

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

November 19, 2008

The meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday November 19, 2008, in the school library. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM 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 Pipho, Harley Reabe, Dennis Deyo, Celest King,  
Absent - Jodine Deppisch

Also present –Polly Manske, out going Board Secretary & Shelley Eilbes, New 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 Farrell, seconded by Deyo, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2008 School Board meeting, October cash balance and CORR classes for Board Credit. Item b. November invoices to be paid was pulled by Harley. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Connection with the Community**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Randy Schaefer, resident, commented on the IB program and that in other states if students want to participate they are charged a fee. He also had a question as to if all the bills are paid prior to a meeting? What are items for that are being paid. The public should have input on what money is being spent on.

Joanne LeMire, resident, questioned how much money has been spent in legal fees for the two grievances. Ms. LeMire also inquired why Markesan wasn't on the agenda. Need formal discussions. Propose a committee be established. Why aren't operating expenditures being reduced? What about non-renewal letters for administrative staff? What about the low enrollment in lower grades 1-2? Land Purchases – can not afford this type of gift. This will cut tax revenue and eliminate properties to potentially sell to new residents. Let the conservancy purchase and take of.

Rebecca Van Sycoc, resident, has 3 students in school. Thanked the District for the opportunities. Expressed concern about increased frustration with students with

grading scale and policies for participation in extra curricular activities.

Dawn Morgan, resident, concerns were covered by others present.

Linda Sonntag, resident, has been hearing good things outside of our district. Great job.

Julie Gneiser, resident, commented that she would have wished her children could have participated in the Charter School program. Thank you to the District for the program.

President Schultz reviewed some of the issues. Someone will get back to Rebecca Van Sycoc on her concerns. Mr. Bates will address most of the items as listed on the agenda. There will be a Special Public Meeting to bring up concerns on the land purchase.

**Discussion/Informational Items**

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Student Council representatives are at a State Conference. No report.

**SCHOOL REPORT:**

Mr. Tracy reported that WKCE make up exams are being completed. Everything went well with the exams. An Academic Leadership Team has been formed and will receive additional training on developing Gold Seal Lessons, team will help move IB forward. Mr. Tracy stated that if anyone has time to stop by and see the Native American and Aborigine paintings by Sharon Caldwell's class. Mr. Tracy shared a letter from Amanda Guay's class recommending a dog for the Obama's. Mr. Tracy shared a Thank you from Chris Schultz's class to the Board for allowing them to make Breakfast.

**CHARTER SCHOOL REPORT:**

Linda Sonntag reported that there were 58 attendees at the open house. Lapops are in and being used. There will be a field experience to the International Folk Festival. Ms. Sonntag also reported that there are 3 new board members, Julie Dosogne, Mary Jo Johnson, and Dennis Galatowitsch.

Mr. Bates shared that Green Lake was featured at a conference he recently attended on Green Charter.

Mrs. Schultz shared a letter from Gaylord Nelson's daughter on being sustainable.

Ms. Kneser indicated that we have received the final grant documentation for the \$100,000 award for the 2008-2009 year.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Schultz commented on upcoming meetings, Lathrop & Clark law seminar and the State WASB Convention. Mrs. Schultz stated that a formal

response should be sent to Markesan on behalf of the Board. Up coming Board meetings will be taped for documentation. Will need to explore how to use equipment in house to make meetings more audible to those present. The WSPRA meeting was attended by Mr. Bates, Mrs. Schultz and Ms. King.

#### BUDGET FORECAST/CALENDAR:

Mona Aumann, Business Consultant presented the budget development timeline and budget forecast/projections. Mr. Bates asked if there were any changes to the timeline and reminded the Board that using Fund Balance to balance the 2009-2010 has been regularly discussed.

Mr. Bates also stated that the District is a property rich community and therefore does not receive as much State Aid as other Districts.

#### Election Notice:

Mrs. Schultz reported that there are 2 seats up for Election in April, Celeste King and Harley Reabe. Anyone interested must file the appropriate paperwork by January 6, 2009. Nomination papers can be picked up in the Administrative Office after December 1, 2008.

#### GOALS UPDATE:

Mr. Bates reported on the CTE Academy meeting. Dean Gorrell from Verona Schools spoke. Asked for feedback and interest from area Districts. Princeton, Ripon, and Markesan have expressed interest. Markesan, CESA and Green Lake Districts met to discuss further needs with the possibility of focusing on Construction (architecture) as well as Health Science. Will be looking for grant writing opportunities for this project. Mr. Deyo commented that we should start small and move quickly with the MPTC representatives to get program going. Mr. Bates indicated that the consortium idea seems to be gaining momentum. Mr. Farrell stated that MPTC is a big support and can provide great curriculum and guidance as well as dual credit opportunities. Mr. Reabe stated that we should look into diesel mechanics as well.

Ms. Kneser reported that the District is looking at new Math Curriculum Series K-12. There are 5 different series and will narrow that down to 3 in December. Evaluating the series on a variety of criteria, three of them will be invited back for presentations. The committee will make a recommendation in March for April proposal to the Board.

