

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pardeeville, WI
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 3, 2017

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, Ms. Pufahl, and Ms. Mikayla Brouette, student representative. Ms. Walker arrived at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Smith was absent. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. Bell, Mr. Hammer, Ms. McElroy, Mr. Krueger, Ms. Clemmons, Ms. Angie Engelmann, Ms. Amanda Levzow, and Mr. Phil Kamrath.

Discussion/Action on Elementary School Playground Equipment Addition

Ms. Angie Engelmann reported on the status of the elementary school playground equipment addition. She said this project is in its final stage. Everything will be bought and paid for by the PTO and donations they have received. A motion was made by Mr. Pulver to accept the donation from the PTO for the elementary playground equipment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion/Action on Approval of Community Service Cords

Mr. Hammer presented guidelines and requirements for students to be eligible to wear an Honor Cord at graduation. Students would have to complete at least 200 hours of community service during their 4 years of high school. A maximum of 50 hours will be counted from on-campus activities and 150 hours must be completed during off-campus activities. It is suggested that students spread out their hours over all 4 years of high school and complete at least 30 hours of community service each year. No single activity can count for more than 25 hours each year. The community service hours and documentation must be completed and submitted to the principal on or before May 1st of the student's senior year. A list of community service opportunities will be developed and kept up-to-date on the school's website. The number of hours expected of each class for fulfillment of the service hours will be phased in over 4 years: Class of 2018—50 hours, Class of 2019—100 hours, Class of 2020—150 hours, and Class of 2021 and beyond—200 hours. Mr. Hammer will be putting together a reporting form for keeping track of the community service. Mr. Balsiger recommended that information be added to the document that says final discretion lies with the principal. Approval for this item will be on the next board agenda.

Referendum Update

Mr. Knitt gave an update on preparations for the referendum on the spring ballot. He attended board meetings at all municipalities in March to provide information, held tours in the high school on March 18 and 25, and held public information meetings in the Pardeeville High School, Marcellon Town Hall and Wyocena Community room. Information about the referendum also went out in the district newsletter and was sent home with students.

School Board Members to Hand Out Diplomas at Graduation on 5/27/17

Ms. Ives and Ms. Lezow volunteered to hand out diplomas at this year's graduation.

2017-18 Health Insurance Renewal

Mr. Knitt updated the Board with the information he has received regarding the school's health insurance renewal for the 2017-2018 school year. The increase for Unity Insurance will be 6.5%. Approval of the 2017-18 health insurance will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.

2017-18 Dental Insurance Renewal

Mr. Knitt updated the Board with the information he has received regarding the school's dental insurance renewal for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Knitt said he is looking into a comparison for dental insurance with Lincoln Financial since our rate with Delta Dental will go up 9.5%. A recommendation will be brought to the board for approval.

Cyber Solution Insurance Coverage

Mr. Knitt reviewed our school's Cyber insurance coverage.

Report on Advanced Placement Recognition

Pardeeville High School was recognized by the Wisconsin Advanced Placement Advisory Council as a Level III Advanced Placement Pacesetter school for the 2015-16 school year. Recognition was received because 10-20% of our student population takes an Advanced Placement test with between 60-65% of the students earning a score of 3 or above which allows the student the opportunity to earn college credit. Pardeeville High School offers 5 AP classes including AP Calculus, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Psychology, and AP U.S. History. Mr. Knitt was asked how it would affect our standing if we let students from other schools attend our AP classes.

Teacher on Call System

Mr. Knitt reviewed an alternative plan for substitute calling from what the District is currently doing. He said the Teacher on Call program would relieve a lot of workload in our school. They would do background checks and keep track of licensing. Teachers would not have the long wait time when they retire if they want to come back and substitute teach, and they would not be part of our ACA reporting. Mr. Knitt will bring this item back to the board later this spring for approval.

Rescheduling of May Committee Meeting Dates and Board Meeting Dates

Since the second board meeting in May is on May 15 and that is the same night as the high school awards program, the board chose to have their meeting on May 22 instead.

Board Member Concerns

Mr. Pulver thanked Mr. Hammer for giving the board a list of the classes that Rio, Fall River and Cambria offer.

Approval of Minutes Dated 3/20/17

A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the minutes dated 3/20/17. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 5-0-1. Ms. Ives abstained.

Approval of Additional Spring Coaches/Volunteers

Submitted for approval were: Stacie Wheeler—Middle School Softball Assistant Coach, Joe Guenther—Middle School Baseball Volunteer, Rod Osterhaus—Middle School Baseball Volunteer, and Jeff Jenkins—Middle School Baseball Volunteer. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the coaches/volunteers as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Donation of AED's from Columbus Community Hospital

Pardeeville Schools received five AED machines as a donation from the Columbus Community Hospital. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the AED machines donation from the Columbus Community Hospital with appreciation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Portable Welding Rod Oven

A portable welding rod oven was donated to the school by Lincoln Electric for our Tech Ed class. A motion was made by Mr. Pulver to approve the donation of the portable welding rod oven. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. 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 17, 2017. Agenda items will include: Open Forum, Report on Washington D.C. Trip, Administrative Team Reports, Committee Reports, Student Representative Report, Election Update, Construction Update, Teacher on Call Program, Board Member Concerns, Approval of Minutes Dated 4/3/17, Approval of Receipts/Expenditures, Approval of Community Service Cords, Approval of Health Insurance, Approval of Certified Staff Resignations, and Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Policies.

Executive Session

An executive session was held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to approve the executive meeting minutes dated 12/19/16 and to discuss preliminary notice of certified staff non-renewals.

Action on Items in Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the preliminary notice of certified staff non-renewals. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Pulver to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Lynette Ives, Board Clerk