

ASHWAUBENON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting & Executive Session
Held on Monday, October 27, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room, 1055 Griffiths Lane.

B. ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: Aubinger, Crowley, Laukka, Van Laanen
Board Members Excused: Williams
Others Present: Dave Schmidt, Keith Lucius, Wendy Catalano, Brian Nelsen, Maria Arena, 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 Aubinger, seconded by Laukka, to adopt the agenda as written. Aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

F. CITIZENS AND/OR DELEGATIONS:

1. Public Forum: Kurt Weyers, Principal at Valley View Elementary School, appeared and said that on behalf of his family he wanted to publicly thank Dave Schmidt, and members of the Admin Team and his staff who drove up for the visitation/funeral of his mother, Mary Weyers, who passed away last week.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, October 13, 2008,
2. Minutes of the executive session held on Monday, October 13, 2008,
3. Schedule of high school athletic checks written 10/04/08 – 10/20/08,
4. Schedule of manual checks written 10/04/08 – 10/20/08, and
5. Schedule of checks written 10/04/08 – 10/20/08.

Aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

H. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. 4K Update:

Maria Arena, Principal at Cormier School, and Janis Pavlik, a 4K Instructor with the District, updated the Board on how the 4K Program is progressing. Maria introduced several staff members who are involved with the 4K Program: Marilyn Meister, Sharon Riederer, Leah Banks, and Karen Wolf.

Maria reported that there are 131 students enrolled in the 4K program more than the District originally expected (100 students) when they wrote the grant for the program. She explained how the curriculum was developed and that learner targets are based on the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. She also explained the hours the program operates, and where the program is housed.

Jan Pavlik, a member of the 4K teaching staff, talked about the things the students are learning and she is experiencing as a part of the 4K program. She said she is excited to be a part of the program and is already seeing a lot of positive things happening with the 4K students.

Janis & Maria answered questions from the Board. Also discussed was the plan to “track” the students to see how the 4K students progress through the school system as far as behaviors, reading capabilities, and other skills.

J. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Dave Schmidt said he has nothing to report.

K. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Finalize and Adopt Budget for 2008-09:

Keith Lucius gave a quick review of the budget that is up for adoption this evening, how it differs from the Annual Meeting, and where the major changes are. He then answered questions from the Board.

- Jay Van Laanen had a question on the sidewalk project at Valley View School and wondered why it was redone so soon. Keith will check with Mike Beno on this issue.
- Mike Aubinger had a question on the TIF #2 value – it is up and is the closing going to affect this year or next year? Keith said about \$15M and that the District will not see the impact this year since the project wasn’t closed by May this year and that the affect will be on next year’s budget and funding and the District’s equalization aide will go down next year for the District.
- Mike had a question on the debt levy fund balance and how it affects this year’s budget. Keith said he is recommending that the District hold off on this year’s budget and use it as a buffer for future budget, especially with all the economic issues currently out there.
- Dave Schmidt asked how long the District has to use/allocate these monies. Keith said until the year 2021.

Bob Crowley said the Board is looking at only a few minor adjustments since this budget was reviewed and adopted at the annual meeting this past July. There are really only a few changes which are a result of the final numbers being received from the State of Wisconsin.

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by Van Laanen to adopt the 2008-09 budget as presented this evening. Aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

2. Certify Tax Levy:

Keith said he is proposing a levy in the amount of \$15,443,773 for the 2008-09 school year as follows:

- General Fund = \$13,469,419
- Chargeback Levy = \$10,604
- Debt Service Fund = \$1,650,000
- Community Service Fund = \$313,750

Moved by Laukka, seconded by Van Laanen to approve the tax levy of \$15,443,473 for the 2008-09 school year. Aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

3. Human Resources: Staff Appointments

Moved by Van Laanen, seconded by Laukka to approve the two staff appointments as follows:

1. Leigh Banks to fill the Title I Home Visitor position at Cormier School effective 10/10/08. This position is available due to the resignation of Heidi Hanson. Leigh will be compensated \$18.00 per hour for a total of 320 hours for the 2008-09 school year.
2. Lia Steinbrecher to fill the Noon Duty Supervisor position at Parkview, in a shared position capacity – Lia will job share one day per week (Monday) with Misty Frisch.

Aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

4. Human Resources: Staff Resignation:

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by Van Laanen to accept the resignation of Chellee Bertrand from her Noon Duty Position at Valley View, effective October 28, 2008. Aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

5. Human Resources: Co-Curricular Contract:

Moved by Van Laanen, seconded by Aubinger to approve the co-curricular contracts as recommended. Aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

6. Human Resources: Exempt Contract:

Keith explained the contract that is being recommended, as discussed previously in an executive session.

Moved by Aubinger, seconded by Laukka to approve the exempt contract as presented. Aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

L. BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICAITONS

Dave Schmidt had one communication that he shared with the Board. This communication was from a parent who attended the football game last Thursday.

M. FUTURE BOARD TOPICS:

Bob Crowley asked about changing the Consent Agenda to streamline the agenda; i.e., putting human resource issues on the consent agenda. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 10th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the District Offices, 1055 Griffiths Lane. The November 24th Board Meeting, has been rescheduled to Monday, November 17th and it will be a Board/Administrator Work session from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to work on Board/Strategic Goals for the 2009-10 School Year.

N. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Van Laanen, seconded by Aubinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Aye 4, nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Van Laanen, Clerk