

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

NOT OFFICIAL

January 14, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

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 Jean Maurice Boyer, Betsy Ellenberger, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, student representatives Luke Nelessen (arrived at 6:01 p.m.) and Brianda Hickey, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Instructional Support Services; Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Learning & Leadership; Kathleen Davis, Assistant District Administrator of Business Services; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; Timothy Gantz, Director of Pupil Services; Andrew Thorson, Director of Facilities/Engineer; and Jim Strick, Communications Manager. The absences of Kirk Leeser and Michelle Swardenski were excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, shared his concerns with safety and the poor lighting in Parking Lot B at Neenah High School and raised questions regarding the deferred costs of the Lakeview School annexation and the City of Neenah.

Susan Benner, 1583 Worth Avenue, Neenah, stated that she is in favor of the annexation of Lakeview School into the City of Neenah, thanked the Board for providing bussing during the time there has been no crossing guard, stated that she is looking forward to having a crossing guard for Lakeview School again, and shared that she has been disappointed at times in the lunch options Chartwells provides.

Ed Martin, 1579 Whirlaway Court, Neenah, urged the Board to approve the crossing guard for Lakeview School and to annex Lakeview into the City of Neenah.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:06 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

President Thompson and Dr. Pfeiffer clarified that the deferred assessments related to the Lakeview School annexation will be deferred as long as the Neenah Joint School District owns the property and stated that this will be discussed later in the meeting.

Andrew Thorson stated that since the last Board meeting, two lights on the top of Pickard have been reactivated to shine on Parking Lot B but that there have been issues with the clock timer and they continue to work on it.

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Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the Healthy You Committee continues to have conversations related to healthy lunch options and that someone would check with Chartwells regarding whether elementary students are allowed seconds on fruits and vegetables.

President Thompson stated that the Board would address the rest of the issues during their discussion tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2013 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Luke Nelessen and Brianda Hickey...

- provided an update to recent and upcoming sporting events.
- reported on a successful recent DECA event.
- shared that 5th Quarter will take place after Thursday's basketball game.
- stated that "Red-Out" is coming up in February to benefit the American Heart Association.
- shared that Cotton Club will take place this Saturday at Neenah High School.
- reported that finals are taking place this week at Neenah High School.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- commended Luke Nelessen for sitting on a panel last night at NHS and thanked Jean Maurice Boyer for attending the academic planning event.
- welcomed staff to the first full week of the new year and stated that the weather has been rather challenging.
- thanked Bob Lemke, a crossing guard in attendance, and asked Jeff Spoehr, Board Clerk, to read a proclamation from State Superintendent of Schools Tony Evers recognizing January 13-17, 2014 as Adult School Crossing Guard Awareness Week.
- introduced Michael Tauscher, Principal of Horace Mann Middle School, who presented information related to their reading and math school goals and progress and shared some data related to behavior at Horace Mann (Exhibit 1-A-14).

OFFICIAL ACTION

Jean Maurice Boyer requested the Lakeview Crossing Guard Agreement be pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on separately. Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the item under Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for resignation from faculty (Jill Hinkley, grade 5, Spring Road); a request for retirement including Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) from faculty (Diana Fischer, literacy coach, Coolidge; Teresa Landry, cross categorical teacher, NHS; Doreen Larson, speech and language pathologist, Lakeview; and Mary Rein, Title I supportive math teacher, Coolidge and Lakeview); a request for retirement including OPEB from an administrator (Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services); a request for a resignation of a support staff member (Julane Ross, academic assistant, NHS); and a request for retirement including OPEB of a support staff member (Gary Mertz, Operations and Maintenance, NHS) (Exhibit 1-B-14). The motion carried by unanimous vote. Dr. Pfeiffer and the Board thanked Mr. Hauffe for his years of service to the District.

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A question was asked regarding whether the District will pay the full cost of a crossing guard for Lakeview School beginning with the 2015-16 school year if the annexation does not take place. Dr. Pfeiffer explained that if the District and the City of Neenah cannot find a resolve to the crossing guard issue in the next year and a half, the District would be responsible for the full cost of a crossing guard beginning with the 2015-16 school year. Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve the Lakeview Crossing Guard Agreement between the City of Neenah, the Town of Neenah, and the Neenah Joint School District (Exhibit 1-C-14). The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous vote.

OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY REVIEW

Dr. Pfeiffer introduced Timothy Gantz, Director of Pupil Services, who shared information regarding open enrollment program limitations (Exhibit 1-D-14) and answered questions of Board members. Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Jeff Spoehr to approve the modifications to Board Policy #5113 Open Enrollment Program. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATION OF LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. Pfeiffer thanked Andrew Thorson, Paul Hauffe, and Kathy Davis for their work on the Annexation of Lakeview Property report (Exhibit 1-E-14). Dr. Pfeiffer introduced City of Neenah Attorney Jim Godlewski who provided clarifying information regarding the deferred assessments, shared where the city is in the process of hiring a crossing guard for Lakeview School, and answered questions of Board members. Board members requested clarification regarding trail and sidewalk assessments on Commercial Street and Olde School Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Clerk Jeff Spoehr presented the names of candidates and their placement on the April 1, 2014 Board of Education election ballot and stated that the following individuals are certified to fill three (3) three-year terms and one (1) one-year term on the Board of Education: John Van Meter, Peter M. Kaul, Scott Thompson, Tom Hanby, Michelle M. Swardenski, and Margaret Murphy (Exhibit 1-F-14). Current Board member Kirk Leeser filed a Notice of Non-Candidacy and will not be running again at this time for the Board of Education.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk