

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pardeeville, WI

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Vice President, Ms. Pufahl. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Balsiger, Ms. Ives, Ms. Lezow, Ms. Pufahl, Mr. Skaar and Ms. Walker. Ms. Davel was absent. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. LeMay, Mr. Lenz, Ms. McElroy, Mr. Knapp, Ms. Clemmons, Ms. Elizabeth Gust, Mr. David Davidson, Mr. Ralph Lezow, Mr. Neal James, Ms. Helen Rawson, Mr. Joe Rataczak, Mr. Bryce McKinley and Ms. Patricia Evitch.

Establish Board Committee Meeting Dates

Buildings & Grounds Committee - will meet the 4th Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. First meeting will be September 26th.

Curriculum Committee - will meet as scheduled. First meeting will be Thursday, September 29th at 8:00 a.m.

Personnel Committee – will meet the first Monday of each month prior to the regular board meeting at 5:30 p.m. The first meeting is October 3rd.

Policy Committee – will meet the 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. First meeting will be September 26th.

Advanced Placement Test Results

Mr. Knitt gave a report on the 2010-2011 Advanced Placement test results and a summary for the past three years. Students scoring 3 or higher will receive college credits. For AP Calculus, 3 out of 9 students scored 3 or higher. For AP English Literature/Composition, 6 out of 14 students scored 3 or higher. For AP U.S. History, 11 out of 11 students scored 3 or higher. For Psychology, 0 out of 7 scored 3 or higher. It was noted that this Psychology course was taught online through Jedi/Apex Learning and it would not be recommended as an AP class again.

ACT Test Results

Mr. Knitt provided a report on ACT test results for the 16 schools districts that are in the Trailways Conference. Pardeeville Schools ranked 1st in Reading, 3rd in English, 7th in Math, 2nd in Science and 2nd in the overall composite score. Mr. Knitt said he was very pleased with the success that Pardeeville Schools had this past year.

Report on Fifth Grade Music Program

Mr. Knitt provided a response to a request for information made at the last school board meeting relative to the changes in the music program for fifth grade students because of their move to the middle school. He said this year's holiday program is being geared to K-4 students and 5th grade will be part of the spring program. Ms. Fenske, elementary music teacher, talked with Ms. Smith, middle school/high school chorus teacher regarding having a 5th and 6th grade holiday program. Mr. Knitt said expanding the band program to include 5th grade students has also been discussed but would not take place this school year.

Report from Lathrop & Clark on Marcellon School

Mr. Knitt said copies of all legal documents the school has regarding the ownership of Marcellon have been sent to Lathrop & Clark. He also said Attorney Kammer has been asked to send any legal documents that the Town of Marcellon has for the Marcellon School property to Lathrop & Clark. The documents state that the Town of Marcellon has the right to use the building and premises for town meetings and elections so long as a school building exists on the premises. In addition, the school district cannot gift the building to anyone; it must be sold at market value.

Approval of Minutes Dated 8/23/11

A correction was made to page one of the minutes under Open Forum to say a concern "about" less music rather than "for" less music. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the minutes dated 8/23/11 with the correction. Mr. Balsiger seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Additional Bus Route

Mr. Bryce McKinley expressed his concern about the lack of bussing provided to the Allye Court area in Pardeeville and for the safety of his children walking to the elementary school. Mr. Knitt said the Allye Court area does not meet the guidelines established for bus pickup at this time. The Board discussed their concern regarding whether approval of this request would open up other areas in the village with families that would want their children picked up and whether that would add significant costs to the school. Mr. McKinley asked whether his children could walk to an area where the bus does pick students up in the village that is closer to his home than walking to the elementary school. The board members decided to table this item until further information could be obtained regarding how this would affect other areas in the village, costs to the school and to give Mr. Knitt time to discuss this situation with Smith Bus.

Approval of Additional Volunteer Coaches

A list of additional volunteer coaches for football including Troy Becker, Lucas Barden, Clark Hodgson, Gary Balzer and Dobie Adams was submitted to the school board for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve the volunteer coaches. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of AED Donation

Mr. Knitt recommended approval of the donation of a portable AED to the school district from Bruce and Karen Keith, along with their daughters and son-in-laws, Barbara and Jason Larson and Jennifer and Justin Nickel, and their grandchildren. A motion was made by Ms. Walker to approve the donation of the portable AED. Ms. Levzow seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. A thank you should be sent to the family for this donation.

Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA 2000, 6000 and 7000 Series Policies

Ms. Levzow made a motion to approve the second reading of NEOLA 2000, 6000 and 7000 series policies with the addition of policy 2461. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skaar. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Revised Use of Facilities by the Public Policy 901.3

Mr. Knitt recommended sending the Use of Facilities by the Public policy back to the Policy Committee for further review before submitting it for final approval.

Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Board Policies 3340 and 4340 for Grievance Procedures

Mr. Balsiger made a motion to approve the first reading of NEOLA board policies 3340 and 4340. Ms. Levzow seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held on September 19, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Agenda items will include: Open Forum, Tour of Balliet Building, Administrative Team Reports, Committee Reports, Student Representative Report, Approval of Minutes Dated 9/6/11, Approval of Receipts/Expenditures, Approval of Additional Bus Route, Approval of Overnight Trip for Skills USA, Approval of Overnight/Out-of-State Trip for National FFA Convention to Indianapolis, Indiana, Approval of Title Math Position, Approval of Elementary Student Council Advisor, Approval of Donation of Van to Rawhide, Approval of Middle School Playground Proposal, Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA Board Policies 3340 and 4340 for Grievance Procedures, and Approval of Appraisal of Marcellon Property.

Adjournment

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

Becky Levzow, Clerk