

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

December 18, 2012

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Christine Grunwald, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Steve Lenz, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, student representative 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 Learning & Leadership; Susan Nennig, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; and Andrew Thorson, Director of Operations/Facilities Engineer. The absences of Betsy Ellenberger, Peter Kaul, Kirk Leser, and student representative Luke Nelessen were excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

President Thompson requested a moment of silence for the families of the Sandy Hook Elementary School victims.

OPEN FORUM

Mike Cotter, 2662 Fairview Road, Neenah, shared concerns regarding the Neenah Hockey Booster Club and asked what the relationship is between the Neenah Joint School District and the Neenah Hockey Booster Club.

Faith Edwards, 2662 Fairview Road, Neenah, shared her concerns regarding the fact that her family has not been able to obtain a \$700 refund from the Neenah Hockey Booster Club.

Jay Schroeder, 1295 N. Lake Street, Neenah, shared his concerns with a geometry assignment his son received which he felt was inappropriate.

Nancy Lewandowski, 113 Limekiln Drive, Neenah, shared her thoughts regarding the CADR process and the fact that there are no advanced English options at Neenah High School.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:24 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the relationship between a booster club and a WIAA sport are considered two separate entities and explained the difference between them. Dr. Pfeiffer stated that she would work with the staff to determine what should or shouldn't be included in the fee to play hockey.

President Thompson stated that he would direct that the administrators look into the appropriateness of the geometry assignment.

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the expansion of advanced classes by lowering the entrance criteria is not appropriate at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Jeff Spoehr to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2012 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of five yes (Grunwald, Kunz, Lenz, Spoehr, Thompson) and one abstention (Lehman).

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Christine Grunwald to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2012 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Jessica Werhand ...

- stated that student council will begin work on the Spirit of Excellence Award soon.
- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- reported that the elementary schools are currently holding their holiday parties and gift exchanges.
- stated that there is a holiday choir and orchestra concert at Neenah High School tonight.
- invited everyone present to the Cotton Club at Neenah High School on January 19 and stated that tickets are currently being sold for this event.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- stated that she recently had the opportunity to watch Luke Nelessen wrestle and he pinned his opponent
- thanked the NJSD staff for the way they dealt with the challenge of the recent tragedy which took place in Connecticut and introduced Andrew Thorson, Director of Facilities/Engineer, and Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources and Central Services, who are members of a safety committee and asked that they share some of the things that are happening regarding safety and security in the District.
- introduced Michael Tauscher, Principal of Taft, who, along with staff from Taft Early Learning Center, presented information related to the various programs offered to students and families.

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 new teacher (Nicole Shefchik, Speech and Language at Spring Road) (Exhibit 12-C-12), 2. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 05 dated November 30, 2012 reflecting revenues of \$559,807.06 and expenditures of \$6,185,833.43) (Exhibit 12-D-12), 3. Investment Report

(Exhibit 12-E-12), and 4. 2011-12 Financial Audit (Exhibit 12-F-12). The motion was seconded by Steve Lenz and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Susan Nanning, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment, presented additional information regarding the Course Additions, Deletions, and Revisions (CADR) Report for 2013-14 (Exhibit 12-G-12) and answered questions of Board members. Motion was made by Scott Thompson to approve the Course Additions, Deletions, and Revisions Report for 2013-14 as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote.

POLICY ADOPTION – FIRST READING

The Board reviewed NEOLA Board Policy Sections 2000 and 3000 (Exhibit 12-H-12) for a first reading.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Since there was not a majority of the Finance and Personnel Committee present, approval of the December 11, 2012 minutes will need to be added to the January 15, 2013 Board of Education agenda. Chair Lehman stated that Chartwells provided an update to the food service program at the December 11, 2012 Committee meeting and suggested Board members have lunch at Neenah High School in the near future.

Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements and Business Services Support, introduced Jill Gordee, NHS Guidance Counselor, and Cheryl Fowler of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, and presented an update regarding the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, NJSD Scholarships, and the Neenah Tomorrow Fund (Exhibit 12-I-12).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No report.

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 Jeff Spoehr 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 December 4, 2012 closed session meeting and discipline of specific students. The motion was seconded by Christine Grunwald and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:23 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the December 4, 2012 closed session meeting and discipline of specific students.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Scott Thompson, seconded by John Lehman, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk