

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pardeeville, WI

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Balsiger, Ms. Ives, Ms. Morrison, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Pufahl. Ms. Walker arrived following roll call. Mr. John Walton, student representative, arrived at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Levzow was absent. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Knitt, Ms. Kamrath, Mr. Lenz, Mr. LeMay, Mr. Krueger, Ms. McElroy, Ms. Clemmons, Ms. Molly Carlson, Ms. Nicole Jodarski, Mr. Chris Lynch, Ms. Barb Allen, Mr. Carter Blochwitz and Ms. Shelby Smith.

Open Forum

There were no open forum items.

Administrative Team Reports

Ms. Kamrath submitted a report on the elementary school. Late start on 11/12/14 was spent talking about cafeteria concerns and learning how to use Teachscape for observations. Reading Under the Stars family night was held on 11/13/14. PTO is having a family movie night on 11/21/14. A Veteran's Breakfast is scheduled for 11/25/14. Ms. Kamrath met with staff on their Student Learning Objectives, PPG's and Professional Development Plans in late October to discuss what they are working on to improve their student growth and teaching practices. Ms. Kamrath has started observing teachers using the Teachscape model. Information from the observations and 3 required walk-throughs for each teacher is entered into Teachscape and given a final score at the end of the year for each of the components.

Mr. Lenz submitted a report on the middle school. Builder's Club had their 1st meeting with the 8th grade leadership team. The Veteran's Day ceremony was held on 11/11/14. Washington D.C. is on the mind of the 8th graders and it shows in their citizenship grades for 1st quarter. The window for winter MAP testing opens on January 26th and preparations are in full swing.

Mr. LeMay submitted a report on the high school. The Veteran's Day program on 11/11/14 was a huge success. The band and choir performed. Over 80 veterans and their guests attended and 75 veterans stayed for the lunch. A dog lead search was conducted in the middle/high schools on 11/5/14 with no drugs or other contraband detected. The high school took the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam assessment in science and social studies on 10/28/14. Mr. LeMay attended the annual Build Your Own Curriculum User's meeting on 11/14/14. The Career Exploration class attended the Manufacturing Expo at Portage High School on 10/22/14. Thirty-three students attended with local businesses and were able to see what career options are available. FFA attended their National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. High School Guidance Counselor, Ms. Huset, finished meeting with seniors and is now starting her Junior Planning conferences. At these conferences Ms. Huset meets with junior students and their parents and reviews transcripts, discusses future plans and addresses concerns that parents and/or students might have.

Ms. McElroy reported on technology in the district. Forty Chromebooks were purchased through Common School funds to replace some of the problematic units purchased in May of 2012. Erate reimbursement came through for 3 of 4 categories. USAC is eliminating eRate support for student email and web hosting next year and phasing out phone support 20% per year. We do have the opportunity for \$150 per enrolled student at our discount rate of 66% for internet access and other possible internal connections. Ms. McElroy and Ms. Hillman attended a PowerSchool Users Group meeting. Ms. McElroy will also be attending the Midwest Google Summit and a required WISE data meeting. She worked with teachers in Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th grades to update Language Arts standards and teachers in grades 2 and 3 for updating Math standards for report cards. The HBS consultant finished creating 2 new images for Windows 7 computers.

Mr. Krueger reported on custodial/maintenance items which included the following: Finished installing name plates for football in the boys locker room, installed new wiring and lighting in the main hallway trophy cases, repaired the push mower for mowing in the greenhouse area, removed and replaced the convection oven in the elementary school, winterized the concession stands, restrooms and irrigation system, replaced all brakes on the plow truck, rebuilt the John Deere's engine and worked on 53 work orders throughout the month. Regarding the status of referendum projects: Boilers at the elementary school are all running and trouble free, the exterior building project only has patches to be painted on the south side, and the roofing and gutter projects are done.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee—met on 10/23/14 with the Math, Phy Ed and Music departments to discuss curriculum. Their next meeting will be on 11/25/14 to meet with the English, Art, Business Ed, and Special Ed departments and to listen to an update on the Tech Ed program.

