

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pardeeville, WI

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 1, 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: Ms. Ives, Ms. Lezvow, Ms. Morrison, Mr. Smith, Ms. Walker and Ms. Pufahl. Mr. Balsiger was absent. Mr. A. J. Sterlavage, Student Representative, arrived later in the meeting. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. Lenz, Mr. LeMay, Ms. McElroy, Mr. Knapp, Ms. Clemmons, Mr. Cal Bouwkamp and Ms. Geri Gorman.

STARS/NovaNet Presentation

Mr. Bruce Brey, Alternative Education Teacher, gave a presentation in his classroom about the STARS (Students Taking Alternative Routes to Success) program. Students are selected for STARS through teacher referral, guidance referral, parent referral or self-referral. At-Risk criteria may include: Poor attendance, failing grades, family crisis, referred to but did not qualify for special education services, social/emotional/medical issues, free/reduced lunch, below-average performance on assessments, discipline problems, drug and alcohol issues, criminal behavior, poor peer relationships, rated "high" on teacher-generated at-risk profile, retained or considered for retention and significant deficiencies in credits. The student, guidance counselor, Mr. Brey and parents decide on which approach is appropriate. An individual Graduation Plan (IGP) is developed giving the student a clear pathway to graduation. The program offers 3 approaches to success and graduation: Academic Support by assisting in other classes; Credit Recovery through NovaNet/Individualized Courses; and the GEDO2 graduation by competency program. This is the third year for the alternative education program. A total of 118 NovaNet courses have been completed since the start of this program. Mr. Brey works primarily with students in grades 9-12 but also works with some middle school students for academic support in basic skills. In the first two years of the STARS program, 22 of 23 seniors in the program have graduated. At the end of the presentation, school board members and others in attendance had a chance to log on to the computers in the alternative education classroom to try the program themselves that the students use. The board members thanked Mr. Brey for his very informative presentation.

Board Member Concerns

Mr. Smith told Ms. Kamrath he appreciates the communication that the first grade teachers are sending home to parents. Mr. Smith questioned why there was a difference in the price for student picture packages between the different grade levels. Mr. Knitt will check on that. Ms. Lezvow asked about the new calorie counts in student lunches. Mr. Knitt will get information about that.

Transportation to Licensed Daycare Providers

A request has come for the Board to look at a procedure that would allow school bus drop off and pick up at any licensed daycare provider within our school district regardless if they are in or out of the regular transportation areas. Board members asked for a map of where the daycare providers are located and how many students this would involve. Mr. Knitt said his recommendation would be to require that the daycare provider have a state of Wisconsin daycare license. He will bring back additional information to the Board.

Approval of Minutes Dated 9/17/12

A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the minutes dated 9/17/12. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 5-0-1. Ms. Walker abstained.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated 9/24/12

A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve the special meeting minutes dated 9/24/12. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 5-0-1. Ms. Morrison abstained.

Approval of Overnight/Out-of-State Trip for FFA National Convention

Mr. Bouwkamp submitted a request to the Board for approval of a trip to the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 24-26, 2012. They will be traveling on their own this year rather than going with another school. There will be 12 students and 3 chaperones. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the overnight/out-of-state trip for the FFA National Convention. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Resignation from Track Coach for 2014 Season

Mr. Wes Babcock submitted a letter to the school board resigning from his varsity track coaching position at the end of the 2013 season. A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve the resignation from Mr. Babcock at the end of the 2013 track season with regret and thanks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Snow Plow Bid

Ms. Levzow said Kenevan Kontractors LLC was the only bid received for snow plowing for the coming school year. The request for bids was published in the school newsletter and the local newspaper. The Buildings and Grounds Committee met and reviewed Kenevan Kontractor's bid at their 9/24/12 meeting. Ms. Levzow said the district was happy with the job Kenevan did plowing last year and they were not proposing to raise their rates from the previous year. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the snow plow bid from Kenevan Kontractors. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Release of Request for Proposal for Technology Referendum Projects

The Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Technology Referendum Projects at its last meeting. The committee is recommending that the Board approve the release of the RFP so that the bidding process for this project may begin. A motion was made by Ms. Levzow to approve the release of the Request for Proposal for the technology referendum projects. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Insurance Consultant

Mr. Knitt recommended hiring Beneco of Wisconsin to review the insurance programs we offer and make recommendations on how they can be changed. A motion was made by Ms. Morrison to approve hiring Beneco of Wisconsin as an insurance consultant for a maximum of \$10,000. The motion failed for lack of a second. A discussion was held that \$12,000 was budgeted for this purpose if needed. A motion was made by Ms. Ives to hire Beneco of Wisconsin as an insurance consultant. The motion was seconded by Ms. Levzow. The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Policies

Policy 2414 Human Growth and Development, policy 5630.01 Use of Restraint and Seclusion with Students, and the Post Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax Exempt and Tax Advantaged Obligations were submitted for approval of the second reading. A motion was made by Ms. Walker to approve the second reading for these policies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Agenda items will include Open Forum, Administrative Team Reports, Committee Reports, Student Representative Report, September Pupil Count Report, Set Meeting Date to Approve Final 2012-13 Tax Levy and Budget, Board Member Concerns, Approval of Minutes Dated 10/1/12, Approval of Receipts/Expenditures, Approval of Youth Options Courses, Approval of Support Staff, Approval of Donation, Approval of 66:30 Agreement for Reading Recovery with Wisconsin Rapids Schools, Resignation and Approval of Winter Coaches, Resignation of Assistant Track Coach, Approval of High School Forensics Coaches, Approval of Family Medical Leave and Approval of American Express Corporate Purchasing Card.

Adjournment

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

Lynette Ives, Clerk