



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, December 14, 2009

6:30 p.m.

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A. Call to order:

President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the district office.

B. Roll call:

Board Members Present: Laukka, Van Laanen, Williams, Crowley, Aubinger.
Board Members Excused: None
Others Present: David Schmidt, Brian Nelsen, Jill Rhude, Keith Lucius, Brad Taylor, Michael Sheean, Kris Hucek, Mark Sheedy, Jay Marcks, Alissa Vanden Hoogen

C. Declaration of quorum:

Quorum Present

D. Pledge of allegiance:

The pledge was recited

E. Adoption of Agenda:

It was requested to move Action Item 3 up in the agenda to accommodate the timing of Jason Drier presenting remotely.

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Aubinger to adopt the agenda as presented and to move Action Item 3 up in the agenda. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

F. Citizens and/or delegations:

1. Public Forum – Any citizen and/or delegations

Lissa Marth (Waterford Drive) provided a brief history of the high school auditorium project and requested that an update on the status of the auditorium project be added to the next board meeting agenda. She also inquired if a representative from the auditorium committee should be present at the January 7th village meeting.

Kara Steinhoff (Carole Lane) requested that an update on the status of the high school pool project be added to the next board meeting agenda.

2. Pioneer Middle School Student Presentation – Sylvia Vannieuwenhoven and Hannah Meyer from Pioneer Elementary School along with Alissa Vanden Hoogen spoke about current events taking place at Pioneer Elementary School.

- Classroom buddies—a primary grade student buddies up with a student from an intermediate grade.
- Fifth grade goes to camp—5th graders spent three days at camp learning about ecosystems.
- Morning with Mom—50's theme breakfast for students and their mothers.

- Reading Challenge Kickoff–school wide reading challenge.
- Date with Dad–pirate themed breakfast for students and their fathers.
- Scholastic Book Fair–money raised at the fall book fair was used to purchase a Smart board.
- GAPP student visits–German students participated in the classrooms.
- 1st grade field trips–visited WLUK to learn about clouds and the weather and Mulberry Farm to enhance student descriptive writing skills.
- Quiz Bowl
- 2nd grade field trips–visited the Wildlife Sanctuary to correspond with the butterfly unit and Heritage Hill to learn about communities.
- Student service projects
 - Crazy hair/wig day–collected donations to help raise money for Ribbon of Hope in honor of Mrs. Hibbard.
 - 3rd grade orchestra trip–this trip corresponded with the studying of instruments. Students watched a performance by the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra.
 - Red Ribbon week–students dressed up through out the week. They participated in activities that promoted a drug free lifestyle.
 - November food drive – 1900 items were collected for the food pantry
 - 4th graders – as part of the electricity unit, the students worked on a house wiring project.
 - Clothing drive – students collected winter clothing items and donated them to Fort Howard Elementary School
 - Santa You Got Mail – the students showcased their winter musical

G. Consent Agenda:

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Laukka to approve Consent Agenda items 2,4,5,6,7,8. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

Williams requested the names of the board members and how they voted are listed for the split vote on Action Item 5 in the November 9, 2009, board minutes.

Moved by Crowley, seconded by VanLaanen to approve Consent Agenda item 1 with noted changes to Action Item number 5 on the November 9, 2009, minutes. Aye 4, Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Laukka to approve item 3 of the Consent Agenda as follows: Aye 4, Nay 0, Abstain 1 (Aubinger). Motion carried 4:0:1.

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, November 9, 2009.
2. The schedule of checks written 11-1-09 – 12-4-09 (#75749 - #76224)
3. The schedule of checks written 11-1-09 – 12-4-09 (#76225)
4. The schedule of checks written 11-1-09 – 12-4-09 (#76226 - #76550)
5. The schedule of manual checks written 11-1-09 – 12-4-09
6. The schedule of High School Athletic check written 11-1-09 – 12-4-09
7. Co-curricular contracts: There are 41 co-curricular contracts being submitted for Board approval.
8. Staff Appointment:
 - a) New hire of Jennifer Mulloy to the .50 FTE, Limited Term, EBD/CD Instructor position at the High School effective September 1, 2009.

H. Superintendent's Report:

- **Senior Citizens in Schools** - Schmidt recognized Joanne Krcmar for the outstanding job she has done to increase the number of senior citizens in our schools. The number of seniors

volunteering in our schools has double since last year. Schmidt shared his experience participating in Valley View's reading event.

- **Budget 2010-2011** – Lucius stated he has been working on a 5 year plan for the district budget. This plan and the 2010-11 budget will be reviewed in January. Lucius also stated the district staffing plan will also be put together in the near future.

I. Discussion/Presentation Items:

1. **Board Policies** - Schmidt presented 9 policies for first read. He stated that the revised policies are being recommended by NEOLA. He opened the discussion for clarification and questions. It was asked if current administration has reviewed policy 5540 and if we are following it. An administrative group has been assigned to review policies for this purpose.
2. **Internet Safety and Acceptable Use of Technology Policy 7540** – In order to continue to receive our E-rate funding, be current with new laws and obtained DPI approval of our Information Technology Plan, Policy 7540 needed to be updated. The policy needed to be very specific and detailed compared to the previous NEOLA policy. Major changes addressed in this policy include cyber bullying and an educational piece on acceptable behavior when using the internet. All students would be required to participate in the educational piece. If they miss the date it is offered, they would have to make it up at a later date. Beginning next year, each student and parent will be required to sign an internet acceptable use policy. The logistics of how this will happen are being worked out. Who would be responsible for keeping this policy up-to-date (NEOLA or the district)? NEOLA is coming to the district for a meeting and will be asked about updating responsibilities as that time. Is the district held responsible/liable if some students/parents do not sign or are missed? It was pointed out that page 5 does have a disclaimer as to liability. It was suggested that the district have legal council review this policy. It was requested to have NEOLA review this policy and bring it back to a future meeting.
3. **Skinny Model** – Mark Sheedy, Mara Manning, Marc Jimos and Dan Newel reviewed the concept of the Skinny Model (half block classes). The high school is looking to implement Skinny Model block classes in the 2010-11 school year. The implementation of this style of block classes is a result of the action learning teams. The group demonstrated how a Skinny Model infrastructure would work. Jimos provided examples as to how the Skinny Model would work to help increase enrollment in the upper level Music courses and the AP courses. The goal of the Skinny Model is to compliment the current block scheduling, allow for greater flexibility for student schedules and do what is best for the students. Are Skinny Model classes being looked at in the area of language and mathematics? It was stated that courses like math are too difficult to double up on. The group's first step is to get teachers to volunteer to participate in the Skinny Model of block classes. Teachers are currently being solicited. German and Spanish have both shown interest on the remedial levels.

There was an overall concern that this model is currently being schedule driven versus student achievement driven. It is felt that we need to look at what we want our children to learn, not about who wants to teach this model. It was stated that the Skinny Model helps to increase or at least maintain student achievement. A decline in enrollment in AP and Music courses is lessening student abilities. Currently, it is being determined what courses work well being cut in half and what ones would not. The overall numbers and statistics involved are being reviewed.

The group was commended for taking on this change in scheduling. It was reminded that this new model is an evolution and we will start off soft by taking volunteers. Eventually, this will change and courses will be predetermined by the principal.

It was asked that a few more years of data be available on the K-12 enrollment slide. It was felt that this could help determine if this is just a natural progression with middle school choice. Jimos stated that one big effect on middle school decline is the switch to every other day during their most important years.

The Skinny Model will be brought back to a future meeting with a list of classes that will be offered. These courses should be determined in February and an update available by June/July.

J. Action Items:

1. **Acoustical Shell at Valley View** - Lucius stated that Kurt Weyers looked at various vendors and options to increase the overall quality of sound during performances in the gym. He set aside money for the purchase of an acoustical shell for Valley View. Kurt was not aware of the proper procedures for purchasing this shell and wanted it in time for the musical. He has already purchased the shell. It was stated as a reminder that anything over \$5,000 must be approved by the board before purchase.

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by VanLaanen to approve the purchasing of the acoustical shell at Valley View. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

2. **Wireless** - Lucius reminded everyone of the infrastructure portion of the pyramid. Kris and Keith have been looking at a number of options to achieve the needed infrastructure. The recommended structure would cost \$137,875 to install and would provide coverage in all the building with no dead spots. The expected life on this is over 10 years making it a long term buy. This would be bought with stimulus money. Lucius stated that this wireless system is different than the one purchased for Pioneer. It is much more stable. It was suggested asking the Village if they would like to buy into this system since some of their buildings are near the schools. Lucius stated that there is nothing to be gained by doing this because it is not a wide area wireless system. The wireless system would have a number of security levels. There are security levels to get on the wireless and security levels for access to individual programs. Every router has access to only certain things/areas. Unless it is written into a program or IEP driven, students will not be allowed to bring in their own laptops. If it is IEP driven that the student has their own computer, the district provides the computer. The use of personal computers is restricted due to the use of inappropriate information and sharing of viruses. Eventually this may change.

Moved by Laukka, seconded by Crowley and VanLaanen to approve the purchasing of a wireless system as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

3. **Computer Pilot** – Rhude presented the Skype program and the district technology plan in a form of a triangle. The bottom of the triangle is the infrastructure, the middle is teaching technologies and the top is student mobile devices. Jason Drier demonstrated from a remote location how Skype would work. He explained that the technology plan being requested allows students to use the requested net books versus a textbook. Students would have classroom on-line access to journals for research, immediate access to discussion groups for the course, ability to edit the work of their peers, and immediate accountability on on-line polling, surveys, etc. Jason stated that students are not quite ready to give up the paper copy textbook. He stated that in 2-3 years the district could be moving to an on-line only textbook. Jason demonstrated an on-line textbook. At first the net books will be kept in the classroom for others to use. The on-line textbook is an E-text that is web based so students will have access to it from home. Rhude stated that at this time there is not much of a cost difference in on-line textbooks and paper copies. She does see this changing in the future.

Rhude requested board approval to purchase 30 net books, extended warranty and carts totaling \$24,000. This money would come out of the curriculum budget.

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Aubinger to approve the purchased of the computer pilot at presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

4. **AP Psychology Texts** – Permission to purchase textbooks for the AP Psychology course was requested. It was asked that if a student wanted to purchase the textbook themselves, do we get reimbursed. It was stated that we would.

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by VanLaanen to approve the AP Psychology textbooks as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

5. **Audit Report** – Lucius opened by asking if there were any questions or comments regarding the report provided with the agenda. He suggested the board take time to review the management letter.

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by VanLaanen to approve the Audit Report as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

6. **Title 1 After School Staff** – It was stated that this is a formality written into the grant. These staff positions are the after school tutoring at Valley View and Cormier. Is this part of the at risk programming? Title 1 dollars are for economically disadvantage children. Anyone with a deficit can be considered a Title 1 child. The Title 1 program pays for the bussing of any Title 1 student.

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Aubinger to approve to hiring of Michelle Schmidt, Sarah Scott, and Deb Patterson as Title 1 after school staff. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

K. Board & Superintendent Communications:

- Thanks Grace Fleming, Maria Arena and Amy Dillenberg for partnering up with Nativity Parish and the Giving Tree program.
- Stock shelf is coming here in January. The board has an opportunity to make a donation. Each school runs two food drives a year! January is the district office and Cormier’s month to promote and collect donations.
- Schmidt received a letter regarding a Golden Apple Nominee. A grandparent nominated a teacher and wanted the board to be aware of the nomination.
- Schmidt provided a letter from a parent regarding the attendance of their child. Each board member should have previously received a copy of the letter.
- Crowley will not be going to convention.
- Williams was recognized for his 20 years of service to the school board. The letter of WASB was read aloud.

L. Future Board Meetings & Topics:

- The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Monday, January 11, 2010, at 6:30 pm.

Wish staff, families and community a happy holidays!

M. Adjournment:

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Laukka to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jay Van Laanen".

Jay Van Laanen, Clerk