

**School District of Green Lake  
Minutes of the Board of Education  
Regular Meeting**

January 28, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday January 28, 2009, in the School Office Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President, Wendy Schultz.

Notice of this meeting was given to the Oshkosh Northwestern, the Fond du Lac Reporter, the Ripon Commonwealth Press, the Green Lake Reporter and Radio WRPN. In addition, notices of the meeting were posted in the display case of the school, at the Green Lake State Bank, the Green Lake Post Office, The First National Bank and on Laker Vision Channel 98.

**Roll Call:**

Present – Wendy Schultz, Gordon Farrell, Amy Piphon, Harley Reabe, Dennis Deyo, Celest King, Jodine Deppisch arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Absent - None

Also present –Ken Bates, District Administrator.

**Adjournment to Closed Session**

Motion by Piphon, second by Reabe to convene in closed session at 6:07 p.m. reserving the right to reconvene in open session to take action on any or all items discussed in closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sec. 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises authority.

(c) Superintendent evaluation

Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Farrell, seconded by Deppisch to roll over Mr. Bate's contract. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 3 nays (Deyo, Piphon, Reabe).

**Reconvene in Open Session**

Motion by Farrell, seconded by Deppisch to reconvene in open session at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by Reabe to adjourn to the Regular Monthly meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday January 28, 2009, in the school library. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by President, Wendy Schultz.

President Schultz led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Present - Wendy Schultz, Gordon Farrell, Amy Piphon, Harley Reabe, Dennis Deyo, Celest King, Jodine Deppisch

Absent - None

Also present –Shelley Eilbes, Board Secretary; Ken Bates, District Administrator; e.jon tracy, Principal; Deb Kneser, Curriculum Coordinator; staff members and residents of the district.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by King, to approve the Board meeting agenda and all consent agenda items including the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 17, 2008, minutes from the listening session of January 8, 2009, minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 13, 2009, approval of the January invoices to be paid, approval of the December Cash Balance and approval of spring coaches – Stephanie Van Handel, Head Girls Softball Coach and Rachel Ryf, Assistant Girls Softball Coach. Piphon noted an error to the minutes be corrected as stated. Reabe requested that the minutes include that he attended the WASB Convention. Reabe also requested the bills be pulled. All ayes. Motion carried.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Members of the Green Lake Student Council gave a report to the Board on activities and up coming events. There will be a second mailing going out regarding Green Report Cards. The winterfest activities will help support local soldiers.

**Discussion/Informational Items**

**ENROLLMENT REPORT – 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY COUNT**

Mr. Bates reviewed the handout of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday count which includes resident versus building count. Open Enrollment begins February 2, 2009 and will run for 20 days. Dennis Deyo asked about a campaign for Open Enrollment. Ken stated that there will be an ad in the paper regarding IB. Deb Kneser also sent out 4-K letters as part of open enrollment as well. Celest King felt that the district should be doing monthly notices as well. She asked that the Community help spread the word too and we should not forget about the Charter School. Wendy Schultz would like to see an ad for district also.

**CHARTER SCHOOL REPORT**

Deb Kneser reported that there will be an open house on February 11, 2009 by the students. The sixth graders are the target audience. Applications are due by March 1, 2009. Up coming field experience days will be Cross Country Skiing and the Milwaukee Museum.

**COOPERATIVE ATHLETIC TEAM UPDATE-  
ACTIVITIES COUNCIL/COMMITTEE**

Dennis Deyo reported that he attended the Montello Board Meeting on January 26, 2009 with Ken Bates, Rachael Ryf and Marsha Krahn. Montello felt they

were not involved and had questions regarding games, practices and coaches. Montello and Princeton will work out the details. Currently Green Lake does not have a coach. Dennis indicated that he would like to be the representative from the district to attend the meetings in which the details of the merger will be worked out. There was one nay vote from Montello and it was noted that it was due to a timing issue. Ken stated that the parents welcomed the competition. Dennis indicated that we need to start looking ahead for future needs. Spring of 2010 sports should be looked at now.

Activities Council/Committees – Harley Reabe is the representative for the Activities Committee. Ken reviewed the duties of the representative and indicated that a committee could be formed regarding the Co-op. The committee needs to work closely with the Athletic Directors and Coaches. Harley feels it will improve communication. The committee will be Harley Reabe and Dennis Deyo.

#### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Gordy Farrell reported on the progress, or lack there of, regarding the Lindenwood Development. The Committee felt that it would be beneficial to meet with Ken Giacoletto of GLCC and see if he can offer any assistance. Heating System update – Steam traps have been repaired/replaced. Ken is checking on an estimate for replacing the system. There will be funding available from the Federal Government Stimulus package and our district will receive about \$37,000 to be used for building updates. The money is based on the number of Title I students in the district. The Committee will be reviewing the Hoffman Report which studied the facility in 2000, at the next meeting which is scheduled for February 3, 2009.

#### POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee is working on youth options and virtual on-line items.

#### GOALS REPORT – IB, READING, SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS NETOWRK

Deb Kneser reported on the IB program. The elementary teachers have started with their units. Deb passed out unit plans from Marianne Reininger, Kindergarten teacher. The unit is on patterns. She also reviewed some of the materials used to teach the students. Mrs. Baranowski and Mrs. Caldwell are also teaching a unit on traditions to their students. Deb reviewed a PowerPoint presentation from Amanda Guay who did a unit on Zambia, South Africa. Her units can be viewed on her website located on the District Website. Mr. Roti Roti passed out his unit plan – Meet the Composer. Ken Krause, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student gave a presentation on composer Dr. Hilliard. Ken researched the composer on his own to better understand the composer. Mr. Roti Roti reported that he was able to get Dr. Hilliard to working with the students on February 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. He will be in the area at a seminar and agreed to work with the Green Lake students. Students will be able to ask questions as well.

Deb Kneser passed out the updated Reading Scores. The 2008 scores have increased over the 2007 scores.

Deb Kneser reviewed the Successful Schools Network handouts she provided the Board. The handouts include sensitive information regarding the password on how to get into the system; therefore it is important that this information remain confidential. The staff had a meeting with Dale Eggebraaten from Albany New York who reviewed the website and how to incorporate the items into their lesson plans. Two teachers have completed the COR program. Mr. Eggebraaten and the Administrative Team developed the Successful Schools Network Action Plan and there are 11 teachers working on the plan.

Mr. Tracy commented that students from 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades can complete the We Learn Student Survey on line. This survey will provide information on how well the teachers are doing per the eyes of the students. CESA 6 is also doing a regional survey which can be accessed via the Districts web site. This survey will help the district with what essential skills should be taught in our schools. Mr. Tracy also handed out information on the CTE Academy. The academy is being created to meet the needs of the students that are interested in a career path. The committee will be writing an At-Risk grant to help with funding. The district currently has an at-risk grant. Groups working with the committee are the Association of Commerce and the School to Work Consortium.

#### WASB CONFERENCE REPORT

Dennis Deyo reported on the resolutions that were passed at the Convention as he was the district delegate. He also reported on the parliamentary procedure awards and that the State has a purchasing program that maybe the district should check into. Jodine stated that the State Purchasing Program should be carefully looked at if items are purchased. Wendy Schultz reviewed her experiences at the Convention. She was able to have breakfast with Soledad O'Brien, one of the Convention Speakers. Harley Reabe reported on the Finance portion of the Convention in which he attended stating this was the second year he attended and felt it was good to attend. Ken Bates reviewed the sessions he attended and indicated that there are 17 districts in Wisconsin that are considered property rich. He also attended a Green Building seminar.

#### LISTENING SESSION; HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Wendy Schultz indicated that she would like to have a listening session on February 11, 2009 at 6:30/7:00. Notices will go out to the Parents, Board and papers.

#### SUPERINTENDEN REPORT – CORNERSTONE SUMMER CAMP, DISCOVER WISCONSIN

Ken reported that there will be a 3-day Summer Camp that will cover Health Careers. Ripon, Berlin and Wild Rose Hospitals will be involved. The target students will be those in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

5 students per district will be involved. The date will be June 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Discover Wisconsin will be highlighting Green Lake on March 26, 2009. The program is a half hour presentation highlighting the surrounding Green Lake Area and the School. Brochures and CD's will be available and the target areas are Milwaukee, Minnesota, and Chicago.

