



**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, April 12, 2010**

**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, VanLaanen, Williams, Crowley, Aubinger

Board Members Excused: None

Others Present: David Schmidt, Brian Nelsen, Jill Rhude, Keith Lucius, Brad Taylor, Maria Arena, Michael Sheean, Kris Hucek, Kurt Weyers, Mark Sheedy, Dirk Ribbens, Pete Marto

**C. Declaration of quorum:**

Quorum Present

**D. Pledge of allegiance:**

The pledge was recited

**E. Adoption of Agenda:**

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

**F. Announcement of Executive Session:**

In accordance with W.S. 19.85(1)(f) an executive session will be held for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons; i.e., holding a student expulsion hearing.

**G. Citizens and/or delegations:**

1. Public Forum – Any citizen and/or delegations: No items to present.
2. Parkview DI Team (Bradley, Daniel, Abby, Claire, Ali and Ryan) coached by Karen Carlson presentation on “Child Abuse Awareness and the Child Advocacy Center of Brown County”. The DI team was required to prepare a community awareness message as part of their project. They shared the public service announcement they created using music to help spread their message. The team is also helping to raise money for the Child Advocacy Center. They held a 50/50 raffle and placed donation buckets out during parent teacher conferences. They compete in a statewide competition on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. Student Presentations: Teacher Amy Brauer and students Ally Lukens and Megan Blielik presented on what is happening at Cormier. There is an overall focus on the building of community with families and the other schools.
  - Ice cream in the gym
  - Family Night at Harvest Fest
  - Open house for parents
  - Parkview Winter fest
  - Biggest Bedtime Story
  - High School Encore sang to students
  - Tom and Stewart family concert
  - Kindergarten Parade on May 21st at 1:30 pm

**H. Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, March 22, 2010.
2. Minutes of the executive session held on Monday, March 22, 2010.
3. The schedule of checks written 03/16/10 to 04/01/10 (77456-77652).
4. The schedule of manual checks written 03/16/10 to 04/01/10 (989-996)
5. The schedule of High School Athletic check written 03/16/10 to 04/01/10 (12556-12559)
6. Staffing:
  - a. Resignation request of Catherine Hakala from her full time Head Cook position at the High School effective 3/24/10.  
*There may be additional appointments for the Board to consider. All staff appointments are subject to the successful completion of background checks as required by the District.*
7. Co-curricular contracts: There is 1 co-curricular contract being submitted for Board approval.

Moved by Laukka seconded by VanLaanen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

**I. Superintendent's Report:**

- **Board Election Outcomes:** Schmidt thanked the four candidates that ran for school board. He welcomed Ginny Laukka back for at 4<sup>th</sup> term and Barbara Halron to the school board as a new member.
- **Celebrating Service:** Schmidt thanked Robert Crowley for his 12 years of service to the school board. He spoke about Cowley's accomplishments on the board and stated his work will be missed. Williams thanked Crowley for his years of service and the work he has done.
- **WKCE Results Being Reviewed:** The legislation referred to as No Child Left Behind has been driving the testing in schools. This testing has helped schools to focus on all different types of children. WKCE test results just came out. The results of these tests will be used to determine our areas of strength and weakness. The areas will be tied in with district and school goals.

**J. Discussion/Presentation Items:**

1. **Building of an Overpass in Ashwaubenon:** The building of an overpass is not a district project but we are being asked to provide our input. Brad shared what he has learned about this project as a member of the Village Pedestrian and Bike Committee.
  - The State is looking to build one of three suggested walkways in Green Bay. One of these suggested walkway spans over Hwy 172 from Pioneer Elementary School to North Road.
  - This walkway could help Ashwaubenon to redistrict and re-exam bus routes.
  - This walkway would mean loss of parking for a business on North Road. The village has been in contact with the business owner.
  - A letter containing our feedback is being sent to the DOT

**K. Action Items:**

1. **New York Band Trip:** Greg Sauve presented the outline for the band trip to New York. The trip will be held over Spring Break. The band will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It will cost \$1,000 per student. Greg spoke about the activities the band will participate in while in New York. Crowley recognized Greg for his presentation to the board.

