



Minutes for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

**To Be Held in the District Board Room
1055 Griffiths Lane
Ashwaubenon WI 54304
(Phone: 920.492.2900)**

Monday, March 26, 2012

6:30 p.m.

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A. Call to order:

President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm at the district office.

B. Roll call:

Board Members Present: Williams, Laukka, VanLaanen, VanDeKreeke
Board Members Excused: Halron
Others Present: Keith Lucius, Matt Anderson, Brad Taylor, Brian Nelsen, Jill Rhude, Kurt Weyers, Maria Arena, Mark Sheedy, Marc Jimos

C. Declaration of quorum:

Quorum Present

D. Pledge of allegiance:

The pledge was recited

E. Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by VanLaanen seconded by VanDeKreeke to remove the previously scheduled student presentation and adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 4, Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

F. Announcement of Executive Session

In accordance with W.S. 19.85(1) (c) an executive session will be held at the end of the meeting for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, employment issues, employee evaluations, and employee negotiations.

G. Citizens and/or delegations:

1. Public Forum: Lori Noll (2146 Hilltop Drive) requested the implementation of a program called *Parent and Teachers as Allies* be on a future board meeting agenda. This program allows parents, students and staff to work together to help students with a mental health diagnosis.

H. Consent Agenda:

Moved by Laukka seconded by VanDeKreeke to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Aye 4, Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2012
2. The schedule of checks written 2/21/12 to 3/19/12
3. Staffing:
 - a. Resignation of Collette Wilichowski effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Collette is in her 2nd year of a Voluntary Leave of Absence from her full time K-12 Literacy Coordinator position with the District.

I. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

1. DI Regional Results: DI regionals were recently held at the high school. Fourteen teams will be advancing to the state competition. Also competing at the state level will be one community service presentation. This presentation will be at the April board meeting.

2. **DECA:** DECA competed in the state competition. Four Ashwaubenon groups will advance to the national competition.

J. Discussion/Presentation Items:

1. **Policy Revisions:** The board reviewed Policies 5113 and 5460 as a first read. They discussed the new statute that permits a school board to allow students to use a physical activity to substitute for a .5 credit of physical education with completion of a .5 credit of academic subjects. Sheedy stated that currently the school works in a similar way on a case by case basis with independent studies but does not waive the physical education requirement. He stated starting a practice like this could become a very slippery slope.
2. **Preliminary Budget Review:** Lucius presented the preliminary budget for review. The preliminary budget includes current staffing, 2% pay increases, a 7% insurance increase and a net gain of 150 open enrollment students. He stated that the expenditures in the preliminary budget exceed the revenue by \$221,143. After taking into account the enrollment staff reductions of 1.65 full-time FTE, the district needs a net reduction in expenditures of \$138,643 to balance the budget. The board reviewed the list of Balancing Budget Items Lucius presented.
 - The board was not in favor of charging a fee above and beyond the technology fee. It was felt that with Keith's conservative nature in planning the budget, an additional student fee would not be necessary.
 - Local control budgets are used to buy consumable items in the schools and replacing equipment.
 - The board felt that World Language should only be removed from 1st and 2nd grades for academic reasons not for budget reasons. Lucius stated that taking other things out of the budget before World Language could have a bigger impact on students than the elimination of World Language at these two levels.

The board stated they were ok with items 1-4 on the list but felt if the list needed to go beyond item 4 it is to be brought back to the board for further prioritization.

K. Action Items:

1. **Youth Options:** Mark Sheedy gave an overview of the Youth Options requests and the students applying. He stated the C.N.A. program is a win win for both the school and students. The World Language requests are due to students exhausting the current program offered at the high school. Moved by Laukka seconded by VanDeKreeke to adopt the Youth Options requests as presented. Aye 3, Nay 1, abstain 1 (VanLaanen). Motion carried 3:1:0
2. **2013 Marching Band Trip to Orlando:** Marc Jimos gave an overview of the Band trip being scheduled for the 2013 Spring Break (March 23-28, 2013). The estimated cost per student is \$1,400. Students will perform at Epcot or Disney.
 - The board asked if the intent of the trip is educational or a vacation? Jimos stated that they try to balance the social and educational parts of the trip. He stated that performance options that allow for all students to participate are very limited.
 - The board inquired about what the policy stipulates when requesting a trip. Jimos stated that in the past and in the current decision they have always considered safety, viable performance opportunities, and activities to participate in. He stated that the options to meet these criteria are getting fewer or are not being cost prohibited. Jimos added that some places are now starting to charge a \$250 per student application fee.
 - Fundraising so far has consisted of a fruit sale, Door County fundraiser and pizza sale.
 - The board asked Marc to look into a trip to the Space Center versus three days at a park. They also requested that students all attend the same park each day versus splitting students up between parks. Jimos stated he would look into these requests.
 - The board asks Sheedy if he supports this trip. He stated that these students work very hard throughout the school year supporting this program and the needs of the school. This is an

elective program that needs to have balance between incentive and performance. He fully supports the trip.

Jimos stated he will provide the board a revised itinerary as it develops. Moved by VanLaanen seconded by Laukka to adopt the 2013 Marching Band Trip to Orlando as presented. Aye 4, Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

3. **Technology Plan:** Jill Rhude and Matt Anderson reviewed the Technology Plan for next year. They discussed the plan for each individual school. Anderson explained that the Verizon wireless service was turned off for those students that do not use it. He emphasized that the educational value of the netbooks is not gone with the removal of the Verizon wireless service. Student still have wireless in school as well as various locations out in the community.
- They discussed implementing a fee for sophomores and juniors. He stated that next year they will start with freshman having full 3G access. They predict that about half of the sophomores and juniors will use the Verizon wireless capabilities. There is approximately \$98,875 in the budget for these two groups of students. They predict that only \$60,000 will be used if a fee is implemented. Free and reduced lunch family will be offered the Verizon wireless at no cost.
 - Will we have the option to turn the freshman wireless off if it is not being used? Yes, however we need to be careful about turning too much off. We have a good partnership with Verizon that allows both to benefit. Freshmen need to be on board with the use of the netbook before the wireless is turned off. Verizon is also on board with helping us to repurpose machines in the district.
 - There is a \$100,000 increase in the technology budget compared to previous years. Where is this money coming from? Lucius explained that it is coming from other areas. Anderson explained that they have completed a 5 year projection. Lucius stated that predicting the cost of future technology is very difficult because it changes so fast it is hard to project what will be needed. Anderson stated that if we did not increase this budget it would mean curtailing students and staff. Most of the need is in keeping and expanding the existing labs and 1 to 1 initiative.
 - What about the use of textbooks? E-book technology is not quite up to speed yet. Most e-books that are available are in a pdf format only. They are not interactive. Publishers are reducing the options available for textbooks. It is felt that in ten years this may not even be an option.
 - If the new machines are 4G, will there be an increase with students using the Verizon wireless? Currently this is not a 4G system in the area that can be used.
 - What happens with the money we save when wireless is turned off? It gets repurposed into the technology budget.

Moved by VanLaanen seconded by Laukka to adopt the Technology Plan and 1 to 1 initiative as presented. Aye 4, Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

L. Board & Superintendent Communications:

- VanDeKreeke congratulated the group of parents on the success of the Taste of Ashwaubenon event. The event brought in \$22,000. Over the last four years, this event has raised over \$74,000! Sheedy recognized Brian for his working in making the Taste of Ashwaubenon a success.
- The board has a scheduled grievance hearing at 8:00 pm on April 9th. This hearing will take place after the previously scheduled board work session.

M. Future Board Meetings & Topics:

1. The Board Work Session is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012, at 6:00 pm. Followed by a grievance hearing at 8:00 pm.
2. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Monday, April 23, 2012, at 6:30 pm.
3. The May board meeting is rescheduled for Monday, May 14, 2012, at 6:30 pm.

N. Adjournment to executive session:

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O. Executive session:

Moved by VanLaanen seconded by VanDeKreeke to adjourn the executive session at 8:16 pm. Aye 4, Nay 0.
Motion carried 4:0.

P. Return to open session:

Q. Adjournment

Moved by VanLaanen seconded by Laukka to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Aye 4, Nay 0. Motion carried
4:0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay VanLaanen, Clerk