

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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, February 8, 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; JoAnn Sondelski, Elementary Principal; Jeff Gast, Finance Director; Dick Koeshall, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Joe Dostal, Food Service Director; and Chris Nepper, Computer Technologies.

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 Jane Wesely, to approve the agenda for the February 8, 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 January 12, 2010
- B. Invoices: General Fund 83089 to 83205 (\$165,081.11)
- C. Approve Volunteers (Shana Brey)
- D. Approve CESA 5 2010-11 Contract
- E. 2010 Spring Election
 - 1) Approve Paper Ballot for Town of City Point and Town of Finley
 - 2) Appoint Board of Canvassers
- F. First Reading Policy 445: Interrogation/Interviews with Non-School Personnel

Motion was made by Jane Wesley, seconded by Connie Potter, 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.

B. Preliminary 2010-2011 Budget - An overview of the 2010-2011 budget was presented.

C. January 8, 2010 Membership Count - Information only.

VIII. Reports

A. Director of Buildings and Grounds

- The weather was the topic the past few weeks with the rain causing most of the problems. The custodial crew has done a good job. Our walkways and parking areas are good for the drainage this site provides.
- The past in-service day allowed time to finish the chemistry lab faucet replacement. That area has new faucets that comply with the newest state and city codes.
- We have had a good run this far with our heating system.

B. Food Services

- We plan on starting our breakfast program at the Elementary School March 8th. This will coincide with National School Breakfast Week. The cost of the breakfast will be 60 cents. Students that qualify for free or reduced lunch will receive breakfast free.
- The breakfast line will start at 7:30 a.m. Students will go through the breakfast line the same as the lunch line. With the creation of a breakfast program, we will be discontinuing our morning milk program. If a student would like milk in the morning, they can get a carton at breakfast and enjoy it before school starts.
- We received a breakfast start up grant for \$5,520.00. This money can be applied to the purchase of equipment, training, labor, and publicizing the breakfast program.

C. Computer Technologies

- E-Rate. Application forms will be filed this week. We will be renewing our long distance phone and cell phone contracts with similar terms.
- Server Upgrade. Mr. Nepper is working on getting proposals from a least two different vendors.
- Phone System. So far there have been only a couple of minor issues, but overall the system is working well.

D. Elementary School

- Our second annual family math night was a huge success. We had several families participate. Overall it was a wonderful family night and we hope to make it an annual event.
- Title 1 will soon be sponsoring their annual family night on March 5th with Pajama Night. This is an opportunity for parents and children to spend some time at school listening to great bedtime stories, sharing some snacks, and browsing through the Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by the PTO. If you would like to participate in reading a story, please contact Cindy Schooley or Susan Walloch.
- 4K registration is underway. At this point we have 15 registered, and we are looking forward to many more. Screening of students will take place February 18th and 19th. This is a time that children are evaluated for the level of their skills prior to entering school.
- The Junior High Band and Chorus students have begun their Solo/Ensemble selections for this year. Mrs. Kroening and Mrs. Gronski work with the students during lessons which are held during the school day or after school. Participation in Solo/Ensemble is in addition to the students' involvement with band or chorus. On March 23rd the students who are adequately prepared will travel to Athens to participate in the Southern Marawood Solo/Ensemble Festival. There they will be judged on the musical aspects of their performance by adjudicators which are selected by the Wisconsin School Music Association.
- Forty-four junior high students will travel to Menomonie on February 4th and Nekoosa February 22nd to participate in forensic competition. This program is under the direction of Jodie Sanken.
- PTO sponsored spring pictures will take place on February 24th.
- Parent/teacher conferences will be held the evening of Feb 25th. Sign up sheets will be placed in the lobby window beginning the week of February 15th.
- Mrs. Bisek will be attending the Wisconsin School Counselor Conference in Stevens Point on February 25-26.
- The Winter Olympics are coming to Pittsville Elementary School----The primary students will be testing their skills on February 10th. Activities will be held from 8-10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies will be held in the cafeteria.

- Fifth grade students will once again participate in the Ropes Course (Leap) program conducted by the National Guard. This will take place here at school on February 9th.
- Tammie Cramer has organized the jump rope for heart program which will be held here on February 10th from 3-5:00 p.m. Participation is voluntary as is fund raising. Hopefully a lot of kids will take the opportunity to get some good exercise and have some fun doing so.
- Looking ahead: Summer school dates have been set for June 14- July 3rd. Once again the children's theater will be a part of the final week of summer school. The play scheduled for this year is *Sleeping Beauty*. Teachers are working on their proposals for summer classes and will be submitting them for approval before registration information will be sent.
- We are looking forward to a great February. All the cold weather and snow is making us look forward to the warmer days of spring!

E. Senior High School

- It is hard to believe that we are in to the month of February. The tournament season has already started. The wrestlers competed in the conference wrestling tournament the last weekend of January. On February 13, we will be hosting a wrestling regional. The wrestling team sectionals are on February 16.
- The basketball regionals begin on March 2. The girls' basketball regionals start on March 9. This year the girls' tournament begins a week after the boys. This was done to allow the girls' state tournament to be held at the Kohl Center. A sign that spring is just around the corner is that track practice can begin on March 8.
- A change occurred in the high school shortly after the start of the second semester. Any student who had a D or F as a second quarter grade was placed in a small structured study hall. The purpose of the smaller study halls is to place students in an environment where: 1) they can receive help from the study hall teacher, and 2) they can be in a quieter environment which is more conducive to studying. The student can move back into a regular study hall after a grade check is done on February 16, and they have no grades of a D or F. We hope to assist all of our students on their path towards high school graduation.
- With the start of February, we have had a number of students working on their dramatic and public speaking skills. The high school play was performed on February 5, 6, and 7. The high school students attended the play on Friday. The play was directed by Ms. Sarah Freedlund. Ms. Freedlund is also the head Forensic Coach. She is assisted by Mr. Lou Simonds. Ms. Freedlund and Mr. Simonds have the Pittsville Forensics Team practicing for the upcoming festival here at Pittsville on February 16. The sub-district level of the State Forensic Tournament begins on February 22 at Auburndale.
- Mid-terms are due in the office for the teachers on February 22. This will give us a good indication of the success of the structured study halls. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss mid-terms with the teachers on February 25 from 1:00 to 3:30 and 4:00 to 8:00.
- Spring pictures are set for February 24 at 1:00.
- Officer Dean Berres will be speaking to all the freshmen and sophomores about cyber bullying and internet safety on February 10 from 1:30 to 2:30. This is a topic which the State of Wisconsin has mandated for students in our schools.
- At the end of the month of February, we will begin the scheduling process. I encourage parents to speak to their son or daughter about his or her class choices.

IX. District Administrator Report

A. Strategic Planning Discussion

The Board discussed how they would choose/nominate the vesting team for strategic planning. It was decided they would personally contact one person in the community and try to secure a commitment from those individuals. This vesting group will assist in the strategic planning process, gather data from the community wide discussion meetings, and make recommendations to the Board.

B. H/SIE (Virtual School) Program Update

The Board was informed of some guidelines received from the DPI which will change procedures that we currently have for the H/SIE (Virtual School) program. There are additional restrictions which will impact the program, possibly to the point where it will not be cost effective to continue the program.

C. Chicago National School Board Convention Discussion

The Board discussed their possible attendance at the National School Board Convention held in Chicago, April 10-12.

D. Student Administrative and Food Service Software Needs Update

The Board was also informed that staff members will be investigating the Skyward Student Administrative and grading program on February 23 to see if that program is more user friendly.

E. Change Date of March Board Meeting

Motion was made by Lisa Schulz, seconded by MaryAnn Lippert, to approve changing the March School Board Meeting to March 1 due to Board Member conflicts. Motion carried.

X. 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)
- 2) 2010-2011 School Calendars - 19.85(1)(i)
- 3) Academic Excellence Scholarship - 19.85(1)(i)
- 4) Administrative Evaluations - 19.85(1)(c)

XI. Move out of Closed Session

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

XII. Act upon Closed Sessions

- 1) 2010-2011, 2011-12 School Calendar. No action taken.
- 2) Academic Excellence Scholarship
Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Jane Wesely, to approve the Academic Excellence Scholarship recipient. Motion carried.

XIII Adjourn

Motion was made by Julie Strenn, seconded by Connie Potter, to adjourn at 10:38 p.m. Motion carried.

MaryAnn Lippert, Clerk