

# SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011

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 14, 2011. 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; JoAnn Sondelski, Elementary Principal; Jeff Gast, Finance Director; Dick Koshall, 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 Connie Potter, to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education as amended. Item VII(D) was moved to X(C). Motion carried.

### V. Public Comments - no public comments.

### VI. Science Accreditation for Agriculture Program

Bill Urban presented the accreditation process he has been working on the last two years, which is to allow science credit for his horticulture course. The Board will make a decision on approving the application to DPI for final approval in April.

### VII. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2011
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting of February 23, 2011 and March 10, 2011
- C. General Fund Invoices

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by MaryAnn Lippert, to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried

### VIII. Financial

#### A. Financial Status of the District

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

#### B. 2011-2012 Budget Updates

Discussion on next year's budget. As of this date, we are at approximately \$130,000 from a balanced budget for next year. This year's budget is just over \$8,000,000, next year we will be just over \$7,000,000.

#### C. AHU/Roofing Project

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Connie Potter, to approve Johnson Control's Option B AHU project which has an estimated cost of \$459,435. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Connie Potter, seconded by Lisa Schulz, to approve administrations recommendation for the roofing project at approximately \$82,000 with emphasis on warranty. Motion carried.

**D. Distance Learning and Greenhouse Project**

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Lisa Schulz, to approve the High School Distance Learning Lab (\$50,000). Motion carried.

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Connie Potter, to approve the Greenhouse Project (\$24,000), funding with FFA Alumni and any grant funds available. Motion carried.

**IX. 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. The readers were Olivia Wesely, Wendy Eichsteadt, Anna Schwanebeck, Mrs. Heinzen, Ruby Dietz, Nicole Rademan, Nikki Dietz, Amber Frederick, Sierra Braun, Liz Knutson, Zach Zdun, Nicole Guden, Laney Garrels, Margaret Cafilisch, Laura Huber, Shelby Freedlund and JoAnn Sondelski. This great night of reading was rounded out by Roscoe, the mascot for the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters "reading" the last story of the night. Cookies and milk were served after everyone enjoyed the stories.
- A team of elementary staff members observed at Marathon Elementary on March 3. The elementary school is studying the adoption of a new math series. The team of teachers observed a lesson taught and then conferenced with their colleagues on the implementation of the program. The team will travel to Waupaca in April to meet with their teachers for the same purpose.
- The School Garden project is getting underway. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, teachers heard Ryan Moll, representative from the school garden grant project, speak at their faculty meeting about the garden project. Mrs. Sondelski and Ms. Janz attended an evening meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> entitled "Got Dirt?" at the Wood County Courthouse to learn about how to get a school garden started. Several teachers have offered to help out with this endeavor, both as a summer school project and as volunteers to water and weed throughout the summer. More information on how students and other community volunteers can get involved.
- Junior high has completed their Forensics year with their last meet at Nekoosa on February 28. Students did extremely well with 46 of 49 students receiving blue ribbons, the best you can get at middle level in the state of Wisconsin. Their next event will be a trip to Fireside Theater to see Annie on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Pittsville is hosting a SmartBoard class for CESA 5 - bringing in teachers from Almond/Bancroft, Auburndale, Tri-County, and Port Edwards. Jodie Sanken will be the instructor for this class.
- 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 13-24<sup>th</sup> for enrichment classes and June 27-July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the children's theater. The production this year is Cinderella.
- On March 17-18, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be going to the Central WI Environmental Station near Amherst, WI. CWES is located on Sunset Lake and is a year-round environmental education center and residential facility. Their mission: To foster in adults and youth the appreciation, understanding, skill development, and motivation needed to help them build a sustainable balance between the environment, economy, and community. The students' time at CWES will include curriculum in: Winter Ecology--Explore the changing habitats of Wisconsin and how animals adapt to winter conditions. Human Interactions--Problem solving as a team for resolving environmental and everyday issues. Students will learn to work together and will also gain trust in themselves and others, self-confidence, and self-esteem.
- Senior citizen day is set for April 11<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent out soon along with a note in the Pittsville Record.
- Looking further ahead: Junior high math students of Mrs. Niemann will once again be a part of the math competition held at Auburndale Elementary School on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Niemann will be taking two groups of students to this participation. They will be spending the next several weeks preparing for the competition.

- Mark your calendars for the learning event of the year! The learning fair is coming to Pittsville Elementary School on May 5<sup>th</sup>!
- And even further ahead: Mrs. Niemann and Mrs. Kumm will be participating in the STEM Connects Summer Institutes sponsored by CESA 5 in coordination with UW-Platteville. This institute, geared towards teachers who teach grades 3-10, will focus on the integration of mathematics, science, technology and engineering into career readiness in agriculture. The mathematical content of the institute will be based upon the recently adopted Common Core Standards.

## B. Senior High School

- There are a couple competitions in the next month which tie academic skills learned in the classroom to state level competitions.
- On March 12, 19 forensics students were able to participate in the District Forensic Competition. Our students participated in the categories of Group Interpretation, Poetry, Prose, Oratory, and Farrago. These are events pertaining to different types of writings which students perform before judges. This is a great opportunity for students to work on public speaking. Students who are rated at a certain level will be eligible for the State Forensics contest on April 16.
- The annual Solo and Ensemble music event is March 22. We are looking at about 42 students performing at this annual music contest. This year the event is hosted by Granton. The Solo and Ensemble competition allows our students to utilize the skills they have been honing in their music classes throughout the year. Students are judged on these abilities with the opportunity to advance from the local competition to the state competition. To go to the state competition, students need to have a "starred first" and perform at a certain level of musical difficulty. The students choose their level of musical difficulty when they select their musical piece for the competition.
- We are looking into the possibility of having a school wide clean-up day on April 21 with a rain date of April 26. In the past, the National Honor Society has organized a clean-up day as a form of community service. This year, Mrs. Backaus, High School Guidance Counselor and National Honor Society Advisor, and Mr. Steward, High School Biology Instructor and the head of the Ecology Club, want to give all of our students the opportunity to be involved in a Community Service Day. The planning at this point will include a cookout and some afternoon games for the students who spend the morning cleaning up various spots in the community, school grounds, and helping local residents. We also hope to build the awareness towards recycling by collecting used cell phones, printer cartridges, and eye glasses.
- The annual State Science Olympiad is on April 2. Mr. Denniston supplied me with three competitions which help students apply academic skills learned in the classroom. They are: Forensics - Students are given a crime scene scenario and a list of potential suspects. Evidence is gathered by performing testing in the following areas: qualitative chemical analysis of unknown samples, interpretation of mass spectrographs, polymer and hair testing, fingerprint analysis, DNA analysis, glass analysis, entomology, blood spatters, blood type, bullet striations, seeds and pollen, and track and soil analysis. Many of the requirements for this event correlate to material covered in Adv. Chem, Adv. Bio, and Physics. Sounds of Music-A team of students builds one wind instrument and one percussion instrument. Each instrument must be able to play pre-determined scales. Students must describe the principles behind the operation of their instrument, and perform a major scale, a required melody, and a melody of their choosing. This event strongly parallels material covered in Physical Science and Physics. Ecology-Students answer questions involving content knowledge and process skills in the area of ecology and adaptations in featured North American biomes. Students are asked to interpret complex food webs, determine population growth rates for species in a given area, determine predator-prey relationships, etc. This event is very much like Ecology I and II.
- The PHS SODA-POPS Club and the Pittsville Police Department will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Prescription & Over the Counter Drug Round-Up (Smart Disposal) on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM at the Pittsville Police Station. All medications will be handled by law enforcement only and disposed of safely and at NO CHARGE. Medications are to be left in original packaging (personal identifying information can be crossed off.) Wisconsin Rapids and Auburndale will host similar events on the same day.

**XI. District Administrator Report**

**A. 2011-2012 Health Services Update**

The Board was updated on 2011-12 Health Services. We are receiving proposals from area health providers for services of 3-4 hours per week.

**B. State Budget Repair Bill Update**

The Board was updated on the Budget Repair Bill which was signed by the Governor on Friday, March 11, and will become official on March 25.

**C. 2011-2012 Open Enrollment Applications**

Motion was made by Connie Potter, seconded by Jane Wesely, to approve the 13 resident students applying for open enrollment, 13 of the 14 non-resident open enrollment applications, and deny one non-resident open enrollment application due to class size. Motion carried.

**XII. The Board will move into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute**

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Lisa Schulz, 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		

Purpose: 1) Personnel Matters - 19.85(1)(c)

**XIII. Move out of Closed Session**

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

**XVI. Act upon Closed Sessions - no action taken.**

**XV. Adjourn**

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Jane Wesely, to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried.

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*Connie Potter, Clerk*