Ms. Kneser also reported that the Successful Schools Network (Daggett) has approved the District application. The benefits to the District will be assigned coaches to the staff. Site visits at the school to examine what we are currently doing and make suggestions on how to improve. There is a member's only site for staff to log into for additional information and support. There are 11 teachers who will begin the 10 lesson course. Also includes Gold Seal Lessons for development for IB. Once the District has 10 approved lessons, then the District is allowed to go into the Program's over 1,000 plans for review.

#### POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mrs. Schultz discussed the policy up for first reading. The committee is continuing development and updating the Districts policies.

#### CORNERSTONE PROJECT:

Mr. Bates reported that the Cornerstone Project has the same concept as the Y with ties to the Medical Health Care Services. It is a "Healthy Village" concept. Next meeting will be December 10, 2008 at the Brooklyn Town Hall. Mr. Bates has been the facilitator at the informational meetings.

#### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Farrell informed the board of the State of the Boilers & Steam Traps. Thank you to Mr. Tracy to have the foresight to have them tested early. Mr. Farrell also indicated that the roof repairs may cost up to \$600,000. More updates will be brought back to the board as research is completed. The athletic field lease with the City is up in 2009. This will be discussed further in the up coming months. Mr. Farrell also reported that discussions are continuing with the Lindewood Project.

#### PROPERTY PURCHASE:

Mr. Bates provided an update on Sunnyside Project. The Green Team which consists of the Green Lake Association, the Green Lake Sanitary District and the Green Lake Conservancy, have written a grant to the DNR for \$345,000. \$115,000 in grant awards has been approved. The Team has negotiated a price for purchase of \$345,000. There will be a Special Meeting of the Electors on December 3, 2008 at 6:30 pm to approve the land purchase.

Mr. Bates indicated that there is a lot of potential for the property.

Mr. Reabe is concerned about the amount of property that will come off the tax roll for the Town of Brooklyn for the project.

#### SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

Polly Manske and Deb Kneser reviewed the possibility of the District participating in the Wisconsin School Breakfast Challenge. Information was handed out to the Board for review. After discussion, it was noted that a formal proposal should be brought back to the Board for approval.

#### CREDIT CARD:

Mr. Bates explained the procedures for the use of the Purchasing Cards. Items charged are travel expenses, registrations, small item purchases. The cards are signed out by the Accounts Manager and proper documentation is provided back. Mr. Reabe noted that payment is done through ACH. Mr. Reabe also indicated that he would like to see more detail on some bills or perhaps more detail in the report of the bills. Mr. Farrell indicated that there was not discussion on how to share information on

payments with the public. Suggestion was made to have the Finance Committee sit down and develop a plan for sharing the information.

**CLASS SIZE:**

Mr. Bates handed out a spreadsheet of the classes and reviewed with the Board. Mr. Bates shared with the Board how the class sizes are developed. The study halls are handled by Diane Walker and are in different rooms daily. The goal is to try to have 6 students in each class.

**Connection with the Community - Agenda Items:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Randy Schaefer, resident, commented on the Budget, where did the 20 new kindergarten students come from, is this a guess. Mr. Farrell stated that historically this has been accurate. Mr. Schaefer also commented on the threshold limit set by the Policy Committee for purchases, he indicated that he thought it was \$5,000. Concerns on Property Purchase – is this an added liability for the District? School Breakfast Program – It should be the parents' responsibility and class time should not be wasted on such a program.

Joanne LeMire, resident, stated that Mr. Reabe has the right to see any invoice or copy of any payment that he wants. Breakfast Program, concerns regarding having the teachers cleaning up after the students in the classrooms.

**Action Items**

**APPROVAL OF 1st READING OF POLICY 342.5–Title I:**

Motion by Deyo seconded by Reabe to approve the first reading of Policy 342.5. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CALENDAR CHANGE (FEBRUARY 20, 2009 TO FEBRUARY 27, 2009):**

Mr. Bates reviewed the change request. When the District Calendar was adopted the 20<sup>th</sup> was originally listed as the SWEO date with the actual date of SWEO being February 27, 2009. Motion by Deyo, seconded by King to approve the budget for school year 2008-2009. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Reabe had questions on the following bills: #52772 NASCO for \$2,385.22, #52806 Enghardt for \$1,755.50, #52859 Enghardt for \$1,368.6 and #52886 Waste management for \$295.90 and \$329.32. Were these for more than one month? Also on the NASCO bill is this for the Kiln? Mr. Bates stated that he will get back to him with the answers to his questions.

After a brief discussion, motion by Deyo, seconded by Reabe, to approve the November invoices to be paid. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment to Closed Session**

Motion by Farrell, second by Pepho to convene in closed session at 9:50 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 authority. (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) Lindenwood Property

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

**Reconvene in Open Session**

Motion by Deyo, seconded by Reabe to reconvene in open session at 10:33 PM. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Reabe, seconded by Deyo to adjourn at 10:33 PM. Motion carried 6-0.

The next meeting will be held on December 17, 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 Bank, the Green Lake Post Office, the First National Bank and on Laker Vision Channel 7.

Michele (Shelley) Eilbes  
Board Secretary

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