

December 2010 Unofficial Board of Education Meeting Minutes

2. **Call of Roll-** All board members present. Student board rep. present.

3. **Proof of Posting-**The board amended agenda was posted on 12/16/10 at the Village Hall, district buildings, on the district website and submitted to the Independent for publication.

4. Motion made and carried to approve the agenda.

5. Motion made and carried to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on November 15th and Special Meeting on December 13th.

6. **Financial Report:** Doreen Treuden shared the financial reports for October and November. Motion made and carried to approve the financial statements. A roll call vote was taken.

7. **Public Input:** Phil Montalto complimented the board and district on the new middle/high school office area. He shared that he appreciated the privacy of the district conference room for meetings. Mr. Montalto also thanked the school for securing a handicapped accessible portable bathroom for the stadium. Kim Petrick presented a report on behalf of a group of concerned parents in regards to a number of educational issues related to district test scores. Concerns included the recent decline of 10th Grade WKCE test scores, ACT scores below other schools in the county, grade inflation at the high school, current curriculum and curriculum training for teachers and loss of top performing students to homeschooling or school choice. Mrs. Petrick requested that the board consider these matters further and share what steps are being taken or could be taken to address these concerns. (The board has scheduled a special board meeting for January 24th at 6:30pm to address these topics.)

8. **Special Presentation:** Michelle Jensen shared the ACT High School-to-College Success Data for college freshman in the UW system between 2006-2008. The report analyzes student performance on the ACT compared to their high school grade point average (gpa), college gpa during freshman year and persister data for students who remain on the same campus for a second year. Board member comments brought forward as a result of this presentation and the preceding public input included concern of too much emphasis on sports versus academics, concern of grade inflation and concern of emphasis on test scores versus overall success.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Student School Board Representative Report-**Ashley Konkel announced that student council is working on plans for a winter spirit week and that they recently hosted a live band performance featuring current and former high school students.

B. **Legislative Report-** No new information to report until after the January change in the state offices.

- C. **Policy Committee Report:** Chris Page reported that the committee is done with the administrative rules for the graduation policy and continues looking into some language additions and revisions to the bullying policy.
- D. **Extracurricular Advisory Committee Report:** Sandy Fischer reported that results of the fall sports surveys were shared indicating that students and parents were pleased with the sports experiences and coaching staff. A letter to John Polzin was shared complimenting the sports programs and specifically complimenting the work of the middle school boys basketball coach. Discussions took place regarding partial compensation for coaching staff for freshman girls basketball and junior varsity wrestling. .
- E. **Finance Committee Report:** Jim Haak reported that topics discussed at the meeting are on the board agenda under new business.
- F. **Facilities Committee Report:** Jeff Winkler reported on the roofing plan, request from Athletic Boosters to initiate two projects within the school which are a trophy case in the commons and remodeling the baseball dugouts. Referendum projects were also reviewed. The complete list of referendum expenditures and projects can be viewed on the district website under Business Services.
- G. **Personnel Committee Report:** No meeting held.
- H. **Technology Committee Report:** No meeting held.
- I. **Safety Committee Report:** Cathi Meinecke reported that the committee continued reviewing the district crisis plan, classroom safety checklists have been completed and safety measures for the technology education shop area were shared.
- J. **Health and Wellness Committee Report:** Sandy Fischer reported that the committee continues to work on plans for the February 4th Health Day.
- K. **Joint Interactive Committee Report:** Jeff Winkler reported that discussions surrounded the Safe Routes to Schools grant which is next available in 2012. Also reviewed shared services such as garbage disposal and winter plowing needs.
- L. **Ad-Hoc Extracurricular-Activity Account Committee Report:** Doreen Treuden reported that the committee is done with the procedural language for Fund 60 and has a few items left to work out on Fund 21.
- M. **Communications Committee Report:** Michelle Jensen reported that the committee previewed the new district website which will be launched in January, discussions surrounded efforts to expand a volunteer bank of talents within the community that could provide free service to the district, consideration of automated alert systems which can be used via text, email, phone.

10. NEW BUSINESS-ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. **Recognition of Gifts to District-**Michelle Jensen thanked Karyn Seamann for her continued donation of new books to the library. Her donation is valued at \$481.41. Also a recognition to

the Deerfield Lions Club for their donation of \$250 to the Music Dept. for the recent Show Choir performance at their holiday party.