Moved by Aubinger seconded by Crowley to adopt the New York Band Trip as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

2. **Strengthening World Language for Student Success:** Schmidt and Rhude discussed the first of several recommendations that will shape World Language in the district over the several years. The desire is to have a solid program that pushes students to the high school level and beyond. The overall goal is to:
- Increase the learning of communication skills in a language (speaking, reading and writing).
  - Moving students in reading and writing to level 2 and hopefully level 3.
  - Providing consistency in programs.
  - The World Language curriculum is in year one. We are currently looking at the program and what we want it to look like at the same time meeting the State standards. We are looking at each grade level, consistency in language programs, the ability to read, write and speak the language as well as having common assessment at each grade level.
  - The option to add a third language in 2011-12 is being looked at.
  - World Language in the middle school is being looked at. The district needs to spend more time next year on scheduling.

It was stated that there is a perception that our children are not capable of reading and speaking in German and Spanish. Whether this is true or not, it is the perception. Schmidt recognized the group for making progress together to move the world language program forward.

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Board approval is being sought for the shifting of minutes in the World Language program. The changing of the minutes is to allow for children to have a better understanding of the language. Schmidt reviewed the tables outlining the FTE for next year. He stated he will be meeting with world language teachers and school principals to discuss offering choice. The board may see this topic at a future meeting.

Williams asked for feedback from Maria Arena regarding removing the World Language program from kindergarten. She agreed that it would strengthen the program by transferring the minutes to higher grades. Rhude stated high school student could be used to work with Cormier (through music and other opportunities). The extra time freed up at the kindergarten level could easily be filled.

Crowley asked about common assessments and strengthening the focus on speaking, reading and writing. He inquired about the reasons for changing the minutes. He inquired about minute requirements by DPI. Clear learning targets need to be identified if we want students to be able to speak, read and write the languages. He expressed discomfort in taking minutes from the core subjects to increase minutes in world language.

It was asked if we are slowly weaning grade K-2 from the World Language program. Schmidt stated that this is the last that the subject of time should not appear in front of the board. Some board members were not comfortable making this decision with the understanding it may not appear before them in the future. There is a concern that younger children tend to learn quicker and that removing world language from that age may not be the right move.

Schmidt stated that we need to ask ourselves where the bigger bang is and what needs to give. We need to give this changing of minutes a chance for a year or two with the idea we have the right to change it. We will be able to tell in a year or two if it works. He also stated that the extra minutes will come from reducing our passing times. The time would come from transitions, not subjects.

It was felt that when we made a commitment to adopt a World Language program in the district, we made a commitment to make a defining item for the district. This did not happen. We rely too much on the culture and not enough on the reading, speaking and writing. World Language needs to be taught everyday and students need to be immersed in it. We need a clearer aim and not be so global. A curriculum for each grade needs to be determined. It feels this proposal is just a balancing of FTE. There needs to be a commitment to what we are doing.

It was asked what type of measurement tools we are using to see if students are meeting competencies for each level. The only way we have seen measurement is the placement level the student receives in high school. More minutes are needed but not at the expense of academics. What does DPI recommend? DPI does not have world language requirements. It was felt that there needs to be a better understanding with everyone that world language is an academic. If we chose to have this program, we need to put everything into it.

The group discussed the length of school days, flex time and mandatory minutes needed when it comes to changing this program.

Moved by Aubinger seconded by VanLaanen to adopt the Strengthening of the World Language Program for Student Success as presented. Aye 4, (Laukka, VanLaanen, Williams and Aubinger), Nay 1 (Crowley). Motion carried 4:1

**L. Board & Superintendent Communications:**

Crowley thanked everyone for the sentiments extended to him. He shared his appreciation of what he has learned from the staff, teachers, board and administration. He expressed his enjoyment of his role on the board.

**M. Future Board Meetings & Topics:**

- The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Monday, April 26, 2010

**N. Adjournment to executive session:**

Moved by Crowley and seconded by Aubinger to adjourn to the executive session at 7:42 pm. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

**O. Executive session:**

In accordance with W.S. 19.85(1)(f) an executive session will be held for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons; i.e., holding a student expulsion hearing.

**P. Return to open session:**

**Q. Adjournment:**

Moved by Aubinger seconded by Crowley to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 pm. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Van Laanen, Clerk