Personnel Committee—met on 11/10/14 to discuss the Nurse job description, Co-Curricular pay and consolidation of the Special Ed Secretary and Part-time Bookkeeper position. The school nurse job description was revised and will be sent to the nurses for review. A spreadsheet was presented showing pay scale based on number of weeks and years of experience for extra-curricular coaching positions. The committee hopes to start implementing this pay scale with the 2015-2016 school year. The committee discussed combining the Special Ed Secretary and Part-time bookkeeper positions and recommended the Superintendent take this to the Board for approval.

Student Representative Report

John Walton reported on student activities in the high school. Curling and basketball are starting. A curling camp was held on November 15 and 16. The Veteran's Day ceremony and luncheon went well. Student Council members attended a Milwaukee Bucks Leadership Day.

Presentation on 7th Annual Bulldog Stomp Planned for May 2, 2015

Students Carter Blochwitz and Shelby Smith gave a power point presentation on the Bulldog Stomp Cancer Run/Walk. This event began in 2008 and typically draws about 200-300 people. They have raised more than \$71,000 over the last 6 years. The event is organized by the Student Council and provides the students with leadership and organizational opportunities. The 7th Annual Bulldog Stomp is planned for Saturday, May 2, 2015.

Discuss Expenditures from Ambassadors to Washington D. C. Activity Account

The Board discussed using money in the Ambassadors to Washington, D.C. activity account to offset student costs for this trip. They discussed providing more for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Mr. Knitt will come back to the Board with a proposal for a stipend for students who qualify for free and reduced lunch and a proposal for giving every student some money toward the trip.

Text Messages to Board Members

Mr. Knitt checked with all board members to make sure they can receive text messages. He said we would use the Blackboard notification system to send text messages to board members to keep them informed of things that come up in school so they know right away instead of making phone calls to each board member.

Board Member Concerns

None

Approval of Minutes Dated 11/3/14

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the minutes dated 11/3/14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

A motion was made by Ms. Walker to approve the receipts/expenditures. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 6-0. Check numbers submitted and approved included #52146-52209, 10458-10467, 01DD103014, 01SF101014, 51969-52009, 52084-52126, 4900001050-4900001051, 3910W10114, 3920210114, 01AMEX0114-01AMEX0118, 01AMEX0199, and 01AMEX0133.

Approval to Suspend Winter Cheer Program

Mr. Knitt recommended suspending the winter cheer program because the district has found no one interested in coaching. A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve suspending the winter cheer program. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of JV Girls Basketball Coach

Mr. Knitt informed the Board that there are only 11 girls out for basketball at this time which would not justify a JV team and, therefore, no JV girls basketball coach needs to be approved.

Approval of Donation from Alliant Energy Matching Gifts Program

Mr. Knitt asked the Board to approve a \$100 donation that a citizen in the community made to the Football Activity Fund through Alliant Energy's matching gifts program. A motion to approve the \$100 donation was made by Mr. Smith. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Next Generation Science Standards

A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve the Next Generation Science Standards. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the common core state standards for English Language Arts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Common Core State Standards for Literacy in All Subjects

A motion was made by Mr. Balsiger to approve the common core state standards for Literacy in all subjects. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the common core state standards for Mathematics. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balsiger. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Family Leave Request

A motion was made by Ms. Ives to approve the family leave request for Megan Smedema. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Consolidating Special Ed Secretary and Part-time Bookkeeper Position

Mr. Knitt, along with the Personnel Committee, recommended consolidating the Special Education Secretary position we are paying CESA 5 for and the part-time bookkeeper position that we have not filled yet. A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve combining the special ed secretary and part-time bookkeeper positions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ives. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014. Agenda items will include: Board Member Concerns, Approval of Minutes Dated 11/17/14, Approval of Donations from PTO, Approval of Donation from Exxon Mobil, Approval of Coaches, Approval of Second Semester Part-Time English Teacher, Approval of Part-time 50% Elementary Second Grade/Literacy Teacher, Approval of First Reading of Policies, and an executive session to approve the executive meeting minutes dated 10/6/14 and to review the district administrator evaluation.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Lynette Ives, Clerk