

ASHWAUBENON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held on Monday, May 11, 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, , Mark Sheedy, Kurt Weyers, Pete Marto, 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 to adopt the agenda as written. Aye 5, nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
seconded by JV
to adopt the agenda as written

F. CITIZENS AND/OR DELEGATIONS:

1. Public Forum: No one appeared.
2. Student Presentation: Krissy Lukens, Destination Imagination Coach at Pioneer School, explained that members of the Pioneer Imaginers Team have been selected to participate at the National Finals in Knoxville the end of this month. Team members, Macy, Heather, Abby, Renee, Sierra, and Nicole gave their presentation to the Board.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Laukka, seconded by Aubinger to adopt the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, April 27, 2009,
2. Minutes of the executive session held on Monday, April 27, 2009
3. Schedule of checks written 04/21/09 – 05/01/09,
4. High School athletic checks written 04/20/09 – 05/01/09,
5. Manual checks written 04/21/09 – 05/01/09,
6. Appointment of Juli Dickman to fill the Noon Duty Supervisor position at Parkview Middle School effective April 20, 2009, at the rate of \$9.50/hour.
7. Appointment of Emma Frank to fill the 1.0 FTE Language Arts position at the High School effective with the 2009-10 school year at Step 3 Lane as an initial educator (2008-09 salary - \$34,839.18).
8. Appointment of Sandra DeBruin to till the 1.0 FTE FACE position at Parkview due to the retirement of Mary Berg (0.17 FTE) and reallocation of FTE (0.17 FTE) at Parkview at Step 3 Lane B (2008-09 salary = \$38,402.67)
9. Appointment of Mark Jonas to fill the 0.92 FTE Language Arts and 0.08 FTE At-Risk position at the High School effective with the 2009-10 school year at Step 10 Lane F (\$52,287.44)
10. Appointment of Vanessa Madison to fill the 1.0 FTE LD/CD Position at Parkview effective with the 2009-10 school year at Step 2 Lane A (\$33,853.16 for the 2008-09 school year)
11. Appointment of Stacie Schabow to till the Title I Summer School teacher position, and
12. Appointment of Heather White to fill the Title I Summer School Coordinator Position.

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

H. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION:

- **Possible changes in the State Formula for School Districts**

David Schmidt said the District found out on Friday that there is a lot of conversation at the State level about reducing state aide to schools by approximately 5% - which means that when state aid goes down our local effort needs to go up. If this does pass, we need to make some decisions around how we are going to manage this situation.

Keith Lucius gave some background information to the Board on how this could tentatively impact the District. If we have a 5% reduction, we could look at approximately \$628,000. At this point there are a lot of variables that still are unknown but the \$628,000 could be on the high end. He also explained that there are some changes because of the TIF coming off line this year and he has already factored that into the budget and he was already projecting that the state aid would be dropping approximately \$1.8 M.

David Schmidt said that tonight we want to frame the issues and then see what happens over the next several weeks in updates from the Governor's office to find out what finally is decided. The hard part, however, is that rather than wait for two weeks we have a contractual responsibility to do staff layoffs prior to May 15th. If that is an option the Board would want to pursue they would need to set up a special meeting later this week, and have Administration work up a potential layoff list, meet with staff members affected, and then have the Board adopt the layoff list so they can be noticed prior to the deadline of May 15th. He said there are a lot of variables out there for the district to consider to accommodate the \$600,000 shortfall, but the timing is short and he would like to get some input from the Board before moving ahead on this issue.

Keith explained the different options available; staffing reductions, reducing the fund balance, reducing the debt service fund balance, budget reductions, or increase taxes or a combination of any of these options.

Mike Aubinger asked Keith about the different options available and which would work the best for the district.

Bob Crowley said as far as coming in under the revenue limit that would not be acceptable especially with all the trimming we have already done.

Mark Williams talked about the need for more information and the timeline the district is facing if they want to pursue layoffs.

David Schmidt talked about the lack of firm data on this situation and how things are changing and could change over the next few months and his reluctant to bring this to the Board with such limited information. However, due to the timing of this we need to do any staffing layoffs before the end of this week, and would like some direction from the Board as to whether or not a special board meeting would be needed and scheduled to deal with this.

Keith Lucius cautioned the Board that more hard data may not be known from DPI and/or the state in the near future.

Mike Aubinger said basically the choice comes down to the Board to make before Friday. Do we want to do staffing cuts in anticipation of this situation, or take monies from another area, or raise taxes to meet the shortfall from the state. This is the time that the Board needs to decide how to proceed even if we levy to the limit.

Ginny Laukka said it appears that we have the resources for at least a one-year delay in the hit (possibly using fund balance or debt service funds); and while it isn't a good solution long-term it would give us some time to deal with the situation.

Mark Williams had some questions about the using the debt service funds and the impact on negative aids and funding for the district. Keith Lucius explained how this would work.

Mark Williams said he would like the option of a special meeting for the Board if it is deemed necessary by Administration. David Schmidt said he will sit down with Administrators and see what is necessary as far as setting up a special meeting later this week and get back to the board.

Mike Aubinger said having additional layoffs would be his least favorable approach to solving this situation.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

David Schmidt updated the Board on the following issues:

- **Focus on Energy:** (The District is the 100th district in the state to sign up for the Energystar Challenge which we will be starting in the near future.) More information will be sent to the Board as this process develops. He also updated the Board on the Energy Education Contract that the District is considering and how it can increase efficiencies in the district. At this time we are looking to have a presentation on this issue at the June meeting for the Board to become familiar with the program before signing the contract.
- **H1N1 Update:** As of today no cases in our district but still taking the threat seriously and he reviewed some of the things the District has done in this situation and some of the precautions they have taken. He said Administration will continue to work on its pandemic plan and have it in place before the start of school and the flu season this coming fall.
- **Staffing Update:** He reviewed some of the things that have occurred in this area over the past year and some changes that are being implemented throughout the district in this area.

J. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Lamers Bus Contract

Keith reviewed the proposed contract with the Board and the changes to the contract for the upcoming school year and future year and his recommendation for the Board.

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by Laukka to approve the contract with Lamers Bus as presented and recommended by Administration. Aye 5, nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

2. Reconsider Open Enrollment Requests to Attend Ashwaubenon Schools

Brian Nelsen explained the situation and why we are recommending that these three requests be reconsidered by the Board.

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Van Laanen to approve the three requests as presented. Aye 5, nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

K. BOARD SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS:

Nothing to report.

L. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS & TOPICS:

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

M. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Van Laanen, seconded by Aubinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Aye 5 nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Van Laanen, Clerk