

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 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, March 1, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Wesely at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

II. Establish Quorum

Members present: Jane Wesely, Connie Potter, MaryAnn Lippert Lisa Schulz, and Julie Strenn. Administration present: Terry Reynolds, District Administrator; JoAnn Sondelski, Elementary Principal; Jeff Gast, Finance Director; Dick Koeshall, Director of Buildings and Grounds; 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 Lisa Schulz, to approve the agenda for the March 1, 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 February 8, 2010
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting on February 22, 2010
- C. Invoices: General Fund 83206 to 83414 (\$275,718.12)
- D. Second Reading and Approval of Policy 445: Interrogation/Interviews with Non-School Personnel

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Lisa Schulz, to approve all items on the consent agenda as submitted. 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. Director of Buildings and Grounds

- February is winding down with several projects scheduled for Friday, February 26th. The elementary kitchen will have a new power line run to operate the equipment for the breakfast program. The junior high wing will have plumbing repairs to the hot water lines. The administration building will get the heating valve that has leaked periodically rebuilt.
- The daily operations for maintenance have been doing well. We have had help from the sun, allowing ice to be plowed at the elementary staff parking lot and the area in front of the building. It is a yearly challenge to keep that area clean of snow and ice due to the poor drainage.

- The busy weekends due to basketball and wrestling tournaments are over. Information received is that things went smoothly with the custodial crew's clean up.

B. Food Services

- We are all ready to start breakfast March 8th. Most of the food for the free week of breakfast is on hand. After the free week of breakfast, we will be charging 60 cents for breakfast. Students that qualify for free or reduced lunch will receive breakfast free.
- Our second county inspection is scheduled for March 9th. This inspection will focus on food safety.

C. Computer Technologies

- E-Rate. Application forms have been filed for E-Rate for local telephone, long distance, Web hosting, Internet access, and cell phone. Based on our enrollment and applications for free/reduced lunch, our discounts will total \$7,100.55.
- Badgernet Fiber.
- Microsoft-Wisconsin Lawsuit Settlement. We have finally received a check for \$24,812. That brings the final amount we have received from the settlement to \$24,850. With budget situation, we will be looking to spend this money very carefully.
- Brainstorm Conference. Mr. Nepper will be attending this technology conference.

D. Elementary School

Congratulations to the following teachers for being nominated for the Crystal Apple Award: Rebecca Coon, Lisa Denniston, Kristine Doering, Douglas Downing, Janis Dupuis, Cheryl Hartwig, Jan Hiles, Sara Janz, James Krueger, Kelly Look, Jeanie Moore, Tracy Neve, Wanda Neve, Jeannie Pavlik, Todd Sanken, Doug Schultz, Heidi Sischo, Rebecca Whitrock.

- Thirty-three students are registered as of this writing for 4 year old kindergarten for the 2010-11 school term.
- A team of staff members attended the Tier 1 training for PBIS at the Dells February 15-16. We got a lot accomplished at this conference, but we have a lot to do. We chose our core expectations to be: Respect Self, Respect Others, and Respect Environment. One of the tasks that we undertook first was to create a behavior grid outlining how each of these would look in areas such as the classroom, hallway, arrival and dismissal time, in the bathroom, etc. We will now be surveying our staff to assess their understanding of what is in place and what needs to be in place. We will use this data and input to develop lessons that the students will be taught, define what behaviors are office referral type behaviors, what behaviors need to be addressed at the classroom level, etc. It is our hope that we will be prepared to share with the board at a meeting later this year the work that we have done. This will be an ongoing implementation process with future work to include interventions at tier 2 and tier 3.
- Cindy Schooley, Susan Walloch, Susanne Niehaus, Jackie Heinzen, and Kay Hautala have attended four presentations covering the topics of the five essential components of reading instruction: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Comprehension, and Vocabulary. Training sessions have focused on Comprehensive Assessment, Word Wall Workshop and Literacy Work Stations. All of the presentations were held in Wausau. The teachers will be visiting Prentice Elementary, the model site school, later this spring to see these elements in practice. The teachers are now sharing the information gained with other staff members at four different afterschool meetings. Our first afterschool session was attended by 10 staff members.
- A note from the Winter Olympics Committee. We had 15 parents that assisted. Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, and Multiage participated. Each class chose a country and researched it. Then they created their country's flag to wave during the Opening Ceremonies. The Olympic torch was passed from athlete to athlete along with the Olympic pledge being recited. Then the students participated in ice skating, bob sledding, ski jump, curling, and ice hockey. Each athlete was awarded with an Olympic gold medal for their excellent sportsmanship during the Closing Ceremonies. The intent of these mini winter Olympics was to encourage excitement for students to watch the winter Olympics at home.

