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Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Board Room
November 17, 2008
6:30 pm

BOE Present: Bush, Cwik, Fischer, Mack, Page, Poirier, Winkler
BOE Absent:

Administration Present: Becker, Callahan, Jensen, Stenroos, Treuden
Administration Absent:

Others Present: Jessica Carlson, Dave Lemke, Dean Howell

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President, Tom Bush at 6:31 pm as duly posted under s.s. 19.84(1)(2)(c).

2. Call of Roll

Roll Call taken: Bush, Cwik, Fischer, Mack, Page, Poirier, Winkler.

3. Proof of Posting

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of the Amended Meeting Agenda on November 11, 2008.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Poirier/Winkler to approve the November 17, 2008 amended agenda as posted. Carried 7-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Page/Mack to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Meetings on October 20, 2008. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Page/Mack to approve the minutes of the Special and Executive Meetings on October 28, 2008. Carried 7-0.

6. Treasurer's Report: Financial reports presented by Doreen Treuden. Motion by Poirier/Fischer to approve financial report from September.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the current expenditures. Carried 7-0.

7. Public Input: Dean Howell, parent of private school students, discussed recent letter received from school regarding reimbursement for transportation expenses. School is in the process of setting up a meeting with the private school treasurer to discuss this procedure and clarify due dates of information. Dave Lemke, WDEE, shared continuing information regarding their pursuit of getting some help from Charter regarding the poor reception of Channel 95.

8. Student Council Report: No rep. present. Jeff S. reported that there will be a Teacher in Paradise day held this Friday to collect food for the pantry. Survey responses have been collected and officers will be meeting with him soon to discuss ideas.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Report/Discussion: No discussion.

Policy Committee Report/Discussion: Will discuss under New Business.

Extra Curricular Committee Report: Students have expressed an interest in swim co-op and this is being pursued with Cambridge. John continues to check with area schools regarding a hockey co-op. Capitol Conference has invited Deerfield to attend the next principal's meeting to discuss possible opportunities to join the conference. These are preliminary conversations only.

Finance Committee Report: Reviewed September reconciliation documents at an earlier meeting. Looking at natural gas purchasing prices, getting ready to send out RFP's for plumbing work, discussed private school transportation reimbursement, continuing to look into bus transportation concerns brought forth in public input.

Facilities Committee Report: No discussion – no meeting.

Personnel Committee Report: No discussion – no meeting.

Technology Committee Report: Discussed Skyward update, use of Pen Pals (e-Pals); reviewed Smart Board options by Senteo and discussed status of district-wide technology survey to be used in required Technology Plan (due this year).

Safety Committee Report: Upcoming meeting – no discussion at this time.

Joint Interactive Committee Report: Next meeting scheduled for 12/1/08.

Health and Wellness Committee Report: Wellness day is being planned for March 13 with HS student activities in the morning and staff activities in the afternoon, discussed current breakfast program offered through DCC and exploring a full breakfast program through food service.

Field Trip Committee Report: Held organizational meeting, established some upcoming meeting dates, Barb Callahan appointed to chair the committee, plan to have a recommendation for the board in February.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy First Readings:

Programs for English Language Learners (342.63): Programs for ELL-required policy by the state that requires school to determine language level, adhere to certain testing requirements, understanding that student needs will be based on individual academic progress, etc. Motion by Page/Fischer to approve first reading. Carried 7-0.

Distribution of Electronic and Printed Material (852.1): Distribution of Electronic and Printed Materials-policy that clarifies the district's role in distributing information to students that often comes to the schools, provides clarification on what will be allowed. Motion by Page/Poirier to approve first reading. Carried 7-0.

B. Announcement of Gifts to Schools: Music Boosters and Elementary PTO donated a total of \$1035 toward the purchase of a new electronic piano for the elementary, Jerry Schultz and Marlene Nielsen donated used band instruments to the music dept., General Mills donated \$942 to the school through the box top collection, numerous elementary parents donated Scholastic books for classrooms through the book fair totaling \$328, the elementary school won the WOLX penny war competition for all the area schools and will receive \$1000 for their efforts. Thank you to all for their generosity to the district and students.

C. Update on Student Transportation Routes: First Student was still compiling the data they collected for number of students and time on bus. Doreen will share this information with the board next month.

D. Boys Soccer Co-op Contract with Cambridge: The soccer co-op is renewed every two years. Parents and students are happy with this co-op opportunity and the school would like to continue. Motion by Poirier/Winkler to approve 2009-10 and 2010-11 co-op contracts. Carried 7-0.

E. Extracurricular Staffing Recommendation(s): Andrew Christianson has expressed an interest in filling the MS girls basketball position. Andrew is currently assisting with the MS boys basketball program. Motion by Winkler/Poirier to approve coaching recommendation. Carried 7-0.

F. School Board Elections 2009: Three positions are open for this spring-Chuck Poirier, Sandy Fischer, and Chris Page. All three positions are for three year terms. Candidacy papers are due Jan. 6th to the district office. Non-candidacy papers are due Dec. 26th. Michelle expressed the hope that all three board members will consider running for re-election as the board works well together and continues to provide a positive direction for the district.

11. School Board President's Report Tom Bush shared his concerns over the projected state budget deficit and the difficulties ahead in continuing with 2/3 funding.

12. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Michelle shared some information regarding the visiting Japanese teacher and her work in the various classrooms. Thanks to Kirsten Wohlers for serving as a host. We hope to continue this partnership for years to come. Michelle has been visiting with primary grade students in classrooms as an opportunity to meet the students and share a snack. The WASB/WASDA/WASBO State Education Convention will take place Jan. 21-23. Interested board members should contact Molly by Dec. 10th of their intent to attend to get the early bird discount.

Jeff Stenroos: Shared that testing is complete, the musical was a success as was the Veteran's day program, report cards were sent using the new Skyward system which included GPA's, the Dane County Youth Survey will be taken by students using the online format this year.

Mark Becker: Thanked the PTO for their hard work in putting together the craft fair which serves as their main fundraiser, thanked Ms. Hruby and students for penny war success, thanked MS/HS for the invitation of 6th grade to attend the Veteran's program, shared that testing is also completed.

Barb Callahan: Complimented the music department and cast of the musical. She noted the good attendance and great musical talent by the participants.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

Adjournment

Motion by Poirier/Cwik to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Cwik
Clerk