

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pardeeville, WI

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Balsiger, Ms. Ives, Ms. Morrison, Ms. Walker, Ms. Pufahl and Mr. John Walton, student representative. Absent were Ms. Levzow and Mr. Smith. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. Lenz, Mr. LeMay, Mr. Krueger, Ms. McElroy, Ms. Clemmons, Mr. Dustin Bussan, Ms. Jenny Bussan, Mr. Jared Napralla, Mr. Jeremy Dolgner and several other parents/community members.

Open Forum

Mr. Dustin Bussan talked about gym time for Boys Club. He said some of the open gyms have been shut down now. He wants to keep kids active. Mr. Bussan said he would like clarification on the process for signing up for open gym, who can sign up, who can't sign up and how do they get past all those issues.

Mr. Jared Napralla, one of the co-head wrestling coaches from Rio Schools, said he would like to see Pardeeville Schools join their wrestling co-op so they could fill a varsity roster for wrestling. Mr. Napralla is also a teacher for Rio Schools.

Mr. Jerry Dolgner said he supported joining the wrestling co-op with Rio Schools. Mr. Dolgner said he works with Pardeeville's Wrestling Club and said kids lose interest in wrestling after 4th grade because there is no opportunity for them to stay with wrestling at Pardeeville Schools as they get older. The Wrestling Club has 45 kids in it this year in grades 4K-4th grade.

Administrative Team Reports

Ms. Kamrath submitted a report on the elementary school. Parent-teacher conferences were held on 3/4/14 and 3/7/14. A spring Book Fair was held on March 13-18. Math 24 students competed at a tournament in Reedsburg on 3/11/14. Registration for 4 year old kindergarten was held on 3/12/14. A PTO Art/Science Fair and fund raiser was held on 3/15/14 and proceeds will go toward new playground equipment. The late start in-service meeting on 3/12/14 was spent working on curriculum and going over information for the upcoming pilot Smarter Balanced tests. Enrichment Summer School classes will run from June 16 to July 3. Ms. Kamrath has expressed interest in a "Read to Lead Development Grant" that CESA 5 is giving to a few districts.

Mr. Lenz submitted a report on the middle school. The Smarter Balanced field test is set to begin on March 25th. The 3rd quarter incentive for middle school students will be a choice of playing a 3 on 3 basketball tournament or watching a movie. Ms. Denure will once again be having Bonnie Kieffer bring the National Geographic giant map of Europe to our school. The map covers half of the gym floor and students spend the class period doing mapping activities. A spring middle school fund raiser is underway. The March late start time was dedicated to in-service on Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Mr. LeMay submitted a report on the high school. Freshmen and sophomores will take the EXPLORE and PLAN tests respectively on 3/18/14. Next year these tests will be replaced by the new state assessments, the ACT Aspire tests. In addition, all juniors in the entire state will be taking the ACT and WordKeys test. Winterfest was held the week of February 24th. The Winterfest dance had a Las Vegas theme and had good attendance. The band and choir trip to Florida was March 9-15. Pardeeville will host the Trailways Math Meet on March 18th with about 200 students from various schools attending. Awards night will be held on May 8th. Graduation is on 5/24/14 at 2:00 PM. Mr. LeMay attended a presentation by South West Tech at the Madison College campus. The purpose of the presentation was to show some of the dual credit courses they offer in the field of agriculture. Mr. LeMay and Mr. Kamrath attended a Trailways meeting on 3/12/14. Our current Trailways Conference Commissioner, Mr. Jeff Giese, is retiring at the end of May. Mr. LeMay and Ms. Huck will be working on updating and changing the look of our school website. They have selected a theme to use and will be moving forward with color selections and information. High school students have entered their class choices for the 2014-15 school year and Ms. Hillman from the guidance department is filling in the matrix. Their goal is to have all scheduling done before students and staff leave for the summer. Parent/teacher conferences for spring had a slightly better showing than last year. Ten forensics students are heading to state competition. The Pardeeville Cheer and Dance Team took second place in their division at State competition. Mr. LeMay took the Youth Leadership group to Culver's headquarters in Prairie du Sac.

Mr. Krueger reported on buildings and grounds items which included: installing a new blower fan motor in elementary room #119, repairing a bad switch on a boiler and leak from the roof, replaced 3 motors and fans on water fountains, removed two water fountains that have not worked for a long time and repaired the walls, installed a new exhaust fan motor and pulley for middle school restrooms and rebuilt old motor so we have a spare one, had plumber come for a frozen sewer line by the storage shed and a plugged sewer line by the Balliet building, patched PVC pipe to fix roof drain leaking into elementary art room, took Ford van in for recall item, replaced valve on high school dish washer, repaired two unions in room #107 that have been leaking into the ceiling, we are now having our custodians do the monthly fire extinguisher checks now in their respective areas, repaired couplings in drain in tunnel in hallway to fix smell from sinks in room #54. In addition, staff worked on 41 work orders submitted on L4L.

Ms. McElroy reported on technology in the district. **Equipment & Network:** Reimaged the HS53 Business Ed lab, set up secure browser on all Windows computers in the District for SBAC prep, verifying firewall setting in prep for SBAC practice and pilot test, installed 10 new wireless AP's in prep for SBAC testing, planning to test wireless capacity and Chromebook performance for practice SBAC test on Chromebooks (240 students at once), connected all data cabinets in district with 10G fiber connections back to main closet. **Software:** The Tech Department has been researching: Blackboard Connect notification software for emergencies, low lunch balance and informational messages from offices and principals; Aesop substitute scheduling software; the cost to upgrade 125 computers from Windows XP to Windows 7. They have been verifying readiness for SBAC testing setup and assisting with setup in CMS4Schools for the new web page theme. The Tech Department has been assisting with setup for RSS feed of RSchools athletic events and facility requests to copy over to the CMS4Schools web page. **Professional Development:** Ms. McElroy attended a 2 day Brainstorm tech conference where she had the opportunity to connect with 650 tech staff from other schools and learned about: network monitoring software for hardware performance, how to get the most out of our wireless system, preparing for SBAC testing, filtering network traffic solutions, open source help desk work ticket

solution-Spiceworks, BYOD roundtable discussion—pros and cons between allowing students to bring a device to school or providing the device for supporting the curriculum and digital textbooks, GoogleApps for Education (GAPE) discussion—ways to improve use—consensus from the group was that professional development is key to the success of utilizing GAPE to its potential.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee—met tonight to discuss electrostatic painting of lockers, summer maintenance projects, athletic locker specifications and athletic locker room restrooms. Summer maintenance projects include refinishing the gym floors, painting of some of the lockers in the boys' locker room and lockers in the Balliet School, some work in the high school office, etc. Mr. Krueger will get bids for the athletic lockers. Because of usage of our high school gym and facilities, replacement of the lockers cannot take place until July 1st. The locker room restrooms project will be pushed back until the following summer.

Curriculum Committee—met on 2/25/14 to discuss an update on the Tech Ed Program and to review textbooks for Human Anatomy and Physiology and for Algebra 2. Their next meeting will be on 3/27/14.

Personnel Committee—met on 3/10/14 to discuss job descriptions for the Activities Director, Custodian, District Maintenance Technician, Educational Assistant and Special Education Assistant and to discuss the co-curricular schedule and administrator salary compensation. Their next meeting will be on 4/14/14.

Student Representative Report

John Walton reported on student activities. Track practice has started. Music students returned back from their trip to Florida on March 15th. Winterfest activities were held the week of February 24th with the dance being on Saturday, March 1st. A Math Meet with several schools participating will be held at Pardeeville on March 18th. Drama Club students have been practicing for their upcoming play.

Board Self Evaluation

Mr. Knitt is collecting the board member self-evaluation forms and he will be tabulating the results.

2014-15 School Calendar

The Wisconsin State Legislature will be eliminating the 180 day requirement for a school year. Now the school year will be based only on hours. This will be something to consider as the 2014-15 school year calendar gets put together.

Smarter Balance Assessment Test

Ms. Kamrath reported on the Smarter Balanced Assessment test. These new tests will be administered online and will replace existing WKCE tests in English and math for grades 3-8 and high school in the 2014-15 school year. Ms Kamrath gave a demonstration on what the tests will look like. Practice tests will be given this spring. The tests are not timed.

Board Member Concerns

There were no board member concerns expressed at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes Dated 3/3/14

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the minutes dated 3/3/14. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to approve the receipts/expenditures. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 5-0. Check numbers submitted and approved included #50917-50984, AMEX0042-AMEX0043, AMEX0045-AMEX0052, 50708-50740, and 50804-50867.

Approval of Hockey Program

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the co-op girls' hockey program contingent upon approval of the co-op wrestling program. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Wrestling Program

A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to approve the co-op wrestling program. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval/Resignation of Additional Spring Coaches

Resignation: Max Jenatscheck—JV Baseball

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the resignation from Max Jenatscheck. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 5-0.

Coaches for Approval: Jeremy Parker – JV Baseball

Luke Standiford—Weight Room for Spring Sports 2 Hours per day

A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve the coaches as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 5-0.

Volunteers for Approval:

Austin Showers – JV/Varsity Baseball Volunteer

Chuck Wais – JV/Varsity Baseball Volunteer

Jon Parker – Middle School Baseball Volunteer

Kayla Kilmer – Middle School Track Volunteer

Natalia Chapman – Middle School Softball Volunteer

A motion was made by Ms. Walker to approve the list of spring volunteers as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morrison. Motion carried 4-1.

Approval of Activities Director Job Description—Second Reading

A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve the second reading of the Activities Director job description. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014. Agenda items will include Referendum Results, Staffing for 2014-2015, Calendar for 2014-2015, Health Insurance for 2014-2015, Update on Technology Education Program, Board Representative to Attend CESA 5 Annual Convention on 5/15/14 in Stevens Point, WI, Board Member Concerns, Approval of Minutes Dated 3/17/14, Approval of Custodian Resignation, Approval of Custodian, Approval of Donation from Wal-Mart for Peaceful Playground Program, Approval of CESA 5 Contract, Approval of Youth Options Applications, Approval of an Overnight, Out-of-State Trip for Art Club on April 18-19, 2014, Approval of Additional Spring Coaches/Volunteers, Approval of Eighth Grade Social Studies Books, Approval of Fifth Grade Science Books, Approval of American History Textbook, Approval of Street Law Textbook, Approval of Family Leave Request and an executive session to approve executive meeting minutes dated 1/6/14 and to discuss possible certified staff layoffs and transfers.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Lynette Ives, Clerk