

MINUTES

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting Room, Caddie Woodlawn**

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

Board Member Absent: Dave Bauer

Student Representative: Calli Anibas

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 February 12, 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.

New Board Member Oath and Signing of Code of Ethics

Mrs. Komro administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board member, Mr. Karl Kurth. All Board members signed a Board Member Ethics Statement. The Board Member Ethics Statement was approved by the Board at their regular meeting in January 2009.

Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of the regular meeting on January 14, 2009
- c. Vouchers: Addendum to the January Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 13195 to 13276 in the amount of \$433,565.07; and the February Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 13277 to 13473 in the amount of \$310,892.70.
- d. Treasurer's Report: As of January 31, 2009, the total balance of all district funds was \$1,537,571.28.
- e. Personnel recommendations:
 1. Retirement: Nancy Flanagan
 2. Retirement: Barb Kallstrom
 3. Retirement: Diana Bauer
 4. Retirement: Wayne Sterzinger
 5. Retirement: Scott Sponholz
 6. Retirement: Jean Gagner
 7. Retirement: Sandy McNaughton
 8. Assistant Track Coach Hire: Trish Bantle
 9. Assistant Track Coach Hire: Bob Zika

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. Academic Decathlon Team and Coaches

The Academic Decathlon team will be making their third consecutive trip to the State tournament, and their academic success is putting Durand on the map. Ms. Barb Kallstrom and Mrs. Kris Ingli coach a team of nine students. This year's theme is Latin America. Locally, the team takes six written tests in the areas of music, art, social science, economics, math, and language & literature. At the regional level, a prepared speech, an impromptu speech, a written essay, and an interview are done. At the state level, a written test and an oral relay are done on the topic of evolution. The team is very dedicated and they have worked hard to achieve their success.

Appearances Before the Board

Margie Biesterveld handed the Board members a recipe her son brought home from his Health/Family and Consumer Education class. The recipe called for a ready-made product, but she would like to see kids be taught to measure ingredients and make homemade food products. She also asked a question about the number of staff in the Tech Ed department and wanted to inquire about some voucher payments.

Old Business

a. Update on legal opinion regarding procedure of reducing number of Board of Education districts

Mr. Walters said the procedure and timeline for reducing the number of Board of Education districts would be the same as reducing the number of Board of Education members. The procedure for reducing Board members was presented at last month's meeting.

New Business

a. Board of Education Compensation

Mr. Hoch handed out a list of school districts comparable to Durand showing their Board membership and compensation. The data was taken from a WASB school board report. A recommendation was made to change the Board compensation to \$30 for a meeting lasting two hours or less; \$50 for a meeting lasting longer than two hours; and \$90 for a full day meeting or conference. No action was taken on changing Board compensation.

b. Initial Reading of 200 Series Policies

The 200 Series of the Board Policy Manual focuses on administration. Mr. Walters presented and gave highlights of each of the policies. The policies will be brought back to the next regular Board of Education meeting for a second reading and approval.

c. District Budget Management Philosophy

Mr. Walters presented a budget management philosophy in which any dollars that the district comes in under budget in one fiscal year can be applied to the budget deficit the following fiscal year. Motion made by Mr. Kurth and seconded by Mrs. Baldini to adopt the philosophical plan for future deficit. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

d. Curriculum Committee Recommendation: Addition of Multi-Media Applications II and Video Productions courses, replacing Computer II and Webpage Design

Mr. Todd Poeschel and Mr. Steve Dahl met with Ms. Tamara Sharp, Curriculum Coordinator, regarding the computer and business education curriculum. As a result, a proposal, which has met with the approval of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee, is to eliminate Computers II and Webpage Design and implement Multi-Media Applications II and Video Productions courses. This would eliminate redundancy in some courses. Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to approve the Curriculum Committee's recommendation to eliminate Computer II and Webpage Design and replace the courses with Multi-Media Applications II and Video Productions. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

e. Policy Amendment: Cell Phone Use at Jr/Sr High

Callie Anibas, Student Council President, requested a change to the Cell Phone Policy. The change would allow students to use their phones during their lunch period. Currently, phones cannot be used during the school day, including lunch period and between classes. Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Myers to approve the amendment to the Cell Phone Policy. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

f. Approval of 501(c)(3) Durand Education Foundation

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Kurth to approve the establishment of the Durand Education Foundation. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Administrative Reports

Callie Anibas, Student Representative:

Students would like to have an open campus or a senior lounge. The Student Council Executive Committee will be proposing an “honors lunch”, where a Junior or Senior can leave campus if they maintain a grade point average of 2.8.

Mrs. Basche, Director of Pupil Services:

- As of today, all standardized testing has been completed.
- At last month’s meeting, the Board was informed that a special education aide needed to be hired on an emergency basis for a student at Arkansaw Elementary. However, circumstances changed and no aide was hired.
- Mrs. Basche reported to the Board about some of the sessions she attended at a recent Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS) conference she attended.
- Mrs. Basche reported the following enrollments: adult education program – 15; Maxville Alternative School – 16; and English Language Learners – 11.

Mrs. Lund, Elementary Principal:

- Kindergarten and 1st grade students celebrated the 100th day of school at Caddie Woodlawn on February 13th. They spent the morning doing activities centered around “100”.
- A Valentine’s Day lunch was held at Arkansaw Elementary on February 13th. The 5th and 6th grade student council members served the lunch and presents for lunch guests were made by 1st grade students. Forensics students and speech students presented their work and there were also vocal and instrumental music performances.
- On February 19th and 20th, students in grades 3-6 will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart.
- There were 19 participants in the local spelling bee. The winner, Jacob Biesterveld, advanced to regional competition in Baldwin today. He finished 4th out of 21 participants.
- There will be a “Souper” Math Family Night at Arkansaw Elementary on March 5th. Families will be able to engage in many, fun math activities and also enjoy an evening meal of soup, crackers, and relishes.

Mr. Clouse, Jr/Sr High Principal:

- Andrew Hartmann finished 2nd at the regional wrestling tournament and will advance to sectional competition.
- Post-prom and post-grad meetings are underway. The prom will be held in the gym this year, and seniors are not interested in a boat trip for their post-grad party.
- Reality Check will be hosted by Mondovi this year.
- Class registration for next school year will begin soon. The goal is to have student schedules done by the end of this school year.
- Met last week with the police department, sheriff’s department, and Pepin County Human Services Department about bullying and harassment.
- Also met last week with Ms. Lori Snapp, Mr. Mike Retzloff, and UW-Extension and 4-H staff about using the school’s green house to grow produce for school lunches.

Mr. Walters, District Administrator:

- The administration and some Board members met with Mr. Terry Mesch and Ms. Holly Hart about starting a charter school. A charter school in Durand would have curriculum focusing on the math and sciences and would be able to take advantage of having the Chippewa River and the nearby Tiffany Bottoms to study. The district needs to present a five year plan (strategic, curriculum, enrollment, budget, etc.) and then apply for a planning grant. A charter school is run by its own Board of Directors. Enrollment, however, counts on the district’s membership.

- There will be staff development on Monday, February 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and then parent/teacher conferences will be held from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. The professional development will be focused on using technology in the classroom.
- A reminder to Board members to let Mrs. Komro know if you plan to attend the Joint Administration/Board meeting at CESA 11 on March 27th or WASB's, "2009 Day at the Capitol" on March 18th.
- Mr. Jesse Harness, CESA 11 Director, has asked if there is anyone from Durand interested in finishing Mrs. Baldini's term on the CESA 11 Board of Control. The Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If nobody is interested, Prescott will be contacted to fill the vacancy.
- A copy of Governor Doyle's budget summary was passed out to Board members.

Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Baldini, and Mrs. Myers reported on some of the sessions they attended at the State Education Convention in January.

Executive Session 19.85(1)(c)

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

Motion to Return to Open Session

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

Report of Action Taken During Closed Session

None.

Any Other Business Properly Brought Before the Board

None.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Secretary,

Linda Komro