



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, September 27, 2010

6:00 p.m.

A. Call to order:

President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the district office.

B. Roll call:

Board Members Present: Laukka, VanLaanen, Williams, Halron, Aubinger
Board Members Excused: None
Others Present: David Schmidt, Keith Lucius, Brian Nelsen, Jill Rhude, Brad Taylor, Matt Anderson, Dirk Ribbens, Mark Sheedy, Kurt Weyers, Kris Hucek, Pete Marto, Maria Arena

C. Declaration of quorum:

Quorum Present

D. Pledge of allegiance:

The pledge was recited

E. Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by VanLaanen to adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0.
Motion carried 5:0.

F. Citizens and/or delegations:

1. Public Forum – Any citizen and/or delegations: no items presented

G. Consent Agenda:

- 1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, September 13, 2010.
- 2. The schedule of checks written 09-08-10 to 09-20-10 (#79022 - #79354).
- 3. The schedule of manual checks written 09-08-10 to 09-20-10 #1037 - -#1040).
- 4. The schedule of high school checks written 09-08-10 to 09-17-10 (#12754 - #12775).
- 5. Co-curricular contracts: There is 1 co-curricular contract being submitted for Board approval.

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Aubinger to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0.
Motion carried 5:0.

H. Superintendent’s Report:

- **Preliminary overview of open enrollment and 3rd Friday counts:** Schmidt reviewed count data from 2008 to present. The number of resident students is down while the number of open enrollment students has increased. The overall head count is down from last year. Lucius will take the final 3rd Friday count numbers and fit them into the budget. At the last board meeting in October, Schmidt and Lucius will take a look at the overall enrollment picture and project future enrollment. At this meeting, they will ask the board for input on where they see open enrollment going.

The board asked if the preliminary numbers are where they were projected to be in July. Lucius stated that the resident numbers are below what was projected and open enrollment is higher than projected. For staffing and budget purposes, we are on target.

- **Awards:** Schmidt stated that over the past few weeks, the district has received two awards. Parkview was recognized by ASWA with the Exemplary Middle School Award for high growth in reading. Schmidt recognized Parkview and the elementary schools for their continual work with students and increasing the WKCE scores. He also thanks Kris, Brian and middle school staff for their past and continual work.

The district was recognized by the Crime Prevention Foundation of Brown County for their support and work with the foundation in reducing crime involving young people.

I. Discussion/Presentation Items:

1. **ACT Data Review:** Schmidt began by stating that the district has made a real conscience effort into putting things in place to support growth in the area of ACT scores. The most recent ACT data shows the district has some of the highest composite scores its seen in a few years. Rhude and Sheedy shared some key pieces of information about the ACT standards and its key as a college readiness indicator. They stated that if a student achieves the minimum benchmark on the ACT they are considered to be college ready.

Sheedy recognized the middle schools efforts in reading and English. These efforts are shown in the ACT scores of 21.9 in English and 23.1 in reading. He reviewed the number of students that are in the core courses of Math, English, Science and Social Studies. He stated that 68% of our students who take the ACT test are involved in these courses. This is a very good number. If students take these courses early on, it will pay off when they go to college.

Rhude stated that we use the ACT data to look at our curriculum and how it flows. She explained that the Explore Assessment will be given to our 7th grade students. Through this assessment, students will note what they are striving for in the future. The test watches the student's skills during the testing. Results obtain from the Explore assessment will help the student and their family to plan for the future. In 10th grade students take the Plan Assessment. This assessment gives students additional information to help them with college planning.

These three assessment pieces will help student achievement in the district and in planning the curriculum. They will continue to raise the bar for our students. Rhude recognized Sheedy for raising the bar when looking at the data and wanting to do better.

The board asked when it is recommended that a student take the ACT. Sheedy explained that it is recommended in their junior year. It is also recommended that students take it three times.

2. **Curriculum Review Cycle:** Schmidt explained to the board that the Curriculum Review Cycle is a road map for the schools to follow when curriculum planning and purchasing of materials. Rhude explained that the district is part of the common core curriculum. She stated that curriculum review is a continual process every year whether in part or in whole. Rhude discussed the goals for each year.
 - This year's focus is in English Language Arts.
 - Information technology will have new standards coming out.
 - The standards for Art and World Language are being reviewed so a change in this curriculum is expected. As a result of curriculum change, the board should expect to see a request for a change in materials.
 - Math is moving quickly and it may end up moving up the chart leaving fewer areas hitting the budget at the same time. There was a concern that the need to hurry math could affect students. Rhude stated that the math team has done some wonderful ground work over the

last year and feels they are ready to move forward. Schmidt reassured the board that they we will avoid any “Math Wars”.

