

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pardeeville, WI
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 5, 2018

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, Mr. Pulver, Mr. Smith, Ms. Walker, and Ms. Pufahl. Ms. Natalie Farrington, student representative, was absent. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. Bell, Mr. Hammer, Mr. Krueger, Ms. Clemmons, Mr. Phil Kamrath, Ms. Amanda Seichter, and students McKenna Cook and Alexis Crotty.

Parent-Teacher Conference Report

The principals reported on participation at the parent-teacher conferences held on 2/22/18. Mr. Knitt said most all of the staff liked the one-day conference, however, he said if they do the one-day conference next year, he would recommend having it run from 11:30-7:30 rather than 11:00-7:00.

Review Program for Groundbreaking Ceremony

Mr. Knitt reported on progress made for the Groundbreaking Ceremony, which will be held on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Knitt said the band will play at the ceremony. He would like to have 1-2 students from band, choir, art, drama and a couple of elementary students at the ceremony. About 5-6 Pardeeville Bulldog Support Foundation members will be there. The ceremony should last about a half hour. Mr. Knitt will be talking with representatives from Miron and General Engineering on March 6th as they will be helping us with planning the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

School Safety

Mr. Knitt reported on the safety measures that have been implemented to ensure the safety of students and employees of the Pardeeville Area School District. This information will also be put in our April District newsletter and it will be discussed at an upcoming staff meeting. Ms. Kamrath said she will be having an officer come to the elementary school to discuss safest classroom places. Ms. Levzow recommended having that done in the middle school and high school too.

Construction Update

Mr. Knitt said that the required turtle fence for the construction project has been put up. Bid documents are out and a lot of vendors received notice that the bids are available. Construction walk thru days for the renovation areas will be held on March 7 and March 14. Bid opening will be held on 3/20/18.

Board Member Concerns

None

Approval of Minutes Dated 2/26/18

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the minutes dated 2/26/18. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 6-0-1. Mr. Smith abstained.

Approval of Transportation Request

A request was made by a parent to allow the Rio School District's bus to come into the Pardeeville School District to pick up a child. The situation involved a family that lives in the Pardeeville School District, however, the child attends Rio Schools under the open enrollment program. A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to deny the transportation request as per policy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Youth Apprenticeship Honor Cords

Information was given to the Board about honor cords that are available from CESA 5 for students who complete the Youth Apprenticeship program. A discussion was held as to whether having more honor cords would distract from the honor cords presently being used at graduation and whether approval would set a precedence for additional requests. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to not approve the youth apprenticeship honor cords. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of FFA Honor Cord Proposal

Two FFA students, McKenna Cook and Alexis Crotty, presented a proposal to the Board to have FFA honor cords for graduation. They would like to use these honor cords as a way to showcase the pride, hard work and dedication that their members have given. The proposal included the requirements that would be needed to get the honor cord. A motion was made by Ms. Ives to not approve the FFA honor cord proposal. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 7-0. Similar reasoning was used for this request as it was for the youth apprenticeship honor cords. The Board would like to consider other ways to acknowledge the accomplishments of these students such as at Awards Night, publishing in the District newsletter, etc.

Approval/Resignation of Coaches/Volunteers

Resignations were submitted from Mr. Joe Guenther for Middle School Football Coach and Mr. Mike Haynes for Varsity Curling Coach. A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to accept the resignations from Mr. Guenther and Mr. Haynes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 7-0.

Coaches submitted for approval were: Nicole Jodarski—Assistant Track, Alex Hammerschmidt—Assistant Track, John Lindquist—Middle School Track, Mitch Beckett—Varsity Golf, Amy Jenatscheck—Middle School Softball, and Stacie Wheeler—Assistant Softball. A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve the list of coaches as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 7-0.

Volunteers submitted for approval were: Laurie Knitt—Softball Volunteer, Alyssa Kuhl—Softball Volunteer, Tammy Heck—Softball Volunteer, Rich Peterson—Softball Volunteer, Elliot Snow—Baseball Volunteer, Jeff Jenkins—Baseball Volunteer, Trevin Kreier—Baseball Volunteer, and Adam Vrbsky—Track Volunteer. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the list of volunteers as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of End of School Year Date for 2017-18

Due to construction this summer in the High School, Mr. Knitt recommended ending the 2017-18 school year on Friday, June 1, for students and on Wednesday, June 6, for teachers. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve ending the 2017-18 school year on June 1 for students and June 6 for teachers. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Elimination of a Spring Sport

Mr. Knitt said at the time of this meeting there were only 10 students signed up to play baseball. The board decided to table this item until the March 19th meeting to allow more time. Mr. Balsiger said he would like the cutoff set at 15 players to have a team.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018. Agenda items will include: Open Forum, Administrative Team Reports, Committee Reports, Student Representative Report, Construction Update, Board Member Concerns, Approval of Minutes Dated 3/5/18, Approval of Receipts/ Expenditures, Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request for Art Club, Approval of Food Service Bid, Approval of Additional Coaches, and Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Policies.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Lynette Ives, Clerk