

## MINUTES

**Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, January 14, 2009  
6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting Room, Caddie Woodlawn**

Board Members Present: Alice Baldini, Paul Hoch, Tammy Hoyt, Paula Myers, Robert Pelke, Becky Richardson

Board Members Absent: Dave Bauer, Bob Wittig

Administrative Staff Present: Pat Basche, Bill Clouse, Jan Lund, Jerry Walters

Meeting called to order and roll call

Board of Education President, Mr. Hoch, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Meeting

Mr. Walters stated that the meeting was properly noticed by publishing the date, time, place, and agenda in the January 8, 2009, issue of the *Courier Wedge* and by posting the agenda at the Durand High School, at Caddie Woodlawn, at the Durand Community Library, and on the district website.

Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of the regular meeting on December 17, 2008, and the special meetings on December 15, 2008, and December 18, 2008
- c. Vouchers: Addendum to the December Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 13021 to 13085 in the amount of \$555,133.99; and the January Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 13086 to 13194 in the amount of \$274,873.12.
- d. Treasurer's Report: As of December 31, 2008, the total balance of all district funds was \$1,413,809.97.

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Baldini to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

District Recognition

a. Giving Back to the Community

The principals talked about activities the students have been involved with in an effort to give back to the community. At the Jr/Sr High, Mr. Clouse stated there have been food drives; a cash donation made to the food pantry; a winter clothing drive; student organizations adopted five families for Christmas; Mrs. Oberding and some students have painted murals on buildings downtown and they have also painted some store windows for Homecoming and Christmas; students have been taping games and other student events for rebroadcast on the local cable channel; a blood drive was held last week with a record turnout; and a spring clean-up of raking lawns and picking up parks and roadsides within the school district is being planned. At the early learning center and elementary school, Mrs. Lund reported that some students have gone to the care center to sing and perform for the residents; the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band played at the Masonic Lodge during "Home for the Holidays" as well as before the junior high, elementary, and kindergarten Christmas programs; Fab 4 had a friendship meal for family and community members; a food drive was held; a car wash was held and the proceeds were donated to the food pantry; a penny war was held with the money going to Secret Santa and Music in the Park; and proceeds from flowers sold at Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day will go to the Humane Society.

Appearances Before the Board

a. Public Comments

Margie Biesterveld asked about the reduction of the school board membership. She questioned if the reduction would impact the representation from Arkansaw and asked how an article on the reduction of the school board appeared in the Leader-Telegram. She also asked how the increase in substitute teacher pay came about.

## Old Business

### a. Second Reading of the Remainder of 100 Series of Policy Manual

Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to approve the remainder of the 100 Series of the Policy Manual. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

## New Business

### a. CESA 10 Shared Service Contract for 2009-10

A service contract was received from CESA 10 for 2009-10 for distance learning services. The contract will be approximately \$10,450, which is the same as last year. Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to accept the contract as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### b. CESA 11 Shared Service Contract for 2009-10

A service contract was received from CESA 11 for 2009-10 for approximately \$88,687, a decrease of \$38,584 from 2008-09. Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to accept the contract as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### c. Increasing the Pay for Substitute Teachers

Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to increase substitute teacher pay from \$80 per day to \$90 per day effective February 1, 2009. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### d. Reduction of School Board Member Seats from 9 to 7

Per Wisconsin State Statutes, a petition requesting the reduction in school board member seats needs to be signed by a minimum of 100 electors of the school district and submitted to the school board clerk at least 45 days prior to the spring election. The petition can be initiated by the school board or any elector of the school district. The request for the reduction would then be on the ballot and voted on by the electors of the school district at the spring election. If the resolution is passed, the first reduction would take place at the next spring election and the second reduction would take place at the following spring election (only one seat can be reduced per election).

There was discussion on what seats would be reduced. Discussion also led to keeping the board seats apportioned vs. filling the board seats at large.

No action was taken or further direction given regarding the reduction of school board member seats.

## Administrative Reports

Mrs. Basche, Director of Pupil Services:

- On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test, which is also known as the "Nation's Report Card". They will be tested in the areas of reading, math, and science. NAEP will come and administer the test to the students.
- ACCESS, a test to measure English language proficiency with English Language Learning (ELL) students will be administered to ELL students by the school psychologists.
- Another check for about \$7,100 was received from Medicaid for Student Based Services bringing this year's total to approximately \$14,000.
- Current enrollments include 16 students at Maxville; 11 students in the adult education program; 11 English Language Learning students; and 190 students receiving special education services.

Mrs. Lund, Elementary Principal:

- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are going skiing on January 28<sup>th</sup> with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are going skiing on January 21<sup>st</sup> with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade ski trip was supposed to be today but was rescheduled due to the weather.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade student council is planning the Valentine's Day dinner for Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students are preparing for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on February 13<sup>th</sup>. First grade students will go to Caddie Woodlawn and do some activities with the kindergarten students to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.
- Mrs. Larson is planning a Read-in, Rock-in, Lock-in on January 26<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 4, 5, and 6. The event will take place after school from 3:15 to 5:15.

Mr. Clouse, Jr/Sr High Principal:

- For the 3rd year in a row, the Academic Decathlon finished 1<sup>st</sup> in regional competition and will be heading to state competition. All members of the Academic Decathlon team won an individual ribbon in at least one area during the regional competition.
- Mr. Clouse and Mr. Johnson have been working on the harassment issue that was brought up at last month's Board of Education meeting. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Clouse have interviewed 35-40 students—some harassers and some victims of harassment. They will be meeting with the Durand Police Department, the Pepin County Sheriff's Department, and the Pepin County District Attorney about the problem of harassment and bullying.

Mr. Walters, District Administrator:

- Imagination Nation is a group of people that have been meeting to see what can be done to help promote the Durand community. One idea is the continuing discussion on starting a charter school focusing on the sciences.
- Some personnel from the City of Durand and the school district have met about working together to create a summer recreation program. A survey may be given to students to get an idea of what they would like to have offered.
- Before proceeding with any improvements of the baseball field, drawings of what the field would look like and what it would cost for improvements to the field need to be obtained. At this time, we are waiting for some sketches from an architect.
- A special education aid will be hired as a temporary, emergency placement. The cost for the aid will be shared with the Plum City School District.

#### Interviews of Candidates for Board of Education Vacancy

Three candidates were interviewed for the Board of Education vacancy from District 1, which includes the City of Durand and the Town of Durand. The candidates were Jim Gilbertson, Jane Jafferi, and Karl Kurth.

#### Executive Session 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85 (1)(a)

Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Myers to convene into executive session in accordance with §19.85(1)(c) and §19.85(1)(a). Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### Motion to Return to Open Session

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to return to open session. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### Report of Action Taken During Closed Session

The Board reinstated an expelled student to school effective with the second semester of the 2008-09 school year. Also, the Board selected Karl Kurth to fill the vacant Board of Education seat.

#### Any Other Business Properly Brought Before the Board

None.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Myers and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Secretary,

Linda Komro