

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Pardeeville, WI

MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
December 16, 2013

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, Ms. Walker and Ms. Pufahl. Mr. John Walton, student representative, arrived following roll call. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. Lenz, Mr. LeMay, Mr. Krueger, Ms. Clemmons, Ms. Carol Wirth, Mr. Brandon Wirth, and Ms. Jen McCoy from the *Portage Daily Register*.

Open Forum

There were no open forum items.

Administrative Team Reports

Ms. Kamrath submitted a report on the elementary school. The PBIS committee is working on getting a parent survey to assess our school climate and they are also working on upcoming assemblies and events for the year. The Response to Intervention (Rti) committee will be using the AimsWeb system which is a complete web-based solution for universal screening, progress monitoring and data management for grades K-12. Late start time was devoted to working on language arts curriculum lessons. The elementary holiday concert and art fair was held on 12/12/13. The PTO is sponsoring a holiday gift workshop for any students and families who want to participate. Green Gold Day will be held for families who participated in the PTO fundraiser. The high school Spanish classes will be performing skits for elementary students on 12/19/13. A school movie will be held on 12/20/13 and classroom parties will be held in the afternoon.

Mr. Lenz reported on middle school events. The MAP testing window will be open between 1/27/14 and 2/14/14. Earth Club is sponsoring a pet food drive. Middle school band and choir will perform in their winter concert on 12/17/13. The middle school staff took part in No Shave November and they raised almost \$550.00. Middle school boys' basketball has concluded and girls' basketball will start after winter break. The middle school boys' basketball team will take on middle school staff in a game on 1/20/14.

Mr. LeMay submitted a report on the high school. The high school band and choir holiday concert will be held on 12/17/13. WKCE testing was held on 11/7/13 and 11/13/13. This is the last year for the WKCE tests. Next year high schools will be taking the ACT suite which include 9<sup>th</sup> grade—Explore, 10<sup>th</sup> grade—Plan and 11<sup>th</sup> grade—ACT-like exams. Mr. LeMay participated in a High School Reform Committee meeting on 12/6/13. Very good feedback has been received from parents to Mr. LeMay's monthly high school newsletter. Student Council raised money again this year for their Christmas Wishes program. Theatrical Society members sang carols at the Columbia County Health Care Center on 12/10/13. GO Time offerings this round will include German taught by our foreign exchange student

and sign language taught by our interpreters. Mr. LeMay presented plans for the introduction of a Tech Ed program back into our curriculum at the Curriculum Committee meeting on 12/5/13. He will make a presentation to the Board at their 1/20/14 meeting. Winter sports are underway.

Mr. Krueger reported on buildings and grounds items. There were 25 work orders this month. Recent maintenance jobs included installing a new 3-way valve at the elementary school, retrofitting our old fixtures in the shop to accept fluorescent bulbs, building a cart for the batting cage in the multi-purpose room so that taking it down and putting it back up will be easier on the netting, installing a new sink and faucet in an elementary classroom, replacing a hot water pump in the elementary school, and building a cart for the high school risers which saved the school about \$400.00. Custodians have been setting up and taking down for games and concerts in addition to their main responsibilities. Mr. Krueger attended a recent asbestos seminar and he is working on getting costs for upcoming projects.

Ms. McElroy reported on technology in the district. **Equipment & Network:** The SAN (Storage Area Network) drive failure was reported on at the 12/2/13 board meeting. **Data protection:** Ms. McElroy forwarded to board member emails a digital flyer created by iSafe.org to help bring the need to protect school data to the attention of school district leaders. **Internet transport and internet costs:** Ms. McElroy provided information about future internet bandwidth needs and imminent costs that will go along with these increases. 1) Transport costs: we belong to the TEACH consortium. They provide the fiber connection to our district and the consortium subsidizes the first 100Mb so we pay \$250 per month=\$3,000 annually. Wiscnet predicts school districts that have 1,000 students will need 1Gbps by the year 2017 due to demand from 1:1 devices for students that would provide digital textbooks and curriculum, testing, communication and media rich content. Ms. McElroy provided a spreadsheet to the Board showing the cost increments for the current fiber transport at the 200 Mbps, 300 Mbps and 1 Gbps levels. 2) Internet services currently provided by Wiscnet—we pay \$1,000 per year for membership and an additional \$7,000 per year for our 100Mbps service. Currently, Wiscnet offers up to 1 Gbps internet services for the same cost. We apply to erate for the \$7,000 portion and when approved we receive 63% of the cost reimbursed under Priority I funding. 3) In summary, the District can try to find a company that will provide a new fiber connection to connect to the Wiscnet backbone at a lower cost or the District could find a different company that would be able to connect with new fiber and provide the same or better reliable internet services. Ms. McElroy said In Pardeeville, our options are quite limited. She will be conducting some research on this as will many other school districts. **Software and Professional Development:** Ms. Reigel and Ms. McElroy attended the PowerSchool User Group conference on 12/12/13 and 12/13/13.

### Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee—met tonight to discuss possible capital referendum projects. Ms. Levzow said the committee took a tour of the locker room and they believe the \$112,000 left in the 2012 referendum will be enough to do the lockers and the rest of the work needed in the locker room. The committee identified 2014 capital referendum projects and estimated costs which will be discussed under the 2014 capital referendum item on tonight's agenda.

Curriculum Committee—met on 12/5/13 to discuss restarting Tech Ed program and graduation requirements. The next meeting for this committee will be on Thursday, 1/16/14, at 8:00 a.m. At that meeting they will discuss the Tech Ed program and the increase in credit requirements for graduation. The Curriculum Committee will discuss the 8<sup>th</sup> grade health class subject after it is brought to the board meeting on 1/20/14 and referred to the committee.

#### Student Representative Report

Mr. John Walton reported on Student Council and other events in the high school. Basketball and curling have started. The high school band and choir winter concert is on 12/17/13. The Junior Class is doing a fund raiser at Pizza Ranch in Portage on 12/16/13 and the class gets 10% of the receipts and 100% of the tips. Student Council is doing the Christmas Wishes program again this year to help two families this holiday season and they held a Neon Dance on 12/14/13 to raise money for those families. Drama Club members went caroling at the Columbia County Healthcare Center.

#### Board Member Concerns

Ms. Ives said she was thankful for the school selling passes for parents and students for basketball games.

Ms. Lezow thanked Mr. Knitt for clarifying that the funds raised from the silent auction at the winter music concert would not need to go toward paying back the school district for the platform risers. The money raised would be used for show choir costuming necessities.

Ms. Morrison expressed a concern over the length of previous middle/high school music concerts.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 12/2/13

A motion was made by Ms. Lezow to approve the minutes dated 12/2/13. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morrison. Two revisions to the minutes were then recommended: 1) Shannon Westbury's name should be added to those in attendance at the 12/2/13 meeting; and 2) it was recommended that the word "should" be changed to "would" in paragraph three where it talks about referring the 8<sup>th</sup> grade health class issue to the Curriculum Committee. A motion to modify the minutes was made by Mr. Smith. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lezow. Motion carried 7-0.

#### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve the receipts/expenditures. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 7-0. Check numbers submitted and approved included #50225-50240, 50316-50358, 50392-50468, 10353-10362, 01AMEX0029, and 01AMEX0032-01AMEX0035.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Approximately \$1,335,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Ms. Carol Wirth reported to the Board on the result of the sale of the refunding bonds. The final net interest rate for the bonds will be 2.07%. The net savings to the District achieved by refinancing is \$80,860.00 which will occur as a reduction in the Fund 39 debt service levy beginning in 2014-15. Upon approval of the resolution by the Board, the interest rates will be locked in. A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of approximately \$1,335,000 general obligation refunding bonds. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Balsiger-yes; Ms. Ives-yes; Ms. Lezow-yes, Ms. Morrison-yes, Ms. Pufahl-yes, Mr. Smith-yes; Ms. Walker-yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Consideration of April 2014 Operational Referendum Terms and Authorizing the Preparation of Referendum Resolutions

The Board discussed the operational referendum for the April 1<sup>st</sup> ballot. They discussed going with a four year non-recurring referendum with decreasing amounts of \$905,000 for 2014-15; \$885,000 for 2015-16; \$850,000 for 2016-17; and \$850,000 for 2017-18. Ms. Morrison expressed a concern as to whether these decreasing amounts left enough money in the operational budget should the school need more. A motion was made by Ms. Lezow to approve the April 2014 operational referendum amounts of \$905,000 for 2014-15; \$885,000 for 2015-16; \$850,000 for 2016-17; and \$850,000 for 2017-18 for non-recurring purposes and to authorize the preparation of referendum resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Balsiger-yes; Ms. Ives-yes; Ms. Lezow-yes, Ms. Morrison-no, Ms. Pufahl-yes, Mr. Smith-yes; Ms. Walker-yes. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Wirth will prepare the operational referendum question for approval at the January 6, 2014 board meeting.

Consideration of April 2014 Capital Referendum Terms and Authorizing the Preparation of Referendum Resolutions

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met tonight to discuss capital referendum projects. They identified the projects in need and the cost estimates for the projects:

Elementary School Boilers—replacing 4 of 6 units:	\$250,000
Roof Repairs for High School and Elementary School:	\$ 75,000
Asbestos Removal and Tile Replacement:	\$ 75,000
Exterior High School Building	\$275,000
Parking Lots (3)—repair cracks, seal and stripe	\$ 40,000
Technology Education	\$ 85,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>

A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to prepare the capital referendum resolution in an amount not to exceed \$800,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lezow. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Balsiger-yes; Ms. Ives-yes; Ms. Lezow-yes, Ms. Morrison-yes, Ms. Pufahl-yes, Mr. Smith-yes; Ms. Walker-yes. Motion passed 7-0. Ms. Wirth will prepare the capital referendum question for approval at the January 6, 2014 board meeting.

### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2014. Agenda items will include 2012-13 Financial Audit Report, Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation Recognition, Board Member Concerns, Approval of Minutes Dated 12/16/13, Approval of Donation, Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Non-Recurring Purposes, Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$800,000, Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Questions of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Non-recurring Purposes and an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$800,000, Agenda Items for Next Meeting, Executive Session to approve executive session minutes dated 12/2/13 and to discuss one year extensions of High School and Middle School Principal contracts, and Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Ives to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Lynette Ives, Clerk