

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.

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

I. Call to Order

A special meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education was held on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Center.

II. Establish Quorum

Members present: Jane Wesely, Lisa Schulz, MaryAnn Lippert, Connie Potter, and Julie Strenn.
Administration present: Terry Reynolds, District Administrator.

III. Meeting Notice Certification

Meeting notice was posted on the doors at the Elementary School, High School, and Administration Area and meeting notice was faxed 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 MaryAnn Lippert, to approve the agenda for the March 19, 2012 Special Meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education. Motion carried.

V. The Board will move into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c)

Motion was made by Connie Potter, seconded by Jane Wesely, to move into Closed Session as per Wisconsin State Statute. President Julie Strenn directed the Clerk to take a roll call vote:

Jane Wesely	Yes	Lisa Schulz	Yes	MaryAnn Lippert	Yes
Connie Potter	Yes	Julie Strenn	Yes		

1) Conduct Interviews of Senior High School Principal

2) Consider Hiring of Senior High School Principal

VI. Move out of Closed Session

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by Jane Wesely, to move out of closed session. Motion carried.

VII. Act upon Closed Sessions

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Connie Potter, to hire the administrators first choice for Senior High School Principal and if agreement cannot not be reached, to offer a contract to the administrator's second choice. Motion carried by roll call vote (5 yes - 0 no).

VIII. Marshfield Hockey Co-op Consideration

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by Connie Potter, to approve the Marshfield Cooperative Team Sponsorship agreement with Marshfield for girl's hockey. Motion carried.

IX. Adjourn

Motion was made by Jane Wesely, seconded by Connie Potter, to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Connie Potter, Clerk

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

I. Call to Order

A special meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education was held on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Center.

II. Establish Quorum

Members present: Jane Wesely, Lisa Schulz, MaryAnn Lippert, Connie Potter, and Julie Strenn.
Administration present: Terry Reynolds, District Administrator.

III. Meeting Notice Certification

Meeting notice was posted on the doors at the Elementary School, High School, and Administration Area and meeting notice was faxed 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 MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Jane Wesely, to approve the agenda for the March 26, 2012 Special Meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education. Motion carried.

V. The Board will move into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c)

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Connie Potter, to move into Closed Session as per Wisconsin State Statute. President Julie Strenn directed the Clerk to take a roll call vote:

Jane Wesely	Yes	Lisa Schulz	Yes	MaryAnn Lippert	Yes
Connie Potter	Yes	Julie Strenn	Yes		

1) Conduct Interviews of Elementary School Principal

2) Consider Hiring of Elementary School Principal

VI. Move out of Closed Session

Motion was made by Connie Potter seconded by Jane Wesely, to move out of closed session. Motion carried.

VII. Act upon Closed Sessions

Motion was made by Jane Wesely, seconded by Connie Potter, to hire the administrators first choice for the Elementary School Principal. Motion carried by roll call vote (5 yes - 0 no).

VIII. Adjourn

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by Jane Wesely, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Connie Potter, Clerk

FUND SUMMARY

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
10	GENERAL FUND	151,606.46	0.00	107,454.68	259,061.14
21	DONATIONS	-10,087.44	0.00	10,087.44	0.00
27	SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	0.00	-6,922.23	6,922.23	0.00
50	FOOD SERVICE FUND	-10,685.48	0.00	10,685.48	0.00
60	AGENCY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
***	Fund Summary Totals ***	130,833.54	-6,922.23	135,149.83	259,061.14

***** End of report *****

CESA 5 2012-2013 CONTRACT - AMENDED

PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SUMMARY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICE BETWEEN
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY 5**

	ANTICIPATED AID	LOCAL DISTRICT NET COST FOR 2012-13	ESTIMATED LOCAL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2012-13
SERVICES OFFERED			
(1) Local District Matching of States \$25,000 Admin. Aid used for Staff Development		295.61	295.61
(2) * Data Processing.		-	
(3) Instructional Material Center Base Fee		2,500.00	2,500.00
(4) Instruct. Tech. Supp. Services Full Service		-	
(4a) Technical Support Specialist		-	
(5) Special Education Instructional Materials Center (SEIMC)		1,500.00	1,500.00
(6) Professional Staff Development Resource Center.		-	
(7) Delivery Service.		1,492.00	1,492.00
(8) * Student Achievement Consortium.		6,653.00	6,653.00
(9) ATOD Network		445.20	445.20
(10) CTE Leadership		2,675.00	2,675.00
(11) Education 4 Employment		-	
(12) Equity & Human Fairness		-	
(13) Curriculum Specialist.		-	
(14) Account. & Assess. Center.		2,050.00	2,050.00
(15) * Distance Learning.		10,591.00	10,591.00
(16) Psychological Services	12,135.00	40,267.00	52,402.00
(17) Speech Therapist.	14,038.00	50,246.00	64,284.00
(18) Special Education Leadership	11,356.68	34,067.76	45,424.44
(19) Special Education/Visually Impaired	253.44	809.82	1,063.26
(20) Orientation and Mobility Instructor.		-	
(21) Special Education/Hearing Impaired		-	
(21a) Hearing Interpretor		-	

CESA 5 2012-2013 CONTRACT - AMENDED

PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SUMMARY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICE BETWEEN
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY 5**

	ANTICIPATED AID	LOCAL DISTRICT NET COST FOR 2012-13	ESTIMATED LOCAL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 2012-13
(21b) Hearing Teacher with Interpreter		-	
(22) Audiology.		-	
(23) Audiology Access Charge.	182.00	518.00	700.00
(24) Occupational Therapy	3,320.46	6,507.54	9,828.00
(25) Physical Therapy	463.97	1,777.03	2,241.00
(26) Assistive Technology Specialist		1,050.00	1,050.00
(27) Early Childhood.		-	
(28) Autism Support Specialist		-	
(29) PI 34 Consortium		1,350.00	1,350.00
(30) Title III ELL Consortium		-	
(31) Hearing Impaired Classrooms		-	
(32) Visually Impaired Classrooms		-	
(33) CDS Classrooms.		-	
(34) Juneau Co. Charter School		-	
(35) Sauk Co. Juvenile Consortium.		-	
(36) CO-MAN Juvenile Consortium		-	
(37) JCAN Juvenile Consortium		-	
(38) WCAS Juvenile Consortium.	4,035.60	15,364.40	19,400.00
(39) Waupaca Co. Charter School.		-	
(40) Consortium Membership Fee.		-	
* Curriculum 4 Schools.		-	-
Drivers Ed		17,600.00	17,600.00
TOTALS	\$ 45,785.15	\$ 197,759.36	\$ 243,544.51

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES OFFERED IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT (608) 742-8811.

* The numbers reflected are from 2011-12 contracts. As more information becomes available, we will update these numbers.

Fd Func	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-12		ACTIVITY	
	FY Activity	Budget	Thru 6/30/2011	Original Budget	TO DATE	FYTD %		
10 SALARIES	3,007,739.53	3,210,443.67	3,159,048.67	3,118,532.89	2,033,442.56	65.26		
10 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,811,843.53	1,639,401.48	1,609,528.01	1,510,951.71	1,232,739.22	81.59		
10 PURCHASED SERVICES	1,242,253.83	1,430,992.47	1,383,769.27	1,547,798.10	732,141.76	48.31		
10 NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	334,713.38	307,039.05	316,354.35	252,365.14	125,996.89	51.04		
10 CAPITAL OBJECTS	15,729.43	667,940.35	667,940.35	31,050.00	305.00	0.98		
10 DEBT RETIREMENT	5,444.38	1,475.00		2,000.00				
10 INSURANCE & JUDGMENTS	80,845.04	70,141.78	70,594.87	106,508.68	98,367.32	92.36		
10 OPERATING TRANSFERS-OUT	502,003.97	718,025.40	752,371.36	568,244.00	315,242.98	55.48		
10 OTHER OBJECTS	16,560.79	23,146.25	20,192.55	26,549.48	11,045.00	42.73		
10 GENERAL FUND	7,017,133.88	8,068,605.45	7,979,799.43	7,164,000.00	4,549,280.73	63.78		
27 SALARIES	338,978.76	457,907.00	396,228.97	344,927.06	205,945.07	59.71		
27 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	255,091.61	296,130.68	245,746.85	209,651.98	159,160.66	75.92		
27 PURCHASED SERVICES	466,494.19	469,576.76	387,078.50	415,300.74	241,367.35	58.12		
27 NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	25,979.16	58,710.50	25,249.30	36,677.00	4,473.48	12.20		
27 INSURANCE & JUDGMENTS	3,733.08							
27 OTHER OBJECTS		26,442.94	47,200.68	1,367.22	1,953.22	142.86		
27 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	1,090,276.80	1,308,767.88	1,101,504.30	1,007,924.00	612,899.78	60.81		
39 DEBT RETIREMENT	493,247.66	486,699.84	648,043.76	489,132.00	489,132.00	100.00		
39 REFERENDUM APPROVED DEBT SERVI	493,247.66	486,699.84	648,043.76	489,132.00	489,132.00	100.00		
50 SALARIES	76,516.65	92,178.25	89,184.34	96,157.00	63,707.19	66.25		
50 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	69,677.09	63,202.75	62,170.12	64,664.60	50,400.41	77.94		
50 PURCHASED SERVICES	11,632.08	14,217.00	14,795.99	13,165.00	9,246.49	70.24		
50 NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	111,065.04	106,074.00	111,217.88	108,747.40	94,306.68	86.72		
50 CAPITAL OBJECTS	1,155.00	2,836.00	1,604.66					
50 OTHER OBJECTS	120.25	300.00	180.25	300.00	135.25	45.08		
50 FOOD SERVICE FUND	270,166.11	278,808.00	279,153.24	283,034.00	217,796.02	76.95		
72 OTHER OBJECTS	6,450.00	6,000.00	4,450.00	6,500.00	2,500.00	38.46		
72 PRIVATE BENEFIT TRUST FUND	6,450.00	6,000.00	4,450.00	6,500.00	2,500.00	38.46		
Grand Expense Totals	8,877,274.45	10,148,881.17	10,012,950.73	8,950,590.00	5,871,608.53	65.82		

Number of Accounts: 3262

***** End of report *****

Fd Func	2009-2010		2010-2011		2010-2011		2011-12		ACTIVITY		2011-12 FYTD %
	FY Activity	Budget	Thru 6/30/2011	Original Budget	TO DATE						
10 LOCAL SOURCES	2,670,564.74	3,101,662.00	3,106,404.29	2,878,175.00	1,818,943.80						63.20
10 INTERDISTRICT PAYMENTS IN WI	255,526.38	279,954.00	246,013.00	258,540.00							
10 INTERMEDIATE SOURCES	7,381.91	6,812.95	7,624.41	5,370.00	107.65						2.00
10 STATE SOURCES	4,014,155.08	4,275,956.00	4,275,221.40	3,830,731.00	2,494,580.04						65.12
10 FEDERAL SOURCES	411,894.05	365,570.50	350,416.30	178,272.00	108,304.91						60.75
10 OTHER SOURCES			2,000.00	2,412.00	2,245.00						93.08
10 OTHER REVENUES	56,890.63	38,650.00	19,309.43	10,500.00	23,637.41						225.12
10 GENERAL FUND	7,416,412.79	8,068,605.45	8,006,988.83	7,164,000.00	4,447,818.81						62.09
27 INTERDISTRICT PAYMENTS IN WI	74,530.75	95,052.00	90,753.31	40,170.00	26,818.87						66.76
27 INTERMEDIATE SOURCES	170,949.85	190,041.00	153,970.26	201,742.00	117,387.34						58.19
27 STATE SOURCES	205,053.00	159,000.00	140,048.00	155,768.00	113,798.00						73.06
27 FEDERAL SOURCES	137,739.23	146,649.48	125,705.29	42,000.00	39,652.59						94.41
27 OPERATING TRANSFERS-IN	502,003.97	718,025.40	591,027.44	568,244.00	315,242.98						55.48
27 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	1,090,276.80	1,308,767.88	1,101,504.30	1,007,924.00	612,899.78						60.81
39 LOCAL SOURCES	493,251.94	486,699.84	486,749.77	489,132.00	489,171.44						100.01
39 OPERATING TRANSFERS-IN			161,343.92								
39 REFERENDUM APPROVED DEBT SERVI	493,251.94	486,699.84	648,093.69	489,132.00	489,171.44						100.01
50 LOCAL SOURCES	147,560.38	151,775.00	128,989.59	157,734.00	126,106.79						79.95
50 STATE SOURCES	5,058.06	3,700.00	5,505.98	8,000.00	5,840.80						73.01
50 FEDERAL SOURCES	128,601.58	123,333.00	144,364.48	117,300.00	89,715.59						76.48
50 OTHER REVENUES	1,000.00										
50 FOOD SERVICE FUND	282,220.02	278,808.00	278,860.05	283,034.00	221,663.18						78.32
72 LOCAL SOURCES	6,787.34	6,000.00	4,561.43	6,500.00	2,760.34						42.47
72 PRIVATE BENEFIT TRUST FUND	6,787.34	6,000.00	4,561.43	6,500.00	2,760.34						42.47
Grand Revenue Totals	9,288,948.89	10,148,881.17	10,040,008.30	8,950,590.00	5,774,313.55						64.51

Number of Accounts: 271

***** End of report *****

ACCOUNT NUMBER	FUNCTION	March 2011-12		2011-12		Ending Balance
		Debits	Credits	YR Debits	YR Credits	
	Beginning Balance					
		2,076,014.02	1,337,138.79	13,175,547.81	12,481,159.24	2,770,402.59
	Grand Asset Totals					
		-493,942.84	2,781,592.35	13,005,967.05	13,801,817.54	-1,289,793.33
	Grand Liability Totals					
		-1,582,071.18	918,699.21	5,709,447.27	5,607,985.35	-1,480,609.26
	Grand Equity Totals					
		0.00	5,037,430.35	31,890,962.13	31,890,962.13	0.00
	Grand Totals					

***** End of report *****

ACCOUNT NUMBER	FUNCTION	Beginning Balance	March 2011-12 Debits	March 2011-12 Credits	2011-12 YR Debits	2011-12 YR Credits	Ending Balance
Grand Totals		0.00	49,740.46	49,740.46	329,087.45	329,087.45	0.00

***** End of report *****

ACCOUNT NUMBER	FUNCTION	Beginning Balance	March 2011-12 Debits	March 2011-12 Credits	2011-12 YR Debits	2011-12 YR Credits	Ending Balance
Grand Asset Totals		35,759.35	36,494.62	35,203.10	155,164.00	152,996.55	37,926.80
Grand Liability Totals		-35,759.35	35,174.12	36,465.64	152,890.43	155,057.88	-37,926.80
Grand Equity Totals		0.00	1,179.90	1,179.90	13,402.02	13,402.02	0.00
Grand Totals		0.00	72,848.64	72,848.64	321,456.45	321,456.45	0.00

***** End of report *****

ACCOUNT NUMBER	FUNCTION	Beginning Balance	March 2011-12 Debits	March 2011-12 Credits	2011-12 YR Debits	2011-12 YR Credits	Ending Balance
Grand Asset Totals		41,078.23	100,373.96	104,605.67	589,482.92	593,056.12	37,505.03
Grand Liability Totals		-7,440.36	69,152.35	69,152.35	383,374.19	375,933.83	0.00
Grand Equity Totals		-33,637.87	40,172.35	35,940.64	248,574.32	252,441.48	-37,505.03
Grand Totals		0.00	209,698.66	209,698.66	1,221,431.43	1,221,431.43	0.00

***** End of report *****

School Board Report

On Wednesday, March 21, about 25 parents, staff, and district residents attended the informational meeting on block scheduling. A survey was provided to all those who attended the meeting. At the start of the meeting, eight responded as in favor of the block schedule, ten responded as neutral, and three respond as unsure of their feelings towards the block schedule. After the presentation, 14 responded to be in favor of the block schedule, six were neutral, and one response was unsure. No one at the meeting was opposed to the block schedule. During the informational meeting on the block schedule, the parents asked about the timeline for the process of schedule completion.

The next step is to begin completing the schedule of our students in a block schedule. Mrs. Backaus completed the schedule on Monday, March 26. On Thursday, March 29, Mrs. Backaus met with the juniors about the new schedule. She showed the juniors how their present course requests fit the block schedule and how their schedules would be filled out. In addition, Mrs. Backaus spoke about courses, which were changed since the initial requests were entered. A similar meeting occurred with the sophomores on Friday, March 30. The freshmen and 8th graders will be meeting with Mrs. Backaus after break.

The final schedules will begin with the juniors after the students and staff return from spring break. After the juniors schedules are filled Mrs. Backaus will move to the sophomores. The process will conclude with the 8th graders. This process will take approximately three weeks.

Another concern voiced during the informational meeting pertained to preparing teachers to teach in the block format. Most of the high school staff has already visited a school operating with a block schedule. During the in-service on May 14, we are looking at providing staff with training, this could be in the form of a speaker and/or staff time to discuss the use of skinnies and teaming areas.

Mrs. Backaus has been quite creative in developing a schedule which will allow all students to be in class all day. For example, weight lifting is taught one semester during the block with band and choir. A student who is in choir will take weightlifting during the "skinny" portion of that period when band is offered. The schedule would allow for similar possibilities with students in foods, art, or business classes. Again, this answered a concern asked during the informational meeting. Mrs. Backaus has posted a template on the website to show and explain the course changes.

One of the points that was addressed throughout the informational meeting was the new learning curve. When we asked for the original course requests, we were operating under a system (the 8 period day) which the high school will no longer be using. The scheduling procedure, will change as the district implements the block schedule. For example, next year if a student completes Spanish I first semester and if numbers permit that student will be allowed to move into Spanish II second semester. The adoption of the Common Core and their subsequent implementation in all content areas will create change. We are currently preparing students for the WKCE. The eighth graders will need to prepare for the Common Core, which will require more problem solving skills. This is another area where the old model (the WKCE) will be replaced with a new model (the Smarter Balanced Assessment). I feel strongly that the block schedule will facilitate the implementing of the Common Core and the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

I want to close by speaking about one area which was stressed during the block scheduling meeting, that being the RTI period. The RTI period can help students receive needed assistance in classes where the student is struggling. The RTI period can also be used to prepare students for AP or ACT testing. Another use of the RTI period will be to help sophomores prepare for the WKCE. This is especially critical for the sophomores who will not be scheduled into content areas like Biology, Geometry or English 10 during the first semester. For example, half of the sophomores will not be in Biology first semester. Their Biology course is second semester. The RTI time will allow for refresher throughout September and October for these students. Another question about the RTI period pertains to the assignment of students to a teacher. This will be short term placements. If a student needs assistance in Math, the student will be assigned to his or her Math teacher. Once the student has met the prescribed curriculum the student will be released from this assignment.

Elementary Board Report
April 2012
Written 3/30/2012

We have been moving forward throughout the school year. Our upcoming calendar clearly depicts the positive way we interact with the students we have here and integrate opportunities throughout our curriculum.

Several 6th grade students will be participating in College for Kids at UWSP on April 13th. This day gives students not only an opportunity to see what college is about, but provides them with insight into the leadership and academic skills that they need to develop in order to be successful in junior high and beyond. This opportunity is afforded the students through the work of Doug Schultz who coordinates this event for those involved.

Our Third Grade students are planning their annual trip to the Wood County Landfill. While such an excursion may bring questions as to why a "trip to the dump," we know that the students come back with a keen awareness for the environment. The massive amounts of waste that are processed in this landfill opens their eyes of the need to reduce, recycle and reuse.

On April 26th, the focus of environmental education continues with our Looping Classroom and our 2nd grade students walking to Riverside Park here in Pittsville to plant a tree with Mr. Robert Wolff as a part of our commemoration of Arbor Day. The students will also learn about trees and the environment from Mr. Wolff.

Our 8th Grade students will once again participate in the Reality Store, a venture offered by the MACC. It will be held in Marshfield at the Junior High/Middle School there. Students learn the complexities of adult life—having a job, caring for a family and paying the bills. Our goal with their participation is that they will come away with a keen awareness of the need to get a good education to prepare them for life.

Our Partners in Print program sponsored by the Title One program will be held on April 16th.

I hope you had a chance as a school board to attend the Art Show and Learning Fair to get a firsthand look at the work of our students. Awesome art work and learning was presented. Congratulations to all of our teachers! These events clearly demonstrate your commitment to our students and their learning.

Cindy Schooley is beginning a book club for students in Grades 5-8. She sent out suggestions for books and students signed up for the book that they would be interested in reading and discussing with their fellow club members. Way to get kids reading for fun, Cindy!

Our junior high teachers will be traveling to Edgar on April 10th to learn about block scheduling and how it is implemented at the junior high level. We appreciate Edgar Schools being so willing to accommodate our visit.

Technology at the Elementary School---You bet! On the Pittsville for Staff webpage there is a wiki that staff can use to ask questions and share apps for the iPads. The wiki is interactive so staff can answer questions and help each other out. This is a great way for the elementary staff to collaborate and share what they are doing with the iPads. The link to this wiki is: <http://pittsvilleipad.wikispaces.com/>

And finally---Congratulations to Jennifer Petersen who is our Crystal Apple Teacher of Distinction! We are proud of her and the work that she does with the 4 year old kindergarten program.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
REPORT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD
APRIL 9, 2012 MEETING

We are in the middle of spring break week.

The work needed by a plumbing contractor to make compliance with the city has been completed. There were five areas of concern that had to be done by a licensed plumber. An additional eight areas I was able to do myself to meet compliance. We will be re-inspected this month.

The junior high wing air compressor that operates the thermostat controls had to be rewired. This has caused a problem too often not to upgrade the wiring.

The work on the district's buildings is in progress and we hope to have all things in order for April 9th.

I will be putting together all the needed information to get the maintenance supply requisitions in for this summer.

Dick Koeshall, Director of Buildings and Grounds

April 4, 2012

