

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

October 15, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

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, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, Kirk Leeser, John Lehman, Jeff Spoehr, Michelle Swardenski, Scott Thompson, student representatives Luke Nelessen and Brianda Hickey, 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; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; Chad Behnke, Director of Instructional Technology; and Jim Strick, Communications Manager. The absence of Betsy Ellenberger was excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, suggested the District increase the amount paid to employees who choose to opt out of a medical insurance plan.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:01 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

President Thompson stated that the Board will be discussing the medical plan options during tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Scott Thompson to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2013 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six yes (Boyer, Kaul, Kunz, Spoehr, Swardenski, Thompson) and two abstentions (Leeser, Lehman).

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2013 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six yes (Boyer, Kaul, Kunz, Spoehr, Swardenski, Thompson) and two abstentions (Leeser, Lehman).

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Luke Nelessen and Brianda Hickey...

- reported that Homecoming week and the "The Comeback" was a huge success.
- stated that the PSAT will be taking place tomorrow.
- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- invited everyone to the NHS musical "Into the Woods" this weekend.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- echoed what the students shared about Homecoming, stated that it was a fun and safe week, and shared a video of the NHS boys cross country team carrying the Homecoming game ball from Wisconsin Rapids to Neenah.
- reiterated the students' invitation to the NHS musical "Into the Woods."
- stated that a meeting with the Board will be set up in the near future to discuss her goals for the school year.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Jeff Spoehr to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Employment of Personnel which includes a recommendation for employment of support staff (Curt Dallaire, Operations, Neenah High School); a request for a resignation of faculty (Boyd Chessman, science teacher, Shattuck Middle School – end of the 2013-14 school year); and a request for a resignation of a support staff member (Madeline Brege, Educational Assistant (English Language Learners) at Neenah High School) (Exhibit 10-C-13); 2. Technology Support (a request to increase the number of work days for a vacant Computer Technician position) (Exhibit 10-D-13); 3. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 3 dated September 30, 2013 reflecting revenues of \$3,502,421.89 and expenditures of \$5,496,075.88) (Exhibit 10-E-13); and 4. Investment Report (Exhibit 10-F-13). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the proposed recommendation for 2014 insurance plans/rates for District employees (Exhibit 10-G-13) comes to the Board with the support of the Finance and Personnel Committee. Vice President Lehman, Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee, reviewed the recommendation and stated that it is good news for the District. Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve the proposed 2014 insurance plans/rates for District employees as presented. The motion was seconded by John Lehman and carried by unanimous vote. President Thompson commended the administration for their work with the insurance plans and rates offered.

WELLNESS PROGRAMMING

Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Learning and Leadership, introduced District Wellness Coordinator Kelly Kelderman who provided an overview of the employee wellness program in the Neenah Joint School District (Exhibit 10-H-13) and answered questions of Board members.

CURRICULUM & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Michelle Swardenski and seconded by Jean Maurice Boyer to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2013 Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting with a correction to the spelling of Jean Maurice Boyer's name in the first paragraph. The motion carried by a committee vote of three yes (Boyer, Spoehr, Swardenski) and one abstention (Leeser). Steve Dreger pointed out that the next Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting will now take place on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. rather than on Thursday, October 17, 2013 as stated in the minutes.

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

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous committee vote. Chair Lehman stated that the next Finance and Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pfeiffer reminded Board members of the Senior Citizen Dinner Theater at Neenah High School on Thursday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that potentially the last football game with Menasha will take place on Friday, October 18, at Rocket Stadium.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Thompson requested that a technology report be added to the future agenda items. Dr. Pfeiffer stated that information from all departments, including technology, will be included in the budget information the Board will be receiving in February.

Mr. Lehman inquired about the discussion concerning advanced classes at Neenah High School. Dr. Pfeiffer responded that it will be held during a future Curriculum and Program Development Committee 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)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the October 1, 2013 regular closed session meeting and litigation. The motion was seconded by John Lehman and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 6:56 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the October 1, 2013 regular closed session meeting and litigation.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Scott Thompson, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk