

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012
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, January 9, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President Strenn at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center.

II. Establish Quorum

Members present: Jane Wesely, Connie Potter, Lisa Schulz, Julie Strenn, and MaryAnn Lippert. Administration present: Terry Reynolds, District Administrator; Jeff Gast, Finance 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 Jane Wesely, seconded by Connie Potter, to approve the agenda for the January 9, 2012 meeting of the Pittsville School Board of Education. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments -

VI. Health Insurance Options Presentation by M3

Vickie Thoreson of M3 provided information on possible plan design changes which could provide savings to the district and assist in employee wellness and becoming more consumer conscious.

VII. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2011
- B. General Fund Invoices

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by MaryAnn Lippert, to approve the consent agenda items. 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. 2012-2013 Budget Discussion

Preliminary figures indicate the District will need to cut approximately \$190,000-\$200,000 in expenditures. The Board was provided information on possible options/cuts to balance the 2012-13 budget. Further discussions will take place in February.

IX. Reports

A. Elementary School

- We have started registering students for 4K. Screening of children will follow in February.
- Junior High Forensics is in full swing under the direction of Jodie Sanken and Tracy Neve.
- The technology students of Bonnie Hedstrom's Expo class have completed making videos of the PBIS expectations. They will be reviewed by teachers on January 23rd and then will be put on our website.

- The afterschool Fit-tastic program will begin on January 9th and continue through February 29th.
- Reps from the Crystal Apple Award program will be here on January 24th to kick off the program with our students.
- Title 1 parent workshop Partners in Print is coming up this Friday and Monday.
- Farm to School will be here on January 13th to work with the students in Grade 5.
- On January 17th, the students in Grade 5 will experience the Ropes course. This is an annual activity planned by Paula Bisek.
- Justin Loew will be here to talk with the 3rd grade students about weather on January 26th.
- Map testing is set to begin the last week on January and continue for three weeks following.
- Semester One is nearly done! We look forward to an awesome second semester!

B. Senior High School

- First semester ends on Friday, January 20. At that time, the two seniors who applied last March will be graduating early from Pittsville High School
- Another program which begins during second semester is the work experience program. Interested seniors are given the opportunity to use a portion of their scheduled school hours to work. Usually these jobs are paid positions. In a few cases students have taken unpaid positions to gain experience in a career the student was interested in pursuing after high school. About four years ago one student, who was looking into a career as a lawyer, worked in a legal office in an unpaid capacity. Generally, the hardest part of being in the work experience program is finding a job. Mrs. Leonhardt, the coordinator for the work experience program, has been speaking to interested seniors about the program since November.
- The students who participate in the work experience program are graded on journaling about their experiences in the world of work, school attendance, and evaluations from their employer. The work experience program can help students gain valuable feedback on their strengths and weaknesses in that field of employment. Upon successful completion of the program, students will earn an Employability Skills Certificate from the DPI.
- With the completion of the first semester, we need to begin preparing for the 2012-2013 school year. Shortly after first semester ends, Mrs. Backaus, our guidance counselor, will begin scheduling with the juniors. Eventually she will work her way through to the 8th graders.
- Mr. Piotrowski is developing a new course to be offered during the 2012-2013 school year titled "Success 101". Mrs. Leonhardt heard about the class which is offered at another area school. We are hoping that we will be able to articulate the class for post secondary credit through the Madison Area Technical College. The purpose of the course is to prepare our graduates for their education after high school. Topics covered in the class will include self responsibility, self motivation, self esteem and self management. The materials used in the course will pertain to techniques used in business, education, and psychology. The framework of the course is based on the book, "On Course", written by Skip Downing. This book is used in many freshmen level orientations at colleges and tech schools around the country. We plan to offer this new course next year second semester.
- Finally, during January, we have a number of boys and girls basketball games and a few wrestling matches. I encourage everyone to come out and support our athletes. Also, in January, the Forensic Team will host a festival on Monday, January 30. Prior to the next board meeting, the drama club will be performing the play, "Just Another High School Play" on Friday, February 10; Saturday, February 11; and Sunday, February 12. This next month is filled with opportunities to see the many talents of our students.

X. District Administrator Report

A. Educator Effectiveness and Compensation Model Discussion

The Board received and discussed an example of Criteria for Teacher Level and Compensation.

XI. Board Discussion - WASB Delegate Assembly Questions

The Board discussed the upcoming Delegate Assembly questions to assist Board President Strenn in her voting at the Delegate Assembly in Milwaukee.

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 Julie Strenn 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 Approval of Employee Resignation**

XIII. Move out of Closed Session

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

XIV. Act upon Closed Sessions

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Lisa Schulz to accept the resignation of JoAnn Sondelski as PreK-8 Principal effective June 30, 2012. Roll call vote: Yes-5, No—0. Motion carried.

The Board thanked Mrs. Sondelski for her many years of service to the District.

Motion was made by Jane Wesely, seconded by Connie Potter, to approve the resignation of John Olig as 9-12 Principal effective June 30, 2012. Roll call vote: Yes-5, No-0. Motion carried.

The Board thanked Mr. Olig for his many years of service to the District.

XV. Adjourn

Motion was made by MaryAnn Lippert, seconded by Jane Wesely, to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Connie Potter, Clerk