#### ELECTION INFORMATION

The Primary Election for School Board will be February 17, 2009. The candidates will be contacted for participation in a forum to discuss their qualifications and concerns.

#### **Connection with the Community**

##### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joanne LaMire, resident, inquired as to the taping of the meetings. It was noted that the meetings are being taped and the tapes are being saved. She also questioned the updating of the website as she has found errors on it. Other concerns were: Who determined that our school is a Green School? What is a Green School? Lindenwood attorney fees, who authorized the hiring. Should have been done at a Board Meeting. Tech Ed – pleased to see it as a #1 item. Land purchase – is not going away, what is the status of the grants? Do we have anything in writing? Need to let the public know what is going on.

Wendy Schultz indicated that she would comment on the grant status. Joanne LaMire stated that if not all items are commented on, then do not bother to comment on any.

Harley Reabe commented that the board set-up should be put back the old way, as there are audience members that are behind them and can't be seen.

Randy Schaefer, resident, asked about the reading scores. Deb Kneser will review the results with him after the meeting.

#### **Action Items**

##### APPROVAL OF 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF POLICY 342.9 – SECTION 504 PLAN:

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by Deyo to approve the first reading of Policy 504. All ayes. Motion carried.

##### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING BORROWING FOR BLEACHERS:

Harley Reabe asked about the Booster Club payment and the first payment has been received. They have funds for the next two years.

Motion by Deyo, seconded by Farrell to approve the borrowing of \$25,000 for the bleachers. All ayes. Motion carried.

##### APPROVAL OF NEW COURSE(S):

Mr. Tracy reported that a new construction course be approved. Work will be done on the home the district owns on Lawson to place it back on the market. Craig Olson, Tech Ed Teacher reported that he met with the real estate agent and did a walk through of the home to see what needed to be done. He reported that it would cost about \$1,500 for materials. Work to be completed

includes replacement of sheet rock, trim work, door knobs, paint, updating of the bathroom/kitchen and replacement of the front steps with a deck. Dennis Deyo asked how many students are interested and the hours of the class. Mr. Tracy indicated that there are 5 students interested. This will be a two period class. It was also noted that the district needs to check with the City on inspections and building permits. Other classes being added to the curriculum include Principles of Graphic Design, Beginning Photo Shop and Service Learning. Motion by King, seconded by Deppisch to approve new courses, one for second semester and three for school year 2009-2010. All ayes. Motion carried.

##### FEBRUARY MEETING DATE:

Motion by Reabe, seconded by Deyo to change the February meeting date to February 18, 2009. All ayes. Motion carried.

##### CONSIDER DATE FOR HEARING REGARDING PETITION TO ALTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:

Mr. Bates reviewed the notice received by the district to have two properties detach from the Princeton School District and attached to the Green Lake District. A public hearing needs to be scheduled to hear from the petitioners. Motion by Reabe, seconded by Farrell to schedule a Public Hearing on February 18, 2009 prior to the regular School Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Reabe had a question on one of the bills as to the description of Conference Bank. Shelley commented that the payment was for conference band.

Motion by Reabe, seconded by Deppisch to approve the January invoices to be paid. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Adjournment to Closed Session**

Motion by Deppisch, second by Farrell to convene in closed session at 9:32 PM reserving the right to reconvene in open session to take action on any or all items discussed in closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sec. 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever, competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

(e) Lindenwood Property

Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Reconvene in Open Session**

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by Deyo to reconvene in open session at 10:00 PM. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Deyo, seconded by Deppisch to direct the District's Attorney to proceed with the closing of the

deal with the Conference Center on the Lindenwood issue.  
All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by Deyo to adjourn at  
10:05 PM. All ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2009 in the  
school library. Notices of any special meetings will be  
posted in the display case of the school at 612 Mill Street,  
the Green Lake Bank, the Green Lake Post Office, The  
First National Bank and on Laker Vision Channel 98.

Michele (Shelley) Eilbes  
Board Secretary

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President

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Clerk

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Date