absence for the 2012-13 school year (Shelley Aaholm, Spanish teacher at Neenah High School) (Exhibit 6-F-12), 2. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 11 dated May 31, 2012 reflecting revenues of \$229,452.99 and expenditures of \$3,456,071.88) (Exhibit 6-G-12), 3. Investment Report (Exhibit 6-H-12), 4. Request for Waivers of Tuition (Exhibit 6-I-12), 5. Designation of Public Depositories (Exhibit 6-J-12), 6. Legal Services Contract (Exhibit 6-K-12), 7. 2012-13 Administrative and Exempt Compensation Plans (Exhibit 6-L-12), and 8. Contract of District Administrator (Exhibit 6-M-12). The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous vote. Board members requested a review of what constitutes a recommendation to approve or to not approve leaves of absence.

Paul Hauffe presented additional information regarding the Food Service Bid Results and Tabulation (Exhibit 6-N-12) and answered questions of Board members. Jean Maurice Boyer, community member of the Food Service Review Committee, provided his input regarding how the committee arrived at their recommendation to contract with Chartwells. Motion was made by John Lehman to approve the recommendation to contract with Chartwells for the food service program for the 2012-13 school year. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous vote.

BULLYING REPORT

Anne Lang, Director of Pupil Services, presented a Bullying Summary Report for December 2011-June 2012 (Exhibit 6-O-12) and answered questions of Board members.

At 9:42 p.m., President Thompson announced that the Board would take a short break. The meeting resumed at 9:48 p.m.

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2012-13 SCHOOL BUDGET DRAFT #1

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, presented the Neenah Joint School District 2012-13 Budget – Draft #1 (Exhibit 6-P-12) and answered questions of Board members. Discussion was held regarding structuring the budget based on the mill rate from last year and minimizing the affect on the taxpayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pfeiffer reminded Board members that the next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24, at 6:00 p.m. and that the Board retreat is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, beginning at noon. The Finance & Personnel Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 24, at 4:30 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Rockets Banking update will be presented in August or September. It was requested that a Neenah High School Parking update be presented at the July 24 meeting.

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)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the June 5, 2012 special closed session meeting, the June 5, 2012 closed session meeting, discussion of negotiations with the NEA and NESPA, discussion of specific personnel, and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 10:18 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the June 5, 2012 special closed session meeting, the June 5, 2012 closed session meeting, discussion of negotiations with the NEA and NESPA, discussion of specific personnel, and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Betsy Ellenberger, seconded by Scott Thompson, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk