

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010

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, April 5, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Wesely at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center.

II. Establish Quorum

Members present: Jane Wesely, Connie Potter, MaryAnn Lippert Lisa Schulz, and Julie Strenn. Administration present: Terry Reynolds, District Administrator; John Olig, High School Principal; Jeff Gast, Finance Director; Dick Koeshall, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Chris Nepper, Computer Technologist; and Joe Dostal, Food Service Director.

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 MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Julie Strenn, to approve the agenda for the April 5, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education as presented. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments

No public comments.

VI. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 1, 2010
- B. Invoices: General Fund 83415 to 83644 (\$882,921.39)
- C. Request for Early Graduation from two additional 11th grade students
- D. Resignation of Pom Pon Coach (Karen Garrels)
- E. Approve Resignation of Certified Staff Member (Lindsey Kroening)
- F. Approve Addendum to CESA 5 Contract

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by Connie Potter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried

The Board would like to thank Karen Garrels for her 17 years of service to the district as Pom Pon Coach.

The Board would like to thank Lindsey Kroening for her 4½ years of service to the district as Instrumental Music Instructor.

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. Director of Buildings and Grounds

- Spring sports are underway along with the duties that go with it. Work is being done to try to accommodate the needs of baseball, softball, and track.
- Change over on the district's machines from winter to summer equipment has been completed.
- Spring break will allow time to do some much needed work on the buildings' floors, along with the routine cleaning inside the buildings and on the property outside.

B. Food Services

- We had our second review by the county health department. This review looked into our food handling procedures and record keeping. As a whole we did very well.
- We started breakfast at the elementary school March 8th. The first week was free to all students. We had about 300 students a day take breakfast the first week. The second week when we started charging 60 cents for full pay students; we dropped to about 130 students a day. Now into the third week, the numbers are creeping up every day. On March 24th, we served 161 students.

C. Computer Technologies

- **Server Update Project.** Mr. Nepper has been looking at proposals from two vendors to update and modernize our server/network data center and has settled upon the solution from Skyward. In Skyward's proposal we will also create a 'Storage Area Network' or SAN for data storage. As it is now, every one of those 9 servers each has its own data storage area on each individual server. A SAN would store all data in a single area, which makes it far easier to backup and secure, and makes it possible to easily switch virtual servers in the event of a failure.
- **Skyward Student Records Upgrade** - The Skyward student records, financial, and food service software will all be installed in the new virtual servers. I am working with the network engineers to finalize the plans for this project as well.
- **Internet Filtering Software** - Surf Control, which is the software we currently use to provide Internet filtering, has also been discontinued, requiring us to look for alternatives. After looking at several options, Lightspeed Total Traffic Control was chosen. This solution will do a better job of providing filtering management and options, plus it will also provide email SPAM and virus filtering, email archiving, as well as antivirus and other 'malware' protection to all our workstations. The annual cost of this solution comes to about \$4,350, which is about the same cost of the annual Surf Control license alone, which only does Internet filtering. When you add in the costs of all the other functions that Lightspeed will replace, we will end up saving over \$8,500 a year on the annual costs of all those other licenses that we currently pay separately for.
- **Badgernet** - No date has yet been established for when we will get the new fiber optic service.

D. Elementary School

- Pittsville Jr. High Math Teams will compete in Auburndale in a Jr. High Math League on April 23rd under the coaching of Mrs. Fay Niemann, Jr. High Math Teacher. Each participant will complete individual tests, which include fractions, decimals, percents, algebra, geometry, and problem solving. They will also work together on the team event. Individual and teams are awarded during the competition. Good luck to the following students who are participating: Purple team Calvin Amundson, Stephanie Riedel, Lukas Paulick, and Damien Poehnel. Gold Team: Hunter Ladick, Janessa Masanz, Anthony Marten, and Brad Wesely.
- On April 22nd and 23rd as part of the Gifted and Talented Program, Kris Doering will travel with 24 students to the Visioneers Design Challenge to UW-Milwaukee Peck School of the Arts. The Visioneers Design Challenge consists of challenges written by different business people. The students choose their challenge and solve a long problem. While in Milwaukee, each group will be given a short term challenge to solve. Then the groups will present their long and short term solutions. 10 groups will be participating in 6 different challenges. The students are also going to the Milwaukee Art Museum and will take part in a tour entitled

“What Ism Is It?” The groups are researching an “ism” to prepare for the visit and will be reporting back to the others about what they learned.

- We had a very successful solo-ensemble event on March 23rd. Next our junior high musicians will be participating in large group chorus at Abbotsford on April 8th and band large group in Abbotsford on April 13th. We wish them good luck. This talented group of students will perform for students and parents at their annual spring concert on May 11th.
- We were happy to be informed that Kris Doering chosen by her colleagues as a finalist for the Crystal Apple Award. Kris will now have to submit a resume and participate in an interview as part of the selection process for the winner. The winner of the award will be announced later in April.
- Susanne Niehaus, Cindy Schooley, Susan Walloch, Kay Hautala, Jackie Heinzen, and JoAnn Sondelski traveled to Prentice Elementary School to observe teachers using best practices in the teaching of reading. This was sponsored through our participation in a Reading First Grant activity through the Prentice School District—part of an ongoing project throughout this school year. We were able to talk with the staff at Prentice Elementary regarding what we saw and also about progress monitoring materials that are used to measure the growth of the students in reading. We will now continue that work and review the monitoring programs and adopt one to be used beginning in the 2010-11 school year. The team will also develop a calendar for implementation of best practices and a needs list for the adoption.
- Fourth Grade Heritage Days is going to be held on April 23rd. The students have learned from their families the countries that they have emigrated from. Students have been grouped by their heritage and then research those countries. The groups then will put together booths of projects on what they have learned to share with their guests. They have some projects they can pick from such as a traditional food, well known landmarks, traditional dress or clothing. They can also display 10 major points they believe best represent their country. Along with this, the students will also present technology based activities that the parents will be viewing in the auditorium. As an added dimension of this day, the students will also show their parents their technology presentations that they created on the I-ditarod.
- The Leadership team of the elementary school is looking forward to sharing with the Board its work at the upcoming May meeting.

News from the Elementary School Counseling Department

- Puberty Night was held on March 23rd for 5th and 6th graders and their parents who chose to attend. Fewer students attended this year than in the past. Danielle Luther of the Marshfield Clinic presented the information to the students and their parents.
- On April 7th, the 8th grade students will be traveling to Marshfield Junior High School for their annual participation in The Reality Store. This program is sponsored by the MACC and provides the students an opportunity to get an understanding of what it means to have a job, have responsibilities of bills, insurance, medical care, taking care of children, as well as the costs of the recreation. Mrs. Bisek and Mrs. Leonhardt have coordinated this worthwhile event for our students.

E. Senior High School

- Prior to going on spring break, we received some good news. A number of our students will be performing at the Sate Solo-Ensemble on May 1. They are as follows: Marissa Ortner, Tasha Vogel, and Shelby Clark on piano trio; Kim Fluegel - solo; Kaila Pralle - musical theatre; Hannah Rahm - solo and musical theatre; Anna Schwanebeck - musical theatre; Swing Choir: Jamie Dietz, Kim Fluegel, Kaila Pralle, Hannah Rahm, Mariah John, Beth Reigel, Jessica & Joelle Schuster, Anna Schwanebeck, Josh Pavlicek, Josh Skibba, Nathan Amundson, Cody Meyer, Olie Voight.
- Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Solo-Ensemble competition. The next festivals for both the chorus and band are scheduled following spring break. The Large Group Choral Festival will be in Auburndale on April 13. The Large Group Band Festival will be the following April 20. The annual Spring Concert is May 1 at 8:00 PM.
- With the nice spring weather, the track, softball and baseball teams are working outside on the warmer days. Softball and Baseball will open at Granton. Track will be at Necedah.

- The Visioneers group will be participating in the annual competition in Milwaukee on April 23 and 24. Kris Doering is the advisor. The Visioneer group is applying art and other academic skills to business situations. A group of Visioneer students could work on designing a line of clothing while another group focuses on the architectural design of a building, which is beginning to be restored. Another group could focus on advertising a new, innovative product. This is a great opportunity for students to apply the knowledge learned in various classes.
- The State Science Olympiad competition is on April 10. Mark Denniston is the Science Olympiad Advisor. The Science Olympiad competition allows students the opportunity to apply science and math concepts.
- Another high school group heading to the state competition is the Forensic Team. Pittsville High School will have 12 entries in the State Forensic Meet on April 10. Sarah Freedlund and Lou Simonds are the advisors.

IX. District Administrator Report

A. WIAA Conference Realignment

Mr. Reynolds explained the WIAA Conference realignment (football only) which impacts Pittsville and the Marawood Conference. The proposal would bring Tomahawk into the Conference for football replacing Chippewa Falls McDonald. The WIAA will make a final decision on the proposal in May.

B. Discussion on Paperless Board Packets

The Board decided to try the paperless option on a trial basis.

C. Set Special Meeting for Elected Board Members Oath of Office and Reorganization of School Board

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by MaryAnn Lippert, to approve a Special Board meeting on April 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center for newly elected Board members to take the Oath of Office and for reorganization of the School Board. Motion carried.

D. PEP Grant Update and Planning

The Board was updated on the PEP Grant which we are involved in writing. One aspect of the grant concerns receiving fitness equipment. The Board discussed options where this possible facility may be housed. One area that we discussed would be the current Conference Room. The other possible areas would be in the High School (Stage area, and old Music Room). No decision was made at this time. The Board also discussed ensuring that all stakeholders receive input in the activities that are written into the grant.

E. China Education Exchange

The Board received a copy of Mr. Reynolds itinerary to China and a brief description of the activities during the exchange program.

F. Rural Caucus Update

Mr. Reynolds and other small School Administrators have been meeting with State Representatives since January. The Board heard a brief update on the five proposals that have been initiated by the Assembly which could impact our district. **AB 808** - Sage Flexibility by raising the SAGE classroom limits to 18:1. **AB 807** - Transportation Aid. Instead of returning about \$2 million in unspent transportation aids to the General Fund, beginning in 2010-11 fiscal year, the money would be distributed to districts on a prorated basis. **AB 840** - Declining Enrollment Relief. In the year after enrollment declines, districts would receive a non-recurring adjustment equal to 50 percent of the original adjustment.

X. The Board will move into Closed Session as per Wisconsin State Statute

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by Connie, to move into Closed Session as per Wisconsin State Statute. President Wesely 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) PEA/PESPA Contract Negotiations - 19.85(1)(i)

XI. Move out of Closed Session

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by MaryAnn Lippert, to move out of Closed Session. Motion carried.

XII. Act upon Closed Sessions - No action taken.

XIII Adjourn

Motion was made by Connie Potter, seconded by Lisa Schulz, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried.

MaryAnn Lippert, Clerk