

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

May 28, 2008

The organizational/regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday, May 28, 2008, in the school library. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 7.

Roll Call:

Present – Deppisch, Farrell, King, Piphon, Reabe, Schultz, Deyo (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

Also present – Jon Tracy, Principal (arrived at 7p.m.), Deb Kneser, Curriculum Coordinator and Board Secretary, Polly Manske.

Board Organization

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nomination by Deppisch for Wendy Schultz as President of the Board of Education, seconded by King. Nomination by Reabe for Amy Piphon as President of the Board of Education, seconded by Farrell. Motion by Reabe, seconded by King to close nominations. 4-2 vote for Wendy Schultz as President. (Deyo absent)

Nomination by King for Jodine Deppisch as Vice President of the Board of Education, seconded by Farrell. Motion by Reabe, seconded by King to close nominations. 5-0 vote for Jodine Deppisch as Vice President. Deppisch abstained. (Deyo absent)

Nomination by Deppisch for Celest King as Clerk of the Board of Education, seconded by Deyo. Motion by Deppisch, seconded by Farrell to close nominations. 6-0 vote for Celest King as Clerk. King abstained.

Nomination by King for Harley Reabe as Treasurer of the Board of Education, seconded by Deppisch. Motion by King, seconded by Farrell to close nominations. 6-0 vote for Harley Reabe as Treasurer. Reabe abstained.

Nomination by King for Amy Piphon as Deputy Clerk of the Board of Education, seconded by Deyo. Motion by King, seconded by Reabe to close nominations. 6-0 vote for Amy Piphon as Deputy Clerk. Piphon abstained.

Motion by Farrell, seconded by Reabe to appoint Polly Manske as Secretary of the Board of Education. All ayes.

BONDING OF OFFICERS:

Motion by King, seconded by Reabe, that no other security other than the signed Oath of Office be required of the School Board Treasurer, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk at this time. However, if circumstances change, this policy may be changed pursuant to Section 120.13(23) of the State Statutes.

Motion carried 7-0.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS: Motion by Reabe, seconded by Deppisch, that the Green Lake State Bank (Green Lake Bank, a branch of The Baraboo National Bank), the First National Bank of Berlin in Green Lake, the Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative, the Local Government Investment Pool, and Bank One, Wisconsin, be designated as official depositories for the funds of the School District of Green Lake. Additional depositories may be designated later as needed in accordance with Section 120.12(7) of the State Statutes. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICES:

Motion by King, seconded by Deppisch that for the purpose of publication as required in the State Statutes, the Green Lake Reporter shall be the newspaper used by the Board. Board minutes, the proposed annual budget, and other such items permitted by State Statute shall be published in the School District Newsletter, which is district-wide in circulation. Further, the Board shall continue the policy of posting meeting notices at the school entrance, the Green Lake Post Office, the Green Lake State Bank, and the First National Bank in Green Lake. An abbreviated list of agenda items should continue to be posted on LakerVision 7, the school district's local access TV channel. In addition, the Fond du Lac Reporter, Ripon Commonwealth-Press, and Oshkosh Northwestern newspapers, and radio station WRPN will be notified of school district meetings by the school district office. Motion carried 7-0.

MEETING DATES:

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by Reabe that the Board of Education regular monthly meetings be set for the fourth Wednesday of each month at the school, which is located at 612 Mill Street, Green Lake, Wisconsin. The time of the meeting will be 7:00 p.m. The date and time may be changed by the Board of Education for special needs or circumstances. If changes occur, the notices will be posted in accordance with Board Policy and State Statutes. Motion carried 7-0.

BOARD RETREAT DATE:

The board retreat date was set for June 2nd, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room. A July retreat date will be set at a later date.

ESTABLISH BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Following discussion, Committee Appointments were set as follows:

Policy Committee: Wendy Schultz (chair), Amy Pipho, Celest King, and Ken Bates.

Finance Committee: Harley Reabe (chair), Dennis Deyo, Terry Williamson, Dan Sondalle, Gordon Farrell, Ken Bates and Bill Reininger

Negotiations Committee: Jodine Deppisch (chair), Wendy Schultz, Celest King, Ken Bates

CESA 6 Representative: Celest King (alternate, Amy Pipho)

Caestecker Scholarship Representative: Wendy Schultz

WASB Representative: Dennis Deyo (alternate, Gordy Farrell)

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by Reabe, to approve the meeting agenda; the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 23, 2008, April cash balance report, Letters of Resignation – Paula Harder, Instrumental Music and Amanda Guay, Jr. High Basketball Coach, and Acceptance of Leave of Absence Request – Carolyn Redington. Invoices to be paid excluded for further discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

Council members reported on the recent Student Council Conference attendance, donations to the local food pantry and announced the recipient of their \$500 scholarship – Kayla Pipho.

