

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 12, 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, July 12, 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; and Chris Nepper, Computer Technologist.

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 Connie Potter, seconded by Lisa Schulz, to approve the agenda for the July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education as presented. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments

No public comments.

VI. Student/Staff Reports - no reports.

VII. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 14, 2010
- B. Invoices: General Fund 84190 to 84309 (\$361,071.43)
- C. Approve Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Resignation
- D. First Reading-Students Policy 411.1: Harassment and/or Bullying of Students
- E. First Reading-Students Policy 4331: Assignment of Students to Classes/Teachers
- F. First Reading-Support Staff Policy 731.2: Surveillance Cameras

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by Connie Potter, to approve all items on 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.

IX. Reports

A. Director of Buildings and Grounds

- Summer cleaning and maintenance is where it needs to be at this time. The custodial crew is doing a good job. There are some work requests that will be a challenge to complete, but we will put our best efforts forward.
- The weather has delayed some projects outside -- the sealcoat on the elementary parking lot and the striping on the football lot.
- There hasn't been a need for irrigation equipment. It may be a challenge when the sunny weather returns. The river bank erosion will make positioning the pump difficult.

B. Food Services - no report

C. Computer Technologies

- **Badgernet Fiber** - We recently received news that due to bureaucratic red tape from the Wisconsin Department of Administration, all schools that were to receive a fiber optic Internet circuit will not get those circuits until next year, including Pittsville. Even though the grant money has been approved and the project is ready to go, the DOA is not satisfied, and by the time all paperwork is completed the ground will be frozen and no fiber will be buried while the ground is frozen. So it looks like it won't be until next spring before we will get a fiber Internet circuit. Badgernet is looking at bringing in copper lines for those schools like Pittsville who were counting on the fiber circuit to allow us to increase our bandwidth over the summer. We have no idea whether that will happen or not. So for now we are stuck with our bandwidth at 5Mbs.
- **Skward Software Update** - All data has been migrated from the STI servers, and staff training has begun. The training classes will continue for key staff members throughout the summer.
- **Server Replacement Update** - Much of the work and the transfer of operations to our new server infrastructure has been completed, but the engineers still have some work to do to complete the project. They will be returning in early August to complete the work.
- **Summer Work** - Mr. Nepper is continuing with typical summer work, upgrading software and workstations, as well as installing the new SMARTBoards and LCD projectors in classrooms. Things are on track.

D. Elementary School

- Though the summer is here, the work of education does not stop. We have continued the work of learning in many ways: Several teachers from the elementary school: Jackie Heinzen, Becky Whitrock, Kelly Look, Wanda Neve, Doug Downing, Nancy Brux and Fay Niemann spent three days in June working on updating math curriculum. The State of Wisconsin adopted the Common Core standards and the math curriculum team worked to align our curriculum to them. The next step in the process is the aggregation of the documents by CESA 5 staff under the direction of Pam Hillesheim-Setz. A team of teachers will be created to study various math programs/series for adoption beginning the 2011-12 school year.
- As of this writing, Sleeping Beauty, the play produced as a part of our summer school program, is underway. Approximately 40 students are a part of this production.
- I had the pleasure of attending the Youth Initiatives wrap up presentation with over 50 area principals, administrators, school board members, and parents from the Central Wisconsin Area at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids on June 17th. Paula Bisek, school counselor, has facilitated the district's participation in this role for the past several years. This year 6 students represented our district: Jenna Ginter, Taylor Pralle, Joey Arendt, Christian Benzow, Mindy Bakken, and Jessica Wix. These students learned leadership skills and will help assist us in making students in our district aware of the harmful affects of alcohol abuse, tobacco use, bullying, and using cell phones and other electronic devices while driving. This group hopes to make a presentation to the board at the beginning of the upcoming school year.
- Several teachers and I will be attending a Rick Duvall conference in Medford on July 28th. This conference will focus on best practices in reading. We were a part of the Best Practices program sponsored by the Prentice School District this past school year. This conference is a part of this grant and has been extended to all primary reading teachers at the elementary.
- PBIS team members: Jan Hiles, Becky Coon, and JoAnn Sondelski met on June 16th to continue our work in an effort to get the program rolled out for the 2010-11 school year. Future meetings with the entire team are scheduled for July. Our PBIS coaches: Jan Hiles and Paula Bisek will be attending additional coaches training in August.
- Guided Reading was implemented in the district five years ago with my leadership. Continual staff development is needed to keep any program viable. Therefore, we will be hosting a two-day retraining of primary reading teachers August 2nd and 3rd. We have invited area schools to participate in this event with us.
- If you get into the elementary school in the next several months, be sure to check out our trophy case across from the office to view the letters we received from children from St. Lucia. Last school year Paula Bisek's along with her Character Crew facilitated the collection of used books from children in

our school. We had an overwhelming response and donated several thousand books to the Good News Project in Wausau. It was exciting for us to receive these letters acknowledging their reception of the books.

E. Senior High School - no report

X. District Administrator Report

A. School Sales/Marketing Website - Interscholastic Licensing Company

The Board discussed using this Interscholastic Licensing Company as a future revenue source.

B. Establish 2010 Annual Meeting Date and Time

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by Julie Strenn to set the 2010 Annual Meeting on Monday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room. Motion carried.

C. Future Facility Maintenance Needs

The Board discussed future roofing and air-conditioning replacement needs at the Elementary building. The Board directed administration to investigate engineering firms for the Board to consider possibly contracting for services to assist the planning of any work needed to be completed.

D. Math Curriculum Work Update

The Board was updated on Math curriculum work which was completed this summer.

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

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Julie Strenn, 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) Personnel and Other Related Matters - 19.85(1)(c)

- a) Consider Coach Hirings: Pom Pom Coach and Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Contracts

XII. Move out of Closed Session

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

XIII. Act upon Closed Sessions

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by MaryAnn Lippert, to approve the administrations recommendation for Pom Pon Coach and Girls Basketball Coach for the 2010-2011 seasons. Motion carried.

XIV. Adjourn

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Connie Potter, to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Connie Potter, Clerk