

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

April 22, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday April 22, 2009, in the Library Media Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.

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

Roll Call:

Present - Wendy Schultz, Gordon Farrell, Amy Piph, 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.

President Schultz recognized Celest King for her years of service to the School Board and presented her with a plaque.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by King to approve the Board meeting agenda with the addition of paragraph (e) to closed session notice and all consent agenda items including the minutes of the Regular Board meeting and closed session meeting of March 25, 2009, approval of the April invoices to be paid, and approval of the March Cash Balance. Mr. Bates requested that Item H. under Action Items be pulled and tabled until the May 27, 2009 meeting. Harley questioned the detail on the Attorney bills not included in the Board Packets. Mr. Bates stated that due to confidentiality of some of the detail information, only summary information will be handed out. Detailed information can be obtained at the District Office. Piph requested to pull the minutes of the Regular March 25, 2009 board meeting and the closed session meeting. All ayes.

Motion carried.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

Members of the Green Lake Student Council gave a report to the Board on activities and upcoming events. They also thanked Mrs. Piph for all her hard work on the costumes for the up coming musical.

Connection with the Community

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

Discussion/Informational Items

GOALS REPORT – IB, READING, DIFFERENTIATION, C.T.E. ACADEMY

IB – Training is continuing with the teachers. The Diploma Program application has been submitted. The District has been invited to attend an IB Group meeting with other schools from the State.

Reading – The scores will be available for release in May.

Differentiation – Deb Kneser gave a presentation to Ripon College about the IB Program.

CTE Academy – The location of the Academy will be at Amity School in Waupun. There will be work based programs for those students who are vocationally oriented. The District will pay a yearly fee based on need. The program will accommodate up to 30 students from Green Lake, Oakfield, Rosendale/Brandon, Markesan and Waupun Districts. MPTC along with CESA will be developing the programs. Another Academy based on Science/Technology is in the preliminary stages as well.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- EARTH PARTNERSHIP, CHARTER SCHOOL GRANT UPDATE, SNOW DAY MAKE-UP

Mr. Bates reported that 9 members have been selected for the Earth Partnership program that will be working with the UW Arboretum to restore habitat. The School Court Yard has been one of the areas identified to be restored.

Deb Kneser reported that the Charter School Grant for next year has been submitted and approval should be done in June. The additional \$50,000 request for 2008-2009 had been approved. An Organic garden program will be started with some of the funds. Jodine Deppisch questioned whether or not Green Roofs would be beneficial to the district. Possibly using some of the stimulus funds. Mr. Bates will check into this.

Mr. Bates reported that June 8, 2009 will be the Snow make-up day with students reporting for 2 hours. The possibility of a Community Service Day is being planned for the upper classmen. Teachers will remain for the balance of the day.

Deb Kneser reported to the Board that CESA 6 has nominated Green Lake as a New Promise School. The District will be notified if they are the winner. Deb Kneser has been asked to present at the National and State Charter School Conferences. She will be working with Jim McGraf at the National Conference.

Jodine Deppisch requested that the District get some press releases out on these items.

BOARD EVENTS- CONSULTANT MEETING DATES

Carol Wirth will be giving a presentation to the Board on the 2009-2010 Budget along with an overview of possible consolidation scenarios. The meeting is set for May 13, 2009 at 4:30 pm. Jodine Deppisch asked about the School Finance Network testimony on the budget and that we should make sure to get the good news out in the community about the positive things happening in our district.

Wendy Schultz reported on the Charter School Conference. There were many inspiring speakers and classes to attend. The Governor and Lt. Governor also presented at the Conference.

There will be a Lathrop & Clark Law Seminar held on 11/11/09 for those Board Members wishing to attend.

Dennis Deyo commented about other Districts who have received awards and how those Districts have banners and signs as you enter their districts and that we should look into this for our District.

Jodine Deppisch asked Mr. Bates if there were any plans for having a recognition day for the teaching staff.

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

The letter and informational packet for Summer School will go out on 4/24/09. The Summer School Programs are coordinated with the Summer Recreation Program. Field experience days will be held on Friday. The School will be closed on Fridays during the summer break.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES –WELLNESS, SCHOOL BREAKFAST UPDATE

The Policy Committee will be having the Wellness Committee update the wellness policy for the District. School Breakfast surveys were sent and the response received back shows a 50/50 split as to those feeling it should be provided. The Wellness Committee recommended to start a Breakfast Program at the start of the 2009-2010 School Year. Currently, parents are supplementing by providing snacks for the classrooms. Discussed that once a month a vendor should be brought in to demonstrate and try new foods. The Committee is working on incorporating Staff Wellness and Student participation for the 2009-2010 School Year.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