SCHOOL REPORT:

Mr. Tracy provided an update to the Board on prom, National Honor Society, 8th grade completion, Awards Night, senior class activities, extra-curricular activities and graduation.

Ms. Kneser updated the Board on plans for summer school and the enhanced curriculum being offered this year.

Connection with the Community

Joanne LeMire, community member, asked about timing of website updates, stated that DPI is pushing tech. ed and we are not focusing on it, and requested additional information under the freedom of information act.

Randy Shaffer, community member, expressed his concern that other districts are charging fees and we charge none.

Al Folker, community member, stated that he whole-heartedly supports athletics, however, he feels the Board should develop a policy for canceling classes when sports teams make it to sectionals and beyond. Mr. Folker suggested we hold classes but allow excused absences. He felt such a policy sends a message that education comes first.

Chris Robinson, Charter Board Member, provided clarification that the charter school funding is all coming from grant monies and the district does not contribute money to fund the charter school. Mr. Robinson stressed that all community members are encouraged to contact charter board members with any questions or concerns they may have. Mr. Robinson also stated he was very impressed with the teachers working on the charter school. He stated they are developing an aggressive and intense program.

Jodine Deppisch, board member, commented that she also agrees that fees should be looked at, the website should continue to be kept as up to date as possible and that the school closing policy should be reviewed.

Harley Reabe, board member, also stated fees for sports and all other activities should be implemented.

Wendy Schultz, board member, stated that the policy for closing school will be reviewed.

Gordy Farrell, board member, commented that tech ed course offerings are limited only because of low student sign-up numbers.

Discussion/Informational Items

STAFFING/SCHEDULING:

Jan Hauer outlined the course registration process and schedule development process.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Wendy Schultz reported that the Policy Committee continues to review policies. Upcoming policies include purchasing, school health and protocol.

GOALS REPORT:

Ms. Kneser reported that teachers are completing the final SRI tests and updated graphs will be coming to the board in June. Ms. Kneser are stated that reading growth/loss will be tested for at the beginning of next school year.

LUNCH PRICES:

Polly Manske reviewed revenues and expenses for the student lunch program for the 2007-08 school year to date. She also recommended increasing lunch prices for the 2008-09 school year. The board will take action on price increases at the June board meeting.

Mr. Reabe addressed fuel surcharges that are being added to food invoices.

Connection with the Community

Chris Robinson, Charter Board member, commented that the board should look at co-oping and food waste. He also stated that, as a parent, he would like to see something come home that would give some guidance for reading over the summer. Mr. Robinson also posed questions about how electives are prioritized in the class scheduling process.

Joanne LeMire, community member, posed questions related to class offerings.

Bill Boutwell, community member, commented that board transparency has greatly improved. He also commented that school exists to prepare students for higher learning and that guidance counselors should guide students to succeed in a world economy.

Gordy Farrell, board member, commented that public input on class offerings is always welcome.

Jodine Deppisch, board member, commented on college vs. tech school tracks for students and that the board will continue to explore the needs of the students.

Action Items

POLICY READINGS:

Wendy Schultz pulled approval of first reading of Policy 165 – Board Member’s Code of Conduct and 823 – Access to Public Records.

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by Reabe to approve first reading of Policy 165.1 – Conflict of Interest. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Reabe, seconded by Deyo to approve first reading of Policy 166 – Board Use of Email. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Reabe, seconded by Deppisch to approve the second reading of Policy 133 – Filling Board Vacancies. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA - INVOICES TO BE PAID:

Following a discussion, motion by Reabe, seconded by Dennis to approve the May invoices to be paid. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Piphon returned at 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment to Closed Session

Motion by Deppisch, second by Farrell to convene in closed session at 8:45 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)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; (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 (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par.(b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

(c) Prohibited Practice; (c) Guidance Counselor Contract; (e) District Property; (f) WKCE Scores; (f) Former Employee

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

Reconvene in Open Session

Motion by Farrell, seconded by King to reconvene in open session at 10:40 PM. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Deppisch, seconded by Farrell to adjourn at 10:40 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2008 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 State Bank, the Green Lake Post Office, the First National Bank and on Laker Vision Channel 7.

Polly Manske
Board Secretary

President

Clerk

Date