

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Pardeeville, WI

MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Ms. Davel. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Balsiger, Ms. Levzow, Ms. Pufahl, Mr. Skaar, Ms. Walker, and Ms. Davel. Ms. Ives arrived following roll call. Ms. Paige Hauge, student representative to the board, was absent. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. Lenz, Mr. LeMay, Mr. Knapp, Ms. McElroy, Ms. Clemmons, and Ms. Tamara Kielty.

Notice of Hearing – Petition to Alter School District Boundaries

A public hearing was held on a petition filed by Jan and Lynn Bradley to detach property from the Pardeeville Area School District and to attach it to the Cambria-Friesland School District. Mr. Knitt explained to the Board that if both the Pardeeville School District and Cambria-Friesland School District voted to approve the petition, the change would be effective July 1, 2012. If either school district denied the petition, the petitioner could appeal the decision through the Department of Public Instruction's Boundary Appeal Board. Mr. Knitt discussed the impact that this detachment would have on the Pardeeville School District. The property involved is three parcels of 40 acres each, totaling 120 acres. This family presently has two children that are Pardeeville residents but that attend Cambria-Friesland schools under open enrollment. There is potential at some point in time that there could be more households on this property and more students. The board members discussed a concern that allowing this detachment could be precedent setting.

A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to close the public hearing. Mr. Balsiger seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

Action on Petition to Alter School District Boundaries

Ms. Levzow made a motion for a resolution that an order be issued and filed denying the petition from Jan and Lynn Bradley to detach property from the Pardeeville Area School District and attach it to the Cambria-Friesland School District. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pufahl. Ballots were given to each school board member to vote on the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Open Forum

No open forum items were presented.

Administrative Team Reports

Ms. Kamrath submitted a report informing the board about elementary activities. Elementary student council members are selling Caring Grams for 25 cents. Students, families and staff members have an opportunity to send a message to someone they care about. Proceeds will be used to purchase playground equipment and/or to replace the wood chips on the playground.

During the month of March elementary students will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and "Read Across America". Activities will include a Reading Family Night and a contest to promote reading in our school and homes. PTO will be sponsoring the Art/Science Fair on 3/17/12. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for February 21 and February 23. Ms. Kamrath is looking into the 2012-2013 school year schedule and would like to refine a few grade level recesses and lunches and extend the Math Intervention time. Ms. Kamrath attended the Elementary Administrators Conference on February 9 and 10. She informed the Board that some vandalism happened on second floor of the elementary school during the time the boys' club was using the gym on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kamrath said she has identified who committed the vandalism and steps are being taken to retrieve the damages.

Mr. Lenz provided a report on middle school. All students in grades 3-8 have completed MAP testing and Mr. Lenz provided a report on the results of these tests showing how our students compared with normative averages in Language Usage, Math and Reading. Mr. Haynes conducted 8<sup>th</sup> grade scheduling with students. Scheduling was done on line and 100% of the students are scheduled. Forty-six students have signed up for the ACT Explore test for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. In a continuing effort to work 5<sup>th</sup> grade into middle school, a 4-on-4 round robin basketball tournament was held between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Mr. LeMay submitted a report on the high school. An FFA Speaking Contest was held at Pardeeville High School on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bouwkamp and his FFA did a great job. Winterfest was held the week of February 6-10 with the dance on February 11. There were dress-up days all week. Friday afternoon was a shortened schedule with classes getting done at 1:30 and then an all-school assembly was held to recognize various groups. Student Council did a great job organizing Winterfest.

Mr. Knapp submitted a report on the Custodial/Maintenance Department. The maintenance department is nearing completion on removal of the majority of the old exit signs in the elementary school which no longer meet code and are replacing them with signs that do. More exit signs are also being installed that are integrated with automatic on emergency lights which will enhance the safety of occupants of the building. The high school has an emergency generator which will power emergency lights on and new batteries have been purchased and installed in the exit signs. The generator will be inspected and maintained on a quarterly basis as part of the new Life Safety program. Mr. Knapp has talked with contractors regarding the north side doorways of the high school. These doorways lack protective overhangs to protect from falling ice from the roof and he would like to address that problem this summer. Mr. Knapp will be attending the WASBO Facilities Manager Conference in late February.

Ms. McElroy reported on Technology in the district which included the following: **Equipment:** The middle school lab computer replacements are complete and the tech department is working on replacing middle and high school teaching staff computers. A drive failed on the SAN storage system and was replaced under warranty. **Network & Software:** MAP testing was completed at the elementary and middle schools. Reports from the testing are being reviewed by teaching and administrative staff. During the late start time in February, the lead curriculum teachers were introduced to the BYOC Curriculum program. Mr. Knitt and a team of 4 teachers will attend a one-day Google Mini-Summit to learn about ways the Google Apps can support and enhance the learning experience in the classroom. Digital Learning Day was celebrated at Pardeeville schools on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – no meeting will be held on 2/27/12.

Curriculum Committee—next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 3/15/12, at 8:00 a.m.

Personnel Committee – no meeting scheduled.

Policy Committee – next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 2/27/12 at 5:30 p.m.

## Student Representative Report

No report was given.

## Demonstration on MAP Testing

Board members were able to go to the elementary computer lab and experience doing the MAP testing program for math that students take on the computers. The MAP testing program shows individual strengths and weaknesses in reading and math and student progress can be tracked over time.

## Approval of Minutes Dated 2/6/12

A motion was made by Ms. Pufahl to approve the minutes dated 2/6/12 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lezow. Motion carried 7-0.

## Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

A motion was made by Ms. Pufahl to approve the receipts/expenditures as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lezow. Motion carried 7-0. Check numbers submitted and approved included 46444-46614 and 46664-46769.

## Resignation and Approval of Spring Coaches

Mr. Knitt recommended approving only the track coaches at tonight's meeting so they could get taken care of before practices begin. Other spring coaches will be approved at a future meeting. Track coaches submitted to the Board for approval included: Wes Babcock—Varsity Track and Gary Carpenter—Assistant Track. A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve Wes Babcock and Gary Carpenter as track coaches. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 7-0.

## Approval of Overnight/Sunday Trip for Phy Ed

Ms. Tamra Kielty submitted a field trip request for approval to take students to Indian Trails on an overnight trip for the Outdoor Adventures class. The tentative date is February 24-26, 2012. Ms. Kielty told the Board that this was a new class added this year. Students would have to cook all meals outside and they would be hiking the ice age trail as part of their activities. A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the trip to Indian Trails. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 7-0.

### Approval of Overnight/Sunday Trip for FBLA

Ms. Hineman and Ms. Baus submitted a request to take FBLA members to state competition in LaCrosse on April 1-3, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the FBLA trip as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pufahl. Motion approved 7-0.

### Approval of Certified Staff Retirement

Ms. Hope Fenske, elementary music teacher, submitted her letter of retirement to the Board effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve Ms. Fenske's retirement with regret and thanks. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pufahl. Motion carried 7-0.

### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012 in the high School Library. Agenda items will include Report on Wisconsin State High School Ice Fishing Tournament, Approval of Minutes Dated 2/20/12, Approval of Fall Youth Options Courses, and Approval of Donation from Bank of Poynette.

Ms. Levzow left the meeting before the executive session meeting began.

### Executive Session

An executive session was held under 19.85(1)(c)(f) to approve Executive Meeting Minutes dated 12/19/11, Executive Meeting Minutes dated 2/6/12, to discuss non-renewal of certified staff, lay-offs of certified staff, and expulsion orders of two students.

A motion to go back into open session was made by Ms. Walker. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Balsiger-yes, Ms. Davel-yes, Ms. Ives-yes, Ms. Pufahl-yes, Mr. Skaar-yes, and Ms. Walker-yes. Motion passed 6-0.

### Action on Items from Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the administrator's recommendation for two certified staff non-renewals based on budgetary constraints. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 6-0.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Pufahl to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Becky Levzow, Clerk