

# SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009

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, October 12, 2009. 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, Senior High School Principal; JoAnn Sondelski, Elementary Principal; 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 MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Lisa Schulz, to approve the agenda for the October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education as presented. Motion carried.

### V. Public Comments

Public comments were made on a request for additional foreign language offerings in elementary school and cost of program/annual fees.

### VI. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2009
- B. Invoices: General Fund 82311 to 82512 (\$276,612.18)
- C. Approve High School Drama Coach Resignation (*Gail Possley*)
- D. Approve FBLA Advisor Hiring (*Jenny Jackson*)
- E. Approve Forensics Assistant Coach Hiring (*Louis Simonds*)
- F. Approve JV Boys Basketball Coach Hiring (*Peter Petersen*)
- G. Approve JV Girls Basketball Coach Hiring (*Brittany Zieher*)
- H. Approve Volunteers (*ES: Darylann Weigel, Rebecca Rees, Jessica Zahn*)
- I. Approve High School Youth Options Requests
- J. Approve 2009-2010 Salary and Wages of Staff

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

### VII. 2008-2009 Audit Report - Schenck SC

The Audit Management letter was presented by Jon Trautmann.

### 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. Official Student Count Information

Our official DPI September Count which is reported to the state was 671 which is up from 651 last year.

## IX. Reports

### A. Director of Buildings and Grounds

- Fall is setting in and efforts are being made to prepare for winter. The irrigation equipment was drained and the underground piping scheduled to be blown out. The main pump that is used at the river is in need of repairs. Mr. Koeshall will order parts and rebuild the pump as time allows.
- On October 7, the heat system will be started. This will allow time for work on technical problems before the cold weather sets in.
- The buildings are holding up in regards to routine cleaning and maintenance
- We should consider covering the floors with tarps when using the gym areas at the administration building and high school. These areas need the floors protected when non athletic functions occur. We may need to purchase a better grade tarp to make this a more acceptable solution to protect the floors.
- Both gym areas will need to be considered for complete refinishing and line stripping in the near future. The cost would have to be quoted by a floor company, but would be more than double the yearly refinish rate. To protect the floors, Mr. Koeshall will work with coaches and staff to get the longest life possible out the gyms.

### B. Food Services

- I attended a food show on September 28<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Indian Head Foods. I was able to sample new items and purchased a number of new products.
- On October 6<sup>th</sup> we invited the area Senior Citizens for lunch, and entertainment. Forty-three people attend the meal. During the meal we discussed what we are doing in the district to save energy and reviewed the new kitchen equipment.
- We have been tracking chemical and water usage on our dish machine. I attached a breakdown comparing our old machine to the new energy star dish machine. Bottom line, the new machine will pay for it's self in 5 years from the money saved on chemicals and water.

### C. Computer Technologies

- **Computers.** Nearly all computers in labs and classes have now been updated. There are a few special purpose computers that still need to be done. The only major groups of computers still needing service are the netbook laptops for the 4K room.
- **SMARTboards.** The last SMARTBoard has now been installed.
- **LCD Projectors.** Fifteen of the 18 projectors have been installed. Still awaiting an LCD installation are three computers labs. Teachers have been using LCD projectors on carts.
- **InformationNOW.** Internet access speeds have not changed at this time. A network engineer will be here to do some more investigating as to why our access does not appear to be as fast as it should be.
- **DPI Regional Meeting.** At the regional meeting on October 5, one of their biggest concerns and their keynote address had to deal with Internet safety and cyberbullying, a new requirement of CIPA (Child Internet Safety Act). The next round of the E-rate process will begin in December where Mr. Nepper will be required to sign an affidavit that we are in compliance that Internet safety and cyberbullying are now part of our curriculum and that teachers are instructing students.
- **ARRA & Title IId.** At the DPI regional meeting, we also received information on how much additional Title IId money our district will be receiving from ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act). Our district will be receiving \$2,872, of which ¼ of that (\$718) must go to the Title IId CESA 5 consortium that we belong to and the rest may be spent by the district on eligible Title IId projects (technology and staff development). The amount is about twice what we are already getting from our normal Title IId allotment. However, next

year we are reportedly only receiving 1/3 of what we are getting this year, so we may need to spread the extra ARRA money over a 2-year period.

#### **D. Elementary School**

- Forty-three senior citizens visited our school for lunch on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The high school jazz band performed for our guests as did multi-age students and Mrs. Dupuis' 1<sup>st</sup> grade students provided entertainment for this day. We also had piano solos by Jacob Allind and Daniel Piotrowski and a vocal solo by Katie Delaney. This was, as always, a very enjoyable event for all involved.
- The REACH grant leadership team will work together on October 14<sup>th</sup> to conduct a framework appraisal with Gwynne Peterson. During this time we will set a specific goal for our participation in the grant for the upcoming school year.
- The district RtI (Response to Intervention) leadership team has met and have decided the course for the year. It was decided that the team would now split into two groups---an elementary and a high school. The team leaders will meet periodically to update each other on the progress that they are making. The elementary team has decided that we will meet in November to review the schedule for grades 4-6 to see how we can alter it to begin piloting RtI in math at these grade levels beginning in January. Math screeners have been given to all of the students in grades 4K-8. These screeners were used to ascertain skill needs/strengths of each student.
- Midterms were sent home with the students on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The WKCE tests have arrived. DPI is allowing schools to begin testing as soon as the tests arrive in light of the H1N1 this school year. They are encouraging schools to do so in order to have plenty of time for make up tests should many children become ill.
- Our health fair was a great success. We had approximately 200 people participate in this event. We look forward to making this a regular event. A special thanks to Kelly Look for all of her prep work in making this a great event happen!
- Our first ever panther dining experience was held On September 28<sup>th</sup>. Miss Pavlik's class was the winner. Mr. Dostal prepared a delicious lunch which was served by Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Bisek and Mrs. Sondelski. This will be a monthly event at the elementary school.
- Our student council will have their kick-off week October 12-16. This week will be marked with activities that include special dress up days.
- Red Ribbon Week will be the last week of October. Mrs. Bisek is planning the week's events which will include (weather cooperating) our annual walk around the track.

#### **E. Senior High School**

- The FFA and Ag Department has begun the annual Cranberry Tours. The tours are run on most of the Wednesdays and Fridays in October. The Chicago Tribune Sunday paper on October 4 ran a nice article about this event, which is run through the Cranberry Science Class. Jay Jones is the free lance writer who wrote the article for the travel section of the Chicago Tribune. Up to eleven of our FFA members and Mr. Urban will be headed to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis Indiana from October 21 through October 24. Our FFA will again be riding the bus, which is arranged by the Medford FFA. Finally the FFA Meat and Labor Auction will be on Saturday, October 17.
- In athletics, the signs are pointing to the close of the fall sports season. The Conference Cross Country Meet is at Park Falls on Thursday, October 15. Senior Night for football is Friday, October 16. The game is against Chequamegon, formerly known as Park Falls. The volleyball regionals begin on Tuesday, October 20. Cross Country Sectionals are on Saturday, October 24.
- Picture Day at the high school is Thursday, October 22. In the area of music, the Marawood Honors Band and Chorus event will be on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event culminates with the concert at 7:00 PM. The day will be hosted by Abbotsford High School this year. The POPS concert will be on Sunday, November 8, at 1:30.
- The end of the first quarter is Thursday, November 5. At the high school, we mailed midterms to all students on Tuesday, October 6.

**X. District Administrator Report**

**A. WIAA Update**

Mr. Reynolds updated the Board on two of the WIAA Area meeting discussion topics which could have an impact on our district: adding a 5<sup>th</sup> division in girl's and boy's basketball and the divisional football proposal.

**B. H1N1 Update**

The Board was updated on the H1N1 vaccination information and schedule which will take place at school in the near future and the posting of H1N1 information on the school's web site.

**C. Strategic Planning**

The Board discussed their upcoming October 21 special meeting. A WASB representative will be here to present the information on strategic planning to the Board.

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

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by MaryAnn Lippert, 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).** Discussion only. No action taken.

**XII. Move out of Closed Session**

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

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

**XIV. Adjourn**

Motion was made by Connie Potter, seconded by Julie Strenn, to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried.

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MaryAnn Lippert, Clerk