

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

May 21, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:07 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, Michelle Swardenski, 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 Elementary Learning & Leadership; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. The absences of Kirk Leeser and student representative Luke Nelessen were excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, asked whether Mr. Schoen's questions regarding the roofing bid process have been answered and asked if the District is moving forward with the roofing project and whether we are getting the best deal.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:09 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

President Thompson stated that the District is moving forward with the roofing project and based on the work that was done, the District feels comfortable with the bid process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Jessica Werhand...

- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- invited everyone present to an NHS orchestra concert tonight in Pickard Auditorium.
- invited everyone present to the NHS senior awards tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in Pickard Auditorium.
- reported that this Friday, May 24, the seniors will be going on their annual trip to Great America.
- invited everyone present to the gold tassel ceremony and jazz concert next Wednesday, May 29, in Pickard Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

- stated that Neenah High School graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ron Einerson fieldhouse.
- shared that there will be an eighth grade dance on Friday, May 31.
- thanked the Board members and District administration for her time on the Board and stated that she will be attending Milwaukee School of Engineering next year.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- recognized Jessica Werhand, thanked her for her service on the Board, and presented her with a card and gift.
- stated that she would like to meet with the Board during the week of June 10 regarding her evaluation.
- introduced Wilson Principal Ryan Hammerschmidt who, along with Wilson staff members, shared information related to the Wilson school goals and progress.
- recognized Kris Martin, who was not able to attend the recent Quarter Century Club dinner, for her 25 years of service in the NJSD.
- recognized Mary Poulter's son for winning the Wilson Spelling Bee.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kaul to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 10 dated April 30, 2013 reflecting revenues of \$2,174,713.67 and expenditures of \$5,093,770.47) (Exhibit 5-G-13) and 2. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for resignation of an exempt staff member (Nora Langolf, Accounting Supervisor); a request for resignation of faculty (Caroleah Demski, Communications teacher at Neenah High School); a request for resignation of an administrator (Diane Doersch, Director of Instructional Technology); a request for a contract decrease (Shelley Aaholm, World Language teacher at Neenah High School, decrease from full-time (1.0 FTE) to seven-tenths (0.7 FTE)); a recommendation for employment of faculty (Stephanie Karker, Library Media Specialist at Spring Road/Clayton; Christian Schnell, Cross Categorical at Neenah High School; Allison Shadick, Cross Categorical at Neenah High School; Jade Thelen, Cross Categorical at Neenah High School; and Rocco Marchionda, Computer Coach at Horace Mann); a recommendation for employment of support staff (Rick Voissen, Mechanic, District); and a request for the appointment of the Principal at Neenah High School (Brian Wunderlich) (Exhibit 5-H-13). Scott Thompson amended the motion to remove Christian Schnell from the list of hires until further information is brought back to the Board. The amended motion was seconded by John Lehman and carried by unanimous vote. President Thompson requested an update to the District's Technology Plan before Diane Doersch leaves at the end of June. The original motion passed by unanimous vote. Board members congratulated Brian Wunderlich on his new position at Neenah High School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was decided that President Thompson, Peter Kaul, and Jean Maurice Boyer will represent the Board of Education at the Neenah High School graduation on June 5.

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that she attended the Project Lead the Way spring luncheon at Neenah High School on Wednesday, May 15.

Jeff Spoehr reminded everyone of the YES meeting at Neenah High School on May 29 at 4:00 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Technology Update/one-to-one devices - June

Overview of Student Learning Data – June

Elementary Planning – June/July

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)(c)(f)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the May 7, 2013 special closed session meeting, approval of minutes of the May 7, 2013 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, discussion of specific personnel, and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:22 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the May 7, 2013 special closed session meeting, approval of minutes of the May 7, 2013 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, discussion of specific personnel, and potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session and was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

President Thompson called the open session to order at 8:39 p.m. Board members Jean Maurice Boyer, Betsy Ellenberger, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Jeff Spoehr, Michelle Swardenski, Scott Thompson and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; and Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Central Services. The absence of Kirk Leeser was excused.

Motion was made by John Lehman and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the recommendation to agree to the settlement agreement concerning Beck v. the Neenah Joint School District. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion was made by Scott Thompson and seconded by John Lehman to deny the claim of LeVern Zwirchitz regarding the FICA tax obligation. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Pete Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk