

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

March 5, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Betsy Ellenberger, Christine Grunwald, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Steve Lenz, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, student representatives Jessica Werhand and Luke Nelessen, 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; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. The absence of Kirk Leeser was excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

As no one present wished to address the Board, President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Jessica Werhand and Luke Nelessen ...

- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- stated that Student Council will hold a ping pong tournament this Friday and is also working on Pennies for Patients to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- recognized Key Club members Connor Navis and Celia Nalbach for being elected Lt. Governor and Bulletin Editor, respectively, at the state level.
- reported that the Special Olympics basketball team took third place at regionals.
- stated that the NHS Coffee House took place last Friday.
- invited everyone to a performance on Sunday, March 17, at Pickard Auditorium by the Wisconsin Singers, Act II, and Vintage.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- recognized the staff and students at Roosevelt Elementary for their partnership with ThedaCare through the Backyard Buddies Program which was recently named the 2013 Business Partnership of the year.

- recognized Brenda Mullard, NHS art teacher for being selected in this year's top 25 for Future 15 Young Professionals Awards presented by Pulse and the Appleton Post-Crescent. A public vote will occur between March 12-19 on postcrescent.com.
- shared that there is an exhibit by local high school art students currently at Bergstrom-Mahler Museum through the month of March.
- shared a letter from a 1938 Neenah High School graduate sent to the Kiwanis Club thanking them for providing funds for him to buy a suit for his high school graduation and enclosing a \$100 check in repayment.
- recognized Amy Westcott, NHS choral director, whose Chamber Choir performed at the State Education Convention in Milwaukee in January.
- shared that she recently attended a national conference of superintendents and summarized the topics that were discussed.
- provided an update to the State of the Budget. It was decided to add this item to the March 19 Board agenda.
- introduced LeAnn Metzger, Principal of Coolidge Elementary School, who, along with staff from Coolidge School, presented information related to their school goals and progress.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for resignations from teachers (Kelly Lefevre, English teacher at Neenah High School, and Janet McBride, English teacher at Neenah High School) (Exhibit 3-A-13), and a request for a leave of absence for the 2012-13 school year (Jody Drake, English teacher at Neenah High School) (Exhibit 3-B-13),
2. Investment Report (Exhibit 3-C-13),
3. School Property Tax Report (Exhibit 3-D-13),
4. Request for Waivers of Tuition (Exhibit 3-E-13), and
5. Financial Audit Contract (Exhibit 3-F-13). The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous vote.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous committee vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christine Grunwald reminded Board members of the local high school art exhibit at the Bergstrom-Mahler museum with a reception being held on Thursday night, March 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through the month of March.

Peter Kaul shared the results of the Neenah High School boys and girls bowling teams at a recent tournament in Wausau.

Christopher Kunz stated that he had an opportunity to participate in the Weighted Nation, a Fox Valley look at the issue of obesity.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative Update/Discussion

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

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 Peter Kaul to adjourn and that the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(f)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the February 19, 2013 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, discussion of specific personnel, and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:14 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the February 19, 2013 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, discussion of specific personnel, and potential litigation.

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 7:55 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk