

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pardeeville, WI

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 7, 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. Levzow, Ms. Morrison, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Pufahl. John Walton, student representative, arrived following roll call. Absent was Ms. Walker. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. Lenz, Mr. LeMay, Mr. Krueger, Ms. McElroy, Ms. Clemmons and Ms. Katie David.

Referendum Results

Results of the referendum questions which were on the April 1st ballot were:

Question I – Exceed the revenue limit: Yes 597 No 318

Question II – Capital improvement projects: Yes 662 No 245

Staffing for 2014-2015

Mr. Knitt recommended certified staffing levels for the 2014-2015 school year. This will be on the agenda for the 4/21/14 meeting for approval.

2014-2015 School Year Calendar

With the elimination of the 180 day requirement by the state, Mr. Knitt discussed with the Board how the 2014-2015 calendar may look and he asked for their input. The calendar is now driven by total hours in a school year. He said the elementary school day would not need to be made any longer; however, minutes would need to be added to the middle/high school time. Consideration would be given to having full days for staff in-service meetings rather than having late start days each month. Mr. Knitt said the last day of school for the 2014-2015 school year would be around June 5th. The 2014-2015 calendar will be submitted to the Board for approval when it is ready.

Health Insurance for 2014-2015

Mr. Knitt shared information about health insurance rates for the 2014-15 school year that he received from Dean Health Insurance. He said the rates will go up 11.9% for the coming school year for the same coverage. He said 3.4% of that increase is due to the Affordable Healthcare Act.

Update on Technology Education Program

Planning for next year's Technology Education class at this time includes scheduling, discussing staffing options, figuring out what materials need to be replaced, room space, etc. Mr. LeMay and Mr. Knitt will be attending the open house for MATC's new Ingenuity Center on April 9th. The Ingenuity Center is the new Engineering and Manufacturing wing at MATC. Mr. LeMay said there will be a Career Fair at

Portage High School on April 25th for industries from the Portage area that will partner with schools for technology programs.

Board Representative to Attend CESA 5 Annual Convention on 5/15/14 in Stevens Point, WI

This item cannot be acted on until after April 28th so it will be put on the agenda for the May 5th meeting.

Board Members to Hand Out Diplomas

Mr. Smith and Ms. Levzow volunteered to hand out diplomas at graduation on May 24th.

Board Member Concerns

Ms. Ives brought up a safety concern on the south side of the high school building where vehicles from the circle area by door #14 merge with vehicles from the parking lot area. She said there is no yield sign or stop sign where those two lanes come together. Mr. Krueger said he would look into this.

Ms. Morrison brought up a concern that the middle school/high school band and choir concerts are too long and students (especially middle school students) get home too late on a school night. Mr. Lenz stated that he has had calls from middle school parents about this also. Mr. Smith said perhaps the concerts could be held on Friday nights since that wouldn't be a school night. Mr. Knitt said they will be looking into whether something could be done differently for next year. Mr. Knitt talked about doing a survey to get parent input on this issue.

Ms. Levzow said she thinks a mentoring program would be a good idea for middle school students. This could be done on a volunteer basis.

Approval of Minutes Dated 3/17/14

Ms. Morrison made one change to the minutes to say PTO Art/Science Fair and fund raiser under the elementary administrative team reports. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the minutes dated 3/17/14 with the change. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Custodian Resignation

A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to approve the resignation from Mr. Troy Kessler. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Custodian

A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to approve hiring Ms. Joan Killoran for the custodian opening. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Donation from Wal-Mart for Peaceful Playground Program

A motion was made by Ms. Ives to accept the donation from Wal-Mart for the Peaceful Playground program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 5-0-1. Ms. Morrison abstained.

Approval of CESA 5 Contract

A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to approve the CESA 5 contract for 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Youth Options Applications

Eight Youth Options applications were submitted for approval to take fall semester classes. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the youth options applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of an Overnight, Out-of-State Trip for Art Club on April 18-19, 2014

An overnight trip for Art Club to go to Chicago, IL on April 18-19, 2014 was presented to the Board for approval. An itinerary for the trip was also given to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to approve the trip for Art Club on April 18-19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 5-1.

Approval of Additional Spring Coaches/Volunteers

Approvals: Max Jenatscheck and Jeff Jenkins – JV/Varsity Baseball Volunteers

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the two volunteers as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Eighth Grade Social Studies Books

A new textbook for 8th grade social studies was presented to the Curriculum Committee by Ms. Amber Denure. The new book is called *History Alive* by TCI. A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to approve the purchase of eighth grade social studies books as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Fifth Grade Science Books

A new textbook for 5th grade science was presented to the Curriculum Committee by Ms. Lori Osterhaus. The new book is called *Science A Closer Look* by McGraw Hill. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the purchase of fifth grade science books as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of American History Textbook

A new book for High School American History was presented to the Curriculum Committee by Ms. Katie David. The new book is called *History Alive* by TCI. A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve purchasing the new textbooks for American History class as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Street Law Textbook

A textbook for a new course was presented to the Curriculum Committee by Ms. Katie David. The new book is called *Street Law* by McGraw Hill. A motion was made by Ms. Lezow to approve the request to purchase the Street Law textbooks as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Family Leave Request

A request for family leave from Mr. Josh Hemmerich was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the family leave for Mr. Hemmerich. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2014. Agenda items will include: Open Forum, Community Involvement Project, Administrative Team Reports, Committee Reports, Student Representative Report, Update on Technology Education Program, Advanced Placement Exam Scores Recognition, Board Member Concerns, Approval of Minutes Dated 4/7/14, Approval of Receipts/Expenditures, Approval of Staffing for 2014-2015, Approval of Overnight/Sunday Trip for High School Student Council on April 27-28, 2014, Approval of Overnight Trip for Girls Basketball on December 29 & 30, 2014 and an executive session to approve executive meeting minutes dated 4/7/14, to discuss certified staff layoff, discuss 2014-2015 support staff, and discuss 2014-2015 teacher negotiations.

Executive Session

An executive session was held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes 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 Mr. Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Lynette Ives, Clerk