

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pardeeville, WI

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 2, 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. Pufahl, Mr. Skaar and Ms. Davel. Ms. Walker arrived during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. Absent were Ms. Ives, Ms. Levzow and Ms. Paige Hauge, student representative to the board. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. Lenz, Mr. LeMay, Ms. McElroy, Mr. Knapp, Ms. Clemmons, Mr. Rod Osterhaus, and students Cogan Kirchenwitz and Danielle Wais.

Open Forum

Students Cogan Kirchenwitz and Danielle Wais addressed the Board regarding the discontinuation of the technology education classes at Pardeeville High School. Cogan told the Board that next year he would not be able to participate in Skills USA events because there would be no tech ed classes. This year Cogan served as President of Skills USA. He said through participation in the Skills USA organization he learned important skills such as working with a team and feeling comfortable speaking in front of a crowd. He said students learn skills in math and writing through tech ed classes and the program teaches hands on skills for future careers. Danielle Wais, president of student council, said she was representing students who signed a petition to continue with the tech ed program. She said this program and the participation in Skills USA have shown student success and provided for hands on education for students. Mr. Knitt said the Board would provide an update on this subject at the April 16th meeting.

Elementary Family Handbook and Elementary Staff Handbook

Ms. Kamrath gave a copy of the elementary family handbook and elementary staff handbook along with proposed revisions to the Board. These handbooks will be on the agenda for approval at the next school board meeting.

Board Members to Hand Out Diplomas

Ms. Pufahl volunteered to hand out diplomas at graduation. One more board member will be needed to hand out diplomas.

Referendum Update

Mr. Knitt said three referendum informational meetings and two facility walk thru events were held for the public. He said results from the 4/3/12 election regarding the referendum should come through timely; however, results for school board election will be slower because they will all be write-in votes. Mr. Knitt also thanked Ms. Clemmons for working with Sue Moll, Columbia County Clerk, to pursue getting both referendum questions on one side of the ballot. Initially ballots for three municipalities had question one on one side of the ballot and question two on the other side of the ballot.

Report on District Administrator Meeting with MATC

Mr. Knitt told the Board that he had written a letter to MATC telling them he was very disappointed because they did not notify Pardeeville Schools soon enough that they would not be providing the Sociology course. If Ms. Downs would have known about the cancellation of the course sooner she could have gotten students into other classes rather than having to make something work for these students at the last minute. Representatives from MATC came recently to talk with Mr. Knitt to apologize and they said they would try to improve on their communication. They discussed classes that they would like to make available to Pardeeville Schools which would provide dual credit for high school and MATC. MATC is also talking with other local school districts about offering joint classes. MATC will set up a meeting in May to discuss that. Mr. Knitt said he would attend that meeting. Mr. Knitt would like to move forward toward a good working partnership with MATC and he will keep the school board updated on this matter.

Approval of Minutes Dated 3/19/12

A motion was made by Ms. Pufahl to approve the minutes dated 3/19/12 as printed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Overnight/Sunday Trip for Student Council on April 29 & 30, 2012

Student Council advisors, Ms. Downs and Mr. Lynch, submitted an overnight/Sunday trip for approval for Student Council to go to the Wisconsin Association of Student Councils State Conference in Green Bay on April 29 and 30, 2012. A motion was made by Ms. Pufahl to approve the overnight/Sunday trip for Student Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skaar. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of 4K Placement Procedure

A proposal for placing 4K students either in the morning or afternoon classes for the 2012-2013 school year was presented to the school board for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the 4K placement procedure as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of MAP Proposal for K-2

Ms. Kamrath presented a plan for adding K-2 for MAP testing at the last meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the MAP testing proposal for K-2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pufahl. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Resignation from Varsity Volleyball Coach

Ms. Heather Falkner submitted a letter of resignation from her varsity volleyball coaching position. A motion was made by Ms. Pufahl to approve Ms. Falkner's resignation as high school varsity volleyball coach. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Resignations from High School Forensics Advisors

A letter was submitted from Ms. Joy Ribar and Mr. John Ribar resigning from their forensics advising positions at the end of the current school year. A motion was made by Mr. Skaar to approve the forensics advisor resignations from Ms. Joy Ribar and Mr. John Ribar. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pufahl. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Youth Options Courses

One youth options application was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the youth options application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Textbooks

Mr. Balsiger said the Curriculum Committee held a meeting on March 15th. The committee listened to rationale and cost proposals for new textbooks from teachers for AP Psychology, AP Language and Composition, middle school math, AP Calculus and a dual credit MATC Algebra course. A motion was made by Mr. Skaar to approve the textbooks as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012 in the high School Library. Agenda items will include Recognition of Retiring School Board Members, Signing of Oath by New School Board Members, Open Forum, Administrative Team Reports, Committee Reports, Student Representative Report, Report on Student Council Trip to Minnesota, WKCE Test Results, Approval of Minutes Dated 4/2/12, Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated 4/9/12, Approval of Receipts/Expenditures, Approval of Resignation from Custodian, Approval of NEOLA Electronic Publishing Service for Policy Book, Approval of Elementary Family Handbook, Approval of Elementary Staff Handbook, Approval of Summer School Swimming Program, Approval of Summer School Enrichment Program, Approval of Bid Specifications for High School Roof, Approval of Bid Specifications for the Elementary School Panels and Windows Project Approved in Referendum and an executive session to approve executive meeting minutes dated 4/9/12, to discuss personnel issues in the baseball program and discuss recall of laid off certified staff due to referendum.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Pufahl to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Margo Pufahl, Vice President