- B. **Update on District Grants**-Congratulations to Jacquie Schuh for receiving a \$950 grant from DPI for the TUDE/TATU program focusing on teen tobacco awareness and prevention.
- C. **Presentation of Audit Report for 2009-2010**-Doreen Treuden shared a summary of the 2009-2010 audit report. Major items included the notation of segregation of duties, preparation of financial statements by the auditors, consideration of stale-dated checks, review of GASB #54 laws, related party contracts and student activity account guidelines. Motion made and carried to approve this report. A roll call vote was taken.
- D. **Update on MS/HS Roof Maintenance Plan-Phase II**-Doreen Treuden and Jeff Winkler reported that Phase II of the roof resurfacing is set for the summer of 2011. The roofing consultant from SRI has secured the bids and forwarded his recommendation to the district. The recommendation is to accept the bid from Maly Roofing for \$199,900. Because bids have been coming in lower than projected, the district is able to get significant portions of the roof resurfacing done more quickly. Motion made and carried to approve the bid from Maly Roofing for \$199,900.
- E. **Announcement of Ad-Hoc Fundraising Committee**-Chris Page announced the creation of a fundraising committee. The committee is scheduled to begin work in January. Barb Callahan will send an invitation to the extracurricular coaches/advisors and other community organizations.
- F. **High School Final Exam Schedule**-Brad Johnsrud shared the final exam schedule that was recently created and brought before the high school staff from the MS/HS Leadership Committee. A final exam schedule has been discussed amongst high school staff during the past few years. High school students will take exams on January 20-21 with partial day schedules both days.
- G. **Overnight Trip Request-Wrestling Team**-Paul Haag, wrestling coach, brought forward a request for two overnight trips. The first trip is to Oshkosh for a two-day tournament on Dec. 29 and 30. Students would be responsible for some expenses and the remainder of the expenses will come from the wrestling account or club. Motion made and carried to approve this request. The second request is for the sectional wrestling meet to be held in Westby on Feb. 19th. Due to the distance and weigh-in time, the request is made to travel on Feb. 18th and stay overnight. The request asks for the board to consider paying the travel and lodging expenses for this one night. The group would use the school vans for transportation. Costs of lodging are projected to be the same or less than the bus travel costs for this destination. Motion made and carried to approve this overnight request.
- H. **Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Part-time Long-term Substitute-Second Grade**-Mark Becker recommended Linda Johnson as a half-day long-term substitute for Laura Peacock at the second grade until the end of January. This is an intermittent leave request which requires Mrs. Peacock to be out of the district for partial days. Motion made and carried to approve this recommendation.

- I. **Extracurricular Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: Freshman Class Advisor**-Brad Johnsrud shared a resignation request from Scott Griffin as a Freshman Class Advisor. Motion made and carried to approve the resignation.
- J. **Extracurricular Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Girls Varsity Softball coach, Part-time Freshman Girls Basketball Coach**-Sandy Fischer brought forth a recommendation from the Extracurricular committee to hire Jim Albrecht for the varsity coaching position. There were four candidates interviewed. Motion made and carried to approve this recommendation. Sandy Fischer also brought forward a request for partial compensation for Chelsea Borgrud to coach the freshman girls basketball team. Four or five games have been scheduled for the girls team at this time. Motion made and carried to approve this recommendation for prorated compensation. Discussion also took place regarding compensation for part-time wrestling coaches who currently volunteer during the weekend tournaments.

11. **SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**-Chris Page gave the floor to Jeff Winkler who announced that he will not be seeking re-election in the spring. Jeff Winkler has served on the board for six years and expressed his appreciation and enjoyment of serving the district. He cited that changes to his work responsibilities make it difficult to serve in the capacity needed for board representation.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS-

Michelle Jensen shared:

- The quarterly Chalk Talk newsletter was mailed to all district residents.
- The new district website will be introduced and launched at the January board meeting.
- Thank you to the many school groups and classrooms who have generously given to many different causes leading up to the holiday season. The efforts of many staff have provided for excellent community service projects for students.

Mark Becker shared:

- Condolences to Nancy Thomas, elementary music teacher, in the recent death of her mother. Discussion of rescheduling the winter program for grades 3-5 will be considered for January.

Brad Johnsrud shared:

- Expressed his gratitude to the staff for their continued hard work and efforts. He feels that there are many positive things taking place at the middle/high school to create a positive environment for students. He thanked the staff for their candy cane greeting to students this past week.

13. **Upcoming Meetings:** We may need to set meetings for the following committees:

Next Board Meeting: January 17th

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| 1. Extracurricular | January 17 @ 4:45pm |
| 2. Policy | January 17 @ 5:30pm |

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| 3. Technology | No meeting scheduled |
| 4. Finance | January 10 @ 4:30pm |
| 5. Facilities | No meeting scheduled |
| 6. Personnel | To Be Determined |
| 7. Health & Wellness | January 6 @ 9:30am |
| 8. Safety Committee | January 20 @ 4:30pm |
| 9. Joint Interactive | February 7 @ 7:00am @ school |
| 10. Ad-Hoc Ext. Act. Acct | January 24 @ 5:30pm |
| 11. Communications | March 16 th @ 6pm |

Special Board Meeting on January 24 @ 6:30pm in HS IMC

14. **ADJOURNMENT**