

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

April 8, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

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 Jean Maurice Boyer, Betsy Ellenberger, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, Kirk Leaser, John Lehman, Jeff Spoehr, Michelle Swardenski, Scott Thompson, student representative Luke Nelessen, 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; Timothy Gantz, Director of Pupil Services; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; Susan Nennig, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment; and Jim Strick, Communications Manager. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Steve Schoen, 1417 Meadow Breeze Circle, Neenah, asked several questions regarding roofing projects in the Neenah Joint School District that he said he has been attempting to get answers to.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:03 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer asked Mr. Schoen to contact Andrew Thorson, Director of Facilities/Engineer, who will be happy to meet with him and answer his questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2014 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Luke Nelessen...

- stated that the Science Olympiad took place last weekend.
- shared that the Rocket City Jazz Festival is taking place tonight at Shattuck Middle School.
- invited everyone to the NHS spring drama this weekend.
- provided an update to recent and upcoming sports events.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- stated that there was a change to the dates for the spring drama and it will be taking place this weekend rather than the end of April.
- recognized DECA students who competed at the state championship.
- introduced Activities Director Nate Werner who recognized NHS Chess Team advisor Mike Breuer and team members who placed first at state competition. Mr. Werner also recognized Coach Scott Bork and the NHS Boys Basketball Team who earned the silver ball in Division 1 in Madison this year.
- introduced Diane Galow, principal of Tullar School, who introduced staff from Tullar and shared information related to their math and literacy school goals and progress (Exhibit 4-A-14).

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for resignation of faculty (Marsha Clark, cross categorical teacher at NHS; Mandy Froehlich, grade 4 teacher at Lakeview; and Kelly Truettner, literacy teacher at NHS); and a resignation of support staff (Linda Buckli, educational assistant/special education at Clayton); and 2. Elimination of Administrative Position (Director of Business Services) (Exhibit 4-B-14). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

2014-15 STAFFING PROPOSAL

Vicky Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Instructional Support Services and Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Learning & Leadership, presented the 2014-15 staffing report (Exhibit 4-C-14) and answered questions of Board members. A request was made to add Alliance and Magnet information to the average class size and enrollment chart on page 3 and to reflect the actual savings in the summary on page 8. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the various positions for wellness, English Language Learning (ELL)/Bilingual, and teacher for the hearing impaired. The staffing report will be brought back at the April 22, 2014 Board of Education meeting for a vote.

CURRICULUM & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Jean Maurice Boyer and seconded by Michelle Swardenski to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting. John Lehman requested that the minutes be revised to reflect that he was also in attendance at the meeting. The motion carried by committee vote of three yes (Boyer, Spoehr, Swardenski) and one abstention (Leeser).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Spoehr, Board Clerk, reviewed the spring election results as verified by the Board of Canvassers on April 8, 2014 (Exhibit 4-D-14). Board members requested a break-out of the votes from the municipalities in the NJSD.

Jean Maurice stated that he had the pleasure of attending international night at Neenah High School recently.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members requested school reports at the end of the school year with administrative analyses and an overview of mental health initiatives.

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 March 18, 2014 regular closed session meeting and discipline of specific students. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:48 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the March 18, 2014 regular closed session meeting and discipline of specific students.

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 7:57 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk