

MINUTES

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting Room, Caddie Woodlawn**

Board Members Present: Katie Garrett, Paul Hoch, Tammy Hoyt, Karl Kurth, Audrey Martin, Paula Myers, Robert Pelke, Becky Richardson, Bob Wittig (arrived at 6:26 p.m.)

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

Student Representative: Danielle Bauer

Meeting called to order and roll call

District Administrator, Mr. Walters, called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 May 14, 2009, issue of the *Courier Wedge* and by posting the agenda at the Durand High School, at Caddie Woodlawn, and at the Durand Community Library.

Board Reorganization

- a. Motion made by Mr. Kurth and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to nominate Mr. Hoch as President. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hoch took over at this point and presided over the rest of the meeting.

- b. Motion made by Mrs. Hoyt and seconded by Mr. Kurth to nominate Mrs. Myers as Vice President. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- c. Motion made by Mr. Pelke and seconded by Mrs. Garrett to nominate Mrs. Richardson as Clerk. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- d. Motion made by Mr. Kurth and seconded by Mr. Pelke to nominate Mrs. Hoyt as Treasurer. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- e. Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to name the *Courier Wedge* and the school district newsletter as the official publications; Security Financial Bank and the State Investment Pool as the official depositories; Weld, Riley, Prens & Ricci as the legal counsel; Linda Komro as board secretary; and Mrs. Myers as the WASB correspondent and legislative liaison. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of the regular meeting on April 15, 2009, and the special meetings on April 16, 2009, and April 21, 2009
- c. Vouchers: Addendum to the April Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 13987 to 14083 and ACH payments in the amount of \$446,616.04; the May Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 14084 to 14265 and ACH payments in the amount of \$298,107.35; and the May Fund 38 voucher of check number 244 in the amount of \$363.00.
- d. Treasurer's Report: As of April 30, 2009, the total balance of all district funds was \$1,487,135.37.
- e. Personnel recommendation:
 - i. Hire: Carolyn Eslick, Early Childhood Teacher
 - ii. Hire: Kassy Sances, High School English Teacher
 - iii. Resignation: Audra Hubbard, Adult Education Teacher

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

District Recognition

a. Retiring District Employees

Eight staff members will be retiring after the 2008-09 school year. Together, Mrs. Diana Bauer, Mrs. Jan Brunner, Mrs. Nancy Flanagan, Mrs. Jean Gagner, Ms. Barb Kallstrom, Mrs. Sandy McNaughton, Mr. Scott Sponholz, and Mr. Wayne Sterzinger, have given more than 197 years of service to the school district. Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Brunner were at the meeting and were presented a plaque for their years of dedicated service to the Durand School District.

Appearances Before the Board

Mr. Dan Kvislen, Student Council Advisor, said that class elections for 2009-10 had just taken place and the new officers would be announced tomorrow. Generally, no student representatives attend the June, July, or August Board of Education meetings, however, a representative can be present if requested. During the next school year, homerooms will meet the first Tuesday of each month and each homeroom will have a representative. Class officers and homeroom representatives will meet to discuss any issues brought up by the student body.

Mrs. Alice Baldini urged the Board to give Wee Care Day Care a positive response to their rental request because Wee Care approached the Board first with their request, they have a long standing history in the community, and they are a non-profit organization. Mrs. Baldini asked the Board to consider pre-expulsion conferences for students with no discipline history rather than conducting an expulsion hearing. Mrs. Baldini also asked what Mrs. Martin's objections were to the Board Member Code of Ethics Statement and asked what revisions she wanted made to the statement.

Mr. Wittig arrived at 6:26 p.m.

New Business

a. Updating Committee Membership

i. Personnel

Mr. Hoch and Mr. Pelke will continue serving on the Personnel Committee, and Mrs. Richardson asked to be removed from the committee. Mr. Kurth and Mrs. Martin were added to the committee.

ii. Transportation

Mrs. Hoyt and Mrs. Myers will continue serving on the Transportation Committee and Mr. Kurth and Mr. Pelke were added to the committee.

iii. Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Myers and Mr. Wittig will continue serving on the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. Martin were added to the committee.

iv. Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Richardson will continue serving on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

v. Policy

Mr. Hoch and Mrs. Richardson will continue serving on the Policy Committee and Mrs. Garrett was added to the committee.

vi. Technology

Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Richardson will continue serving on the Technology Committee and Mrs. Hoyt was added to the committee.

vii. Insurance

Mr. Hoch and Mr. Pelke will continue serving on the Insurance Committee, and Mrs. Richardson asked to be removed from the committee. Mr. Kurth was added to the Insurance Committee.

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Myers to approve the committee recommendations. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

b. Appointment of Representative to the 2009 CESA 11 Annual Convention

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Kurth to appoint Mr. Hoch to the CESA 11 annual convention in June. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

c. Student Assurance Services

Cost for 2009-10 student accident insurance with Student Assurance Services will be \$15,050, an increase of \$1,700 from last year, for athletes in grades 7-12. Parents will have an opportunity to purchase non-athletic coverage for their children. Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Kurth to approve the student accident insurance renewal with Student Assurance Services for 2009-10. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

d. Board Member Code of Ethics Revision

Mrs. Martin said the Code of Ethics Statement could be interpreted in too many different ways and requested it be kept simple. She recommended not having the Code of Ethics Statement and just having the Conflict of Interest policy. The Board Member Code of Ethics Statement was referred to the Policy Committee for review.

Committee Work and Recommendations

a. Buildings and Grounds Committee

i. Football Field Practice Facility

Motion made by Mrs. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to table the decision on the football practice field facility. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ii. Wee Care Day Care Rental of Two Rooms at Caddie

Motion made by Mr. Kurth and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to accept Wee Care Day Care's offer to lease two rooms at Caddie Woodlawn for \$450 per month. Motion failed on a roll call vote. Mr. Hoch, Mr. Kurth, and Mrs. Richardson voted yes and Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Pelke, Mr. Wittig, and Mrs. Garrett voted no.

iii. Discussion on Room Usage at Caddie for Additional Day Care (Cradles 2 Crayons) and Youth Wrestling

The consensus of the Board was to not provide space for Cradles 2 Crayons at Caddie Woodlawn being that Wee Care Day Care was voted down, but to allow Youth Wrestling to continue using three rooms at Caddie Woodlawn pending availability.

iv. Tennis Court Resurfacing

A bid from Jeff Biederman to resurface the tennis courts was received in the amount of \$34,983. No motion was made to proceed with the project of resurfacing the tennis courts. The Board would like more bids and to ask the City of Durand if they would be willing to assist with the cost of resurfacing the tennis courts.

Administrative Reports

Danielle Bauer, Student Representative:

- A fund raiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society was held called "Pennies for Patients" and \$401 was raised.
- Both junior high and senior high students participated in "Caps for a Cure", a fund raiser for childhood cancer. A day was designated and students that paid \$1 were allowed to wear a hat during the school day and \$185 was raised.
- This year the senior high had a Spring Fling instead of a Winter Carnival. Many activities took place during the week of Spring Fling, but there was no school dance.
- Lindsay Lien was the recipient of the \$100 Student Council Scholarship.

Mrs. Lund, Elementary Principal:

- Some senior high students mentor students at Arkansaw Elementary (like a Big Brother, Big Sister Program) based on parent and teacher recommendations. An end of the year mentor picnic was held and the kids thoroughly enjoyed it.
- A carnival for Fab 4 and kindergarten students will be on June 4th at Caddie Woodlawn. Sixth grade student council members will help at the carnival.
- Kindergarten students will be touring Arkansaw Elementary on May 22nd. First grade students are planning a reader's theater for the visitors.
- Sixth grade students will tour the junior high on May 27th and then will walk back to Arkansaw and have a picnic.
- Certificate days are being planned. Kindergarten certificate day is scheduled for June 5th and sixth grade certificate day is planned for June 8th.

Mrs. Basche, Director of Pupil Services:

- Thirty seven applications requesting more than \$3 million was requested for an alternative education grant. Unfortunately, there was only \$1 million available for awards and Durand was not a recipient.
- As part of the REACH grant, a final data analysis meeting was held yesterday with kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade teachers. As a result, kindergarten staff would like to have a learning centers room and 1st grade teachers would like to work on guided reading next year.

Mr. Clouse, Jr/Sr High Principal:

- On May 13th, the K-9 drug unit searched lockers, locker rooms, offices, and the parking lot. Four cars were searched, but nothing was found.
- Almost \$217,000 in scholarships and awards were given out last Thursday at the Senior Awards Program.
- The Buffalo/Pepin County Teen Court was recognized for its efforts with an Award of Outstanding Achievement from the State Bar of Wisconsin. Four students from Durand serve on the court.

Mr. Walters, District Administrator:

- A summer retreat for the Board of Education to discuss district goals and objectives will be held again if there is interest. Board members should let Mr. Walters know of their interest and availability for a retreat.
- If any Board member is interested in participating in the district's data analysis on July 14 & 15, they should contact Mr. Walters.
- A fact sheet on stimulus funding was handed out. Durand is estimated to receive \$258,000 in IDEA funds (special education) and \$104,000 in Title I funds.

Mrs. Richardson was at the senior awards program and commented that the students put forth a lot of effort and she hopes they appreciate and acknowledge the donor of the scholarship/award they received.

Executive Session 19.85(1)(c)

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

Report of Action Taken During Closed Session

No action was taken.

Any Other Business Properly Brought Before the Board

None.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Secretary,

Linda Komro