

ASHWAUBENON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held on Monday, April 27, 2009

A. CALL TO ORDER:

President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the District Offices.

B. ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: Crowley, Laukka, Van Laanen, Williams, Aubinger

Board Members Excused: None

Others Present: Dave Schmidt, Brian Nelsen, Wendy Catalano, Michael Sheean, Kris Hucek, Mark Sheedy, Kurt Weyers, Linda Noel, Brad Taylor

C. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum present.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge was recited.

E. ADOPT AGENDA:

Moved by Crowley

Seconded by Van Laanen, aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Williams announced that 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: No one appeared.
2. Bright Lights: Brian Nelsen introduced Vanessa Madison, Stephanie Guerts, and Julie Wierschke who are instructors at Parkveiw Middle School, who along with several of their students who had presentations on BELLS (Building Essential Life Language Skills in the community) class and also their 6th Grade cooking class had presentations for the Board. Seven students gave presentations to the Board on their classroom experiences.

H. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Van Laanen, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2009,
2. Schedule of checks written 04/04/09 to 04/20/09,
3. High school athletic checks written 04/04/09 to 04/19/09,
4. Manual checks written 04/04/09 to 04/29/09,
5. Staff resignation submitted by Katie Gelb from her 0.83 FTE Language Arts Instructor position at the High School effective the end of the 2008-09 school year. Katie is currently on a child rearing leave from her position since September 19, 2007,
6. Appointment of Tasha Uecker to fill the 1.0 FTE FACE Position at the High School effective with the 2009-2010 school year. This position is available due to the retirement of Pat Russo and Tasha will be placed at Step 1 Lane A = \$34,597.00 (2008-09 salary).
7. Approval of the nine co-curricular contracts as recommended.

Aye 5, nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

I. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION:

• **Federal Stimulus Funding**

David Schmidt reported that districts are receiving funding about the stimulus funding and we have been told we will be receiving extra monies for Title I (\$133,205.00), Special Education (\$617,672), and finally an extra \$29,204 in the area of special education preschool. It is on the agenda this evening to make it clear that this is one-time monies and will not be spent on long-term projects. We have been discussing the funding and we may come before the Board in the near future with respect to spending these funds.

Wendy Catalano talked about the Title I funds, how they can be spent, and what the District will be doing when these funds are received. She gave some examples of how these funds could be spent on a one-time basis and some of the interventions that could be done by the District.

Brian Nelsen talked about the IDEA (Special Ed funding) which will have more flexibility than the Title I Grants. Some monies may be able to be used outside the special education spectrum to provide programming and purchases to help the No Child Left Behind Act which would allow funding for at-risk programming as an example. As an Administrative team we will be meeting and deciding how we can best utilize these monies in the area of special education but also throughout the district.

David Schmidt said Administration will be continue to work rapidly on this process and will focus on how what we are doing at the district level will connect to district goals, and how these monies can best be used to help out students with different types of interventions and programs. Monies must be spent before September of 2011 and in Title September 2010.

J. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

David Schmidt had several things to report. He was contacted by several community members after seeing a wreath at the Pearl Harbor memorial that was presented by the Ashwaubenon High School Band on their recent trip to Hawaii. The Action Learning Team showcase was earlier today with over 53 teams showcasing the areas they worked on over the past year. Finally, he wanted to congratulate the Destination Imagination teams. Twenty-eight district teams competed at regionals, eleven teams moved onto state competition, and this year four teams have qualified for the global competition which is held in Knoxville. This is a record number of participants/teams from Ashwaubenon and credit must be given to their coaches, many of whom are parents in our district.

K. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Administer Oath of Office**
2. **Election of Officers**
3. **Establish Board Meeting Time and Place**
4. **Board Appointments, Committee Responsibilities, Assignments**

Board Members agreed on the following appointments, committee responsibilities, and assignments:

1. High School graduation representatives on Sunday, June 7, 2009 (2 Board Members: Ginny Laukka & Mark Williams)
2. WASB Convention – Board delegate & alternate – January 20-22, 2010 (Delegate: Bob Crowley, Alternate: Ginny Laukka)
3. AEA negotiations (2 Board Members: Mark Williams & Bob Crowley)
4. AESP negotiations (1 Board Member: Mike Aubinger)
5. Exempt staff negotiations (1 Board Member: Jay Van Laanen)
6. Reserve teacher negotiations (1 Board Member: Jay Van Laanen)
7. Administrator negotiations (1 or 2 Board Members: Mark Williams & Ginny Laukka)
8. Youth Options (1 or 2 Board Members: Bob Crowley & Mike Aubinger)
9. CESA #7 Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2009 (1 Board Member: Mike Aubinger)

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Aubinger to approve the appointments/assignments as recommended. Aye 5, nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

5. Administrative Appointment

David Schmidt gave an update on the process used to find the candidate being recommended this evening. Jill Rhude is currently employed in the Marinette School District where she has been a teacher, building principal, and curriculum and instruction director. She is also the Title I Grant Coordinator. David said that the pool of candidates was excellent and Jill will be a great fit for our district.

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by Laukka to approve the hiring of Jill Rhude as the District's Director of Curriculum and Instruction effective July 1, 2009, as recommended. Aye 5, nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

6. Staff Layoffs

Keith Lucius explained the reasoning behind the recommended layoffs. He explained that there are more positions being recommended for layoff than will be needed but the district has to keep in mind bumping considerations.

Moved by Van Laanen, seconded by Laukka to approve the staff layoffs effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

1. Leigh Banks (0.50 FTE) – 4K Program – Cormier School
2. Julie Branner (0.50 FTE) – Science Program – High School
3. Kristen Dekker (0.41 FTE) – Spanish Program – Cormier and Valley View
4. Jennifer Kahler (0.50 FTE) – Speech & Language – District Wide
5. Nancy Reichman (0.50 FTE) – Band – High School
6. Trudy Smith (0.50 FTE) – German – High School

Aye 5, nay 0. Motion carried 5:0. .

L. BOARD SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS:

Mark Williams mentioned he received a call concerning the recent band trip to Hawaii. David Schmidt said he will look into this situation and report back to the Board.

M. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS & TOPICS:

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

N. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Aubinger to adjourn to executive session at 7:30 p.m. Aye 5, nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

P. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 p.m.

Q. ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

R. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Aubinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m. Aye 5, nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Van Laanen, Clerk