These items will be discussed under the Action Items. Amy Pipho reported that there is a Policy on Agenda Planning. Also, the Board should review the Board Calendar and provide any updates needed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Harley Reabe reported on the meeting held on 4/22/09. Bills were reviewed along with the Cash Flow Report. Discussion was held about investing funds on a short term basis. The 2009-2010 Budget Calendar was reviewed. A lengthy discussion regarding Student Fees ensued and will be continued at the next meeting.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Gordy Farrell reported on the meeting held on 3/30/09. Looking into getting signage for the Charter School and try to include all avenues of the District for signage. The athletic field lease was discussed and what additional costs would be incurred if the District took over the entire lease. The Hoffman Report was reviewed. Updates and changes will be reviewed at the next meeting. There are some major concerns with the building needs. The land at Lindenwood was discussed. A Phase I Environmental Study will be done. Need to look at energy savings programs offered by the State and other Agencies. The Gym floor also needs to be looked at due to areas peeling.

Action Items

APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF POLICY 141-BOARD OFFICERS; 142-SCHOOL ATTORNEY; 150-BOARD GOVERNANCE PROCESS; 151-BOARD POLICY DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION, REVISION, AND DELETION; 162-BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE/NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION; 164-BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES; 166-BOARD USE OF E-MAIL; 170-BOARD MEETINGS; 188-NEWS MEDIA AT BOARD MEETINGS

Motion by Pipho seconded by Farrell to approve the first reading of Policies 141, 142, 150, 151, 162, 164, 166, 170, and 188 with corrections as indicated. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF POLICY 151.1 – POLICY MONITORING AND REVIEW FOR DELETION

Motion by Pipho seconded by Deppisch to approve the first reading for deletion of Policy 151.1. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF POLICY 458 – SCHOOL WELLNESS, 343.42-YOUTH OPTIONS; 345.3 – HOMEWORK

Motion by Farrell seconded by King to approve the second reading of policy 458, 343.42 and 345.3. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF POLICY 345.31 – HOMEWORK CLUB FOR DELETION

Motion by Deppisch seconded by King to approve the second reading of 345.31 for deletion. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MATH SERIES PURCHASE

Deb Kneser reported on the new math books to be purchased. The books were passed around for the Board to review. Mr. Reabe is concerned about the currency in the book listed in various denominations. Deb Kneser commented that this math book will incorporate the IB Training the Teachers have been going to and the books were found at DP Training in Texas. Motion by Deppisch seconded by King to approve the New Math Books-enVision. Ayes 6, nays – (Reabe). Motion carried 6-1.

APPROVAL OF THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Bates reviewed the 2009-2010 calendar. The last week of each month will be an early release day; Spring Recess will be the week after Easter. Motion by Deppisch seconded by King to approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SOFTBALL WITH PRINCETON FOR 2009-2010

Discussion items included trying to get games played in Green Lake, Concessions being run by the Booster Club, and linking the District Web Site with Princeton's. Motion by Deppisch seconded by Reabe to approve Cooperative Softball with Princeton for 2009-2010. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN TEACHER CONTRACTS FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR.

Item pulled, tabled until May 2009 meeting.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT ADMENDMENTS

Motion by King seconded by Deyo to approve amending all administrative contracts to include cash in lieu of insurance language consistent with that of the GLEA contract, and approval of adding health and dental benefits to the Principal's contract. All ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting need the following corrections: Change amount the Town of Brooklyn gives to the City Recreation Program to \$13,000, Change an item under Board Events from WASBO to WASB, Change under Superintendent's report, that the district has applied for a grant for a Biologist, and the Earth Partnership School is the week of July 13-22, 2009. The minutes of the March 9, 2009 Board Retreat need the following corrections: Roll call vote: Ayes – Schultz, Deppisch, Pipho, King, Nays – Farrell, Abstained – Reabe, Motion carried 4-1-1.

Motion by Reabe seconded by Farrell to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment to Closed Session

Motion by King second by Deppisch to convene in closed session at 9:15 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)(b) (c) (f) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of administrative staff/other personnel and for consideration of the progress of investigation of employee conduct, (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, (c) superintendent evaluation; (e) GLEA Negotiations and grievance update, (b) (f) board member conduct, (b) (f) staff member investigation.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Deyo, King, Farrell, Pipho, Deppisch, Schultz,
Nays: Reabe. Motion carried 6-1.

Dennis Deyo left closed session at 9:53 pm. Motion by Deppisch seconded by Farrell to adjourn at 10:00 pm. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting will be held on May 27, 2009 in the Library Media Center. 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

President

Clerk

Date