

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE

OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

I. Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education was held on Monday, March 12, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President Strenn at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center.

II. Establish Quorum

Members present: Jane Wesely, Lisa Schulz, Julie Strenn, MaryAnn Lippert, with Connie Potter excused. Administration present: Terry Reynolds, District Administrator; Jeff Gast, Finance Director; and Dick Koeshall, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

III. Meeting Notice Certification

Meeting notice was posted on the doors at the Elementary School, High School, and Administration area and meeting notice was sent to the official newspaper, the *Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune* and also to the *Marshfield News Herald* and the *Pittsville Record*.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by Jane Wesely, to approve the agenda for the March 12, 2012 meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments

A number of community members made personal comments/statements regarding the public forum held on March 11, the school budget, and the decision made by the School Board concerning replacement of both principal positions. The Board thanked the community members for their attendance and comments.

VI. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2012
- B. General Fund Invoices
- C. Approve Updates to School Board School Student Medication Policy: 453.4
- D. Approve Junior High Track Coach

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Lisa Schulz, to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried.

VII. Financial

A. Financial Status of the District

A handout of the financial status of the District was presented and discussed with the Board.

VIII. Reports

A. Elementary School

- The Pajama Night was a wonderful time! Thanks to the Title One team for arranging this evening and also to the readers who volunteered to read. Cookies and milk were served after everyone enjoyed the stories.
- The School Garden project is going to need to get going soon. If you would like to help, please let us know.
- Junior high has completed their Forensics. We are proud of their accomplishments and know they have gained life skills by participating in this program. Thanks to Jodie and Tracy for leading this program once again.
- Summer school proposals are in and the flier is being created. This will be sent out to students in mid-April. Summer school is planned for June 11-22 for enrichment classes and June 25-30 for the children's theater. The production will be *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

- Mark your calendars for the learning event of the year! The learning fair is coming to Pittsville Elementary School on March 22!

B. Senior High School

- SCING Distance Learning Network. For \$20.78, students can participate in a three session course designed to help prepare them for the ACT. The three sessions are April 10, 11, and 12 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The sign up deadline is Thursday March 22.
- Block Schedule. We have set an informational meeting about the block schedule for March 21 at 6:00 PM. The advantage of block schedule is that students will have the opportunity to take more classes because each student will be taking 8 classes each semester instead of seven classes. Eight students and five staff members visited Elk Mound High School on February 17, and on March 1, four staff members visited Amherst High School. On both occasions the staff and students noticed a less stressful school environment a result of students needing to focus on only four classes and three classes for teachers. After the Elk Mound visit, an article pertaining to the block schedule was placed on the high school webpage. The article outlines the benefits of block scheduling.
- The girls' basketball team began regional play on March 6, at Onalaska Luther. Track season began on March 12. Softball and baseball can begin practicing on March 19. If weather permits, the first softball and baseball games are set for March 29 at Neillsville. The third quarter ends on March 23. The grade check for athletic eligibility will occur for spring sports on March 26.
- FBLA Regionals were held on February 5 in Stevens Point. A total of 42 Pittsville High School students competed in events with 8 students placing high enough to qualify for the State Leadership Conference. *The Board congratulated Sam Solatycki for being elected for the Vice-President for the State FBLA Association. Sam will be sworn into office at the State Leadership Conference in La Crosse, April 2-3.*

XI. District Administrator Report

A. Principal Interview Update and Discussion

Details on the upcoming Principal interviews were discussed with the Board. The Board reaffirmed their commitment to hiring back both positions.

B. 2012-2012 Health Insurance Update and Discussion

The Board was informed that Security Health plan's renewal rate and the WEA bid. Additional information is being gathered from both Security Health and WEA. The Board will review this information in April.

C. Driver's Education Program Alternative

A discussion was held concerning the possibility eliminating the School's involvement in the Driver's Education program. The Board asked Superintendent Reynolds to bring back additional information for a possible decision to be made in April. The Board wants to look at the feasibility of continuing the class room portion at school and then having parents contract outside sources for the behind the wheel driving portion.

D. Sunday Use of Facilities Discussion

The Board discussed the need for a School Board Policy on Sunday Use of Facilities for School Sponsored Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activities. A survey will be developed to obtain input from coaches, staff members, and parents before the development of such a policy.

XII. Adjourn

Motion was made by Jane Wesely, seconded by MaryAnn Lippert, to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried.