

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pardeeville, WI

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Ms. Pufahl. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Balsiger, Ms. Levwow, Ms. Morrison, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pufahl, and A.J. Sterlavage, Student Representative. Absent were Ms. Ives and Ms. Walker. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Mr. Lenz, Mr. LeMay, Ms. McElroy, Mr. Knapp, Ms. Clemmons, Ms. Holly Downs and Ms. Lisa Welch.

Post-Graduation Survey

Ms. Holly Downs, High School Guidance Counselor, and Ms. Lisa Welch, teaching assistant, presented the results of a post-graduation survey. They surveyed graduates from the classes of 2009-2011. A 15% feedback was received from 211 students. Students were asked if they felt prepared after leaving high school, if they would be interested in coming back to speak to students, what they are currently doing, if they are still doing what they planned to do after high school, and what they wish they would have learned in high school that they know now. Several graduates indicated they would be willing to come back to speak with students. Many students said that more college prep courses would have been helpful. We now offer 2 more AP classes than we did then.

School Report Cards

Mr. Knitt said School Report Cards were released by the Department of Public Instruction on October 22, 2012. The board members were given a copy of the report cards for Pardeeville Elementary, Middle School and High School. Initial results showed Pardeeville Elementary and Pardeeville Middle School exceeded expectations while the High School meets expectations. Mr. Knitt said, however, that after the reports came out, the Department of Public Instruction changed their criteria and then the Middle School changed from exceeded expectations to meets expectations. Mr. Knitt also said the High School results would have come in higher but the high school lost points due to the way attendance was recorded. Mr. Knitt said he will report on School Report Cards for area schools at the next board meeting.

Attendance at WASB Annual Convention January 23-25, 2013

The annual Wisconsin Association of School Boards convention will be held on January 23-25, 2013. The school board members were given a list of sessions that will take place on Wednesday and Thursday which are typically the days our school board has attended in the past. Mr. Balsiger, Ms. Levwow, Mr. Smith and Ms. Pufahl indicated they plan to attend. Ms. Morrison cannot attend. Ms. Clemmons will check with Ms. Ives and Ms. Walker to see if they plan to attend this convention and she will then send in the registrations and make room reservations.

Ms. Morrison left the Board meeting at this time.

Common Core Standards

Mr. Knitt discussed common core standards. He provided a copy of the curriculum mapping for English and Math prepared by CESA 7's Common Core Curriculum Companion program. We are using the Build Your Own Curriculum (BYOC) for non-common core standards subjects such as Ag, Music, Art, etc. Mr. Knitt said staff members have been working very hard on common core standards. Test results based on these standards will be part of teacher evaluations.

Board Member Concerns

- 1) Indoor Environment Quality Management Plan – will be required to be effective February 2013. Mr. Knitt will present this plan to the Board when it is ready.
- 2) Negative Food Balances – Mr. Knitt said the lunch account balances are now supported by PowerSchool. There are no longer any automated telephone calls that remind parents when their accounts are low or have a negative balance. Parents can now access PowerSchool at any time to get the lunch account balances for their children. Mr. Knitt said Ms. Manteufel has done a good job explaining this information to parents; however, some parents still seem to be waiting for a telephone call reminding them they need to add money to their accounts rather than checking PowerSchool to check their balance.

Approval of Minutes Dated 10/15/12

A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the minutes dated 10/15/12. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated 10/29/12

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the special meeting minutes dated 10/29/12. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Middle School Special Education Aide

Mr. Lenz recommended hiring Ms. Laura Brenner for the middle school special education aide position that was approved earlier by the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve hiring Ms. Laura Brenner for the middle school special education aide position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Part-Time Title I Position

The school district received additional Title I money from the federal government. Administration is recommending the hiring of Ms. Kathy Baewer for a 44% Title I position. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve hiring Ms. Kathy Baewer for the part-time Title I position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Additional Winter Coaches

Coaches for curling were submitted for approval: Michael Haynes—High School Curling Coach, Jim Housner—Assistant Curling Coach and Micah Neef—Volunteer Curling Coach. A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the curling coaches. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Interagency Agreement with Columbia County Coordinated Services Team

The Columbia County Coordinated Services Team program keeps children with multiple and persistent needs in their homes, schools, and community through a comprehensive, coordinated interagency system of care. In order for the Pardeeville Area School District to participate in this program, our School Board must approve their Interagency Agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the Interagency Agreement with the Columbia County Coordinated Services Team. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Donation from Madison Community Foundation

Our school district received a check for \$1,050 from Madison Community Foundation to be used for physical items that remove the barriers for children to actively participate in school activities. Per Board Policy, the Board must approve this donation. A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the donation from the Madison Community Foundation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 4-0. A thank you should be sent for this donation.

Approval of Job Descriptions

The Personnel Committee recommended approval of revised food service job descriptions for Cook I and Cook II. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the revised job descriptions for Cook I and Cook II. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2012. Agenda items will include Open Forum, Administrative Team Reports, Committee Reports, Student Representative Report, Teacher Evaluation, Report on School Report Cards for Area Schools, Board Member Concerns, Approval of Minutes Dated 11/5/12, Approval of Receipts/Expenditures, Approval of Open Enrollment Exception, and Approval of Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Margo Pufahl, President