- The board inquired if Science and Social Studies have a common core curriculum. Rhude stated that is it in draft form and should be released next year.

3. **Homecoming Activities:** Schmidt discussed the community concern about planned and unplanned homecoming activities addressed at the last board meeting. Ribbens updated the board about the steps the district has taken to address these concerns.

- The superintendent met with Chief Dunning about homecoming activities.
- Ribbens met with the Ashwaubenon Police to discuss the consequences for inappropriate decisions.
- A letter was sent to parents describing what acceptable behavior is.
- Police officers and school district appeared on the news together to share this message with the community.
- Police officers will be stationed in the high school parking lot at night during homecoming week
- Police officers will be in the community throughout the week dispersing groups.

Ribbens stated that the last update he has received from the village was that everything was very quiet.

The board stated that when we draw a line about what is acceptable and what is not, we need to be very clear. It was felt that the toilet papering stand is not very clear. Ribbens stated that the school district does not dictate the law. According to the police, this is a complaint driven process. If a person is toilet papered and files a complaint, it is considered a criminal complaint and followed up on.

The board stated that the retirees in the community do not have access to the newsletters outlining homecoming activities. We may need to do more PR with the community so that when these activities are taking place residents are aware and don't become frightened. It was felt that students should be able to have fun but within limits.

Schmidt stated that parents play a large role in controlling children's activities. As a district, we are concerned about safety of students and respect of community and resident property. He stated that 97% of our students are not involved in the activities like those in Waterford Park. He stated that it is the few participating in this activity that will ruin it for others. Dirk closed by listing the district planned activities taking place for homecoming.

J. Action Items:

1. **Hockey Coaches:** Schmidt stated that every year, the hockey group comes to board requesting help to pay for some the hockey expenses. It is being recommended the board approves district pay for the head and assistant coaching positions.

Discussion:

- The board does not have a problem having a hockey team and paying for some the costs. However, some felt that this is not the year to be adding on additional expenses with an unknown budget and a new governor coming into office. There was a concern that we may not have the money next year to support this expense. If we approve boy's hockey, will girl's hockey follow? It was felt that our core responsibility is the curriculum and students. This concern has nothing to do with the sport being presented but rather with the timing and the unknowns regarding the budget next year.
- The board inquired if the payment for the coach and assistant coach is set by the team or is it determined by the contract. The amount is set in the contract and will not change unless we negotiate a change.

- Where is the money coming from? Other co-curriculars are not being eliminated. Other areas of the budget will need to be adjusted or reallocated.
- Do we have a co-curricular budget? There is a budget for co-curricular.
- Could there be a corresponding decrease in other areas? We can reallocate other resources (fewer coaches, less pay to teachers, or make non-coaching functions volunteer). If we rely on volunteers, we will not have the consistency/commitment of a paid position.
- Are there current co-curricular positions that go unfilled? There are positions that go unfilled every year depending on the number of students participating and the number of coaches needed.
- If this were passed this year because the money is available, can it be taken away next year if it is not. Schmidt stated that if it the money was not there next year to pay it the situation would more than likely mean we would be cutting more of the athletic budget than just hockey coaches.
- How many of the hockey players are open enrollment students? 2-3 players are open enrollment students.
- It was felt that all co-curriculars need to be reviewed.
- It was requested to hold the decision until the October 25th meeting when the budget is discussed. If it could come out of the current budget without increasing it, the board would feel better about approving it.
- Schmidt stated that this program has consistently come to the board asking for the district to pay for items. Whatever is decided must be clear to the parents working hard to support their kids in this program. Expectations must be clearly stated.

The decision to approve the payment of the hockey coaches was delayed until the October 25th meeting.

2. **Youth Options:** Sheedy stated that there are 7 students applying for Youth Options for the spring. These students have exhausted courses at the high school or the course is not available in the current curriculum. The board asked if there is something we do not offer are we obligated according to DPI to provide this course? Yes we are.

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Laukka to adopt the Youth Options as presented. Aye 4, Nay 0, Abstain 1 (Williams). Motion carried 4:0:1.

K. Board & Superintendent Communications:

- Janet Klipstine sent a thank you to the board for the Ashwaubenon Historical Society recognition as an MVP. Schmidt noted the MVPs are displayed on the district office entrance.
- Aubinger stated that the Ashwaubenon Historical Society is opening a special school exhibit in October.
- Ginny Laukka, David Schmidt and Jill Rhude will be attending the CESA 7 Common Core Curriculum dinner on October 4th.
- The village has received its survey results back. They will be shared at a future board meeting.

L. Future Board Meetings & Topics:

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

M. Adjournment:

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by VanLaanen to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay VanLaanen, Clerk