- Mrs. Cramer would like to announce that through the efforts of the Jump Rope for Heart event \$1,050.00 was raised for the American Heart Association. Twenty-five students participated in this after-school event.
- On March 2nd, students may bring a grandparent or a grand person to lunch. After lunch, they will be able to attend the book fair together. By sponsoring this event, the school is able to receive \$50.00 more for the library from Scholastic.
- **Looking Ahead:** Summer school proposals are coming in. With the early March meeting, I won't be able to update you on those proposals but will do so at the April meeting. Report cards will go out on March 24. The PTO is sponsoring an Ides of March Family Dance at the Community Center on March 19. Our 8th grade students will be attending the Reality Store April 7. The Reality Store gives the students an opportunity to experience life--working, paying bills, having a family, etc.

E. Senior High School

1) Approve Early Graduation Requests

Motion was made by Connie Potter, seconded by Lisa Schulz, to approve requests for early graduation from four 11th grade high school students. Motion carried.

- The first news is words of congratulations to both Kyle Krohn and Eric Hahn as they head to the State Wrestling Tournament on February 25. Kyle, a senior, will be representing Pittsville High School as a heavyweight. Eric, a freshman, will be wrestling at 140 pounds.
- Basketball is entering the WIAA tournament season. The boys' team will open regionals at Arcadia on March 2. The girls' tournament will begin on March 9. The seeding meeting will occur the weekend on February 27 and 28. The actual pairings will be known by March 1. The crossover conference game will be held in Pittsville on March 1.
- With the end of the winter sports season, we can start looking to the spring sports season. Track can begin on March 8. Baseball and softball will begin on March 22. If weather permits, the first baseball and softball games are set for April 6.
- March begins a busy month for the students involved in our music program. Solo-Ensemble is at Athens on March 23. The large group choir will meet at Auburndale on April 13, with large group band on the following, April 20.
- Some other events are the FFA Banquet and the blood drive. Both of these events are on March 25. The students participating in the Spanish Club will be leaving for their trip to Mexico on the 25th as well.
- Before spring break begins on March 26, the third quarter will end. We are planning to mail reports on March 26.
- The major happening at the high school is the start of scheduling for the next school year. I encourage parents to talk to their sons and daughters about their course selections. We want students to enroll in challenging classes with their post secondary choices in mind. Students should be picking classes based on their goals after high school not basing courses on the interests of their friends.

IX. District Administrator Report

A. Addition of a Monthly Student/Staff Agenda

An agenda item will be added to provide an open invitation for staff and students to present information to the Board each month.

B. Fund 73 and HRA Discussion

Information was presented concerning Fund 73 and retirement HRA/HSA plans.

C. Approve 2010-2011 Open Enrollment Applications

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Jane Wesely, to approve 51 nonresident (in) and 9 resident (out) open enrollment applications with one application contingent on being

evaluated and found eligible for early admission into 4Kgn from both districts and one application contingent on the results of a special education referral. Motion carried.

D. Strategic Planning Update

The Board finalized the VEST Team members for Strategic Planning (Julie Strenn, Paul Sturgis, Ken Freedlund, Paula Hensel, Kevin Zogelman, and Lisa Denniston). VEST Team training will take place in March/April with the two evening Community Pittsville 2025 planning meetings taking place in May.

E. Student Administrative and Food Service Software Needs Update

Motion was made by Connie Potter, seconded by MaryAnn Lippert, to approve changing from the current STI student software program to Skyward next school year if review from the staff committee is favorable. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by Julie, 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 Jane Wesely, seconded by Lisa Schulz, 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 MaryAnn Lippert, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.

MaryAnn Lippert, Clerk