

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

December 17, 2008

The meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday December 17, 2008, in the school library. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice President, Jodine Deppisch in the event that Board President Wendy Schultz could not attend due to family health issues.

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.

Vice President Deppisch led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

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 Deyo, seconded by Schultz, to approve the Consent Agenda items to include minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 25, 2008, minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 12, 2008, cash balance report, Jr High Girls Basketball Coach, Mandy Richter and part-time night custodian Daniel Van Loo. Ken Bates reviewed that there would be no action taken on Items E & F and they will be pulled. Also, the approval of the Cash Balance should be November, not December. Item c. November invoices to be paid were pulled by Harley. Mr. Reabe also requested that the November 25, 2008 and November 12, 2008 minutes be corrected as stated. (Correct spelling of Laptops, and unfinished sentence and Special Meeting correction for Board Clerk) All ayes. Motion carried.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION:

e. jon Tracy presented a certificate of Reading Award to Shantele Laviolette. Shantele came to the district on 10/14/08 and has read 17 books to date.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

Members of the Green Lake Student Council gave a report to the Board on activities and up coming events. It was also noted that the Spring Musical will be the Wizard of Oz.

Connection with the Community

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joanne LeMire, resident, questioned if the web site would have the scores posted on it of the testing results. She also requested to know how much has been spent to date on the legal fees for the grievances. Were there any other schools approached when investigating joining with Markesan for Sports? What were the \$5,300 in legal fees for the Lindenwood? Land purchase, District can not afford it. It would be great if we had the money. Grants are great, but what about costs for maintaining the property, parking, insurance, and teacher costs, ect.

Randy Schaefer, resident, commented on the fact that we have lost a few more students. District should look at cutting staff before we go for a referendum. Stated that he is opposed to the breakfast program. Questioned the Closed Sessions, if action is taken, where is that noted?

Oz Kinas, resident, commented on the Sports Program, were there any other schools approached? Distance to Markesan would be 1 ½ hours of the day; this will give students less time to complete homework. Concern over the fact that the students were approached first and not the parents.

Jerry Bartow, resident, commented on the land from Lawson being marsh ground. Other concerns included valuation, losing students, Charter School, City has to pick up the costs if the loan is defaulted on, and should look at building before buying.

Concern was stated from those present about not having the opportunity to speak after the Discussion Items.

Discussion/Informational Items

SUNNYSIDE PROPERTY GRANT UPDATE:

Ken updated everyone on the Grant Approval. The Grant approval should be finalized in January 2009. The Special meeting of the electors has been postponed. More information will be available at the January 2009 Board Meeting. If the grant is awarded, the cost would be covered by all grants awarded. This would be a joint venture between the Green Lake Sanitary District, the Green Lake Conservancy and the Green Lake School District. Stewardship Funds are still available as well for the project. Gordy commented on the web site for the WDNR grant. People should take time to look it over as it gives good detail in explaining the grant. The information can be found on the WDNR web site under Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund.

CHARTER SCHOOL REPORT/TOUR:

Chris Robinson, Charter School President expressed concern regarding statements about the land purchase. The land is not being purchased for

the Charter School. Money is not being taken from other students. The Charter School is drawing people into the district. Need to market this as a different way of learning to current students. The District received \$100,000 in grant funding for the Charter School Program for the 2008-09 school year. This money is used for all teachers. Mr. Eddy gave a tour and presentation of the Charter Class.

SCHOOL REPORT:

Mr. Tracy reported that visitors are welcome to stop and see what the Charter School is all about. There is a lot of bonding between the students in the program. Leadership Team is working on Student Needs. Discussions with the students as to working with other schools for the 2009-2010 sports events. IB Program update – working on the Master Schedules for future years. IB has to approve our program before we can implant it.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Amy Pipho reviewed the items discussed. A timeline was added to the Superintendent's evaluation and when the evaluation should be done. It was decided to move the evaluation to the end of the year instead of mid year. The committee will be reviewing the grading policy for Class Rank. Ken stated that we haven't had to do this, but need to have a policy on it. A handout was given to the Board with the policies being looked at.

GOALS REPORT – IB, CTE ACADEMY, READING:

Ken Bates reviewed the IB Program. Beginning with the 2010-2011 School Year, the students will be able to get into the Diploma Program. Met with the consultant from IB this past week. Will be sending more teachers to training and will be working on Application B for June 2009 submittal. The district will have a site review in November 2009. There will be Parent meetings in the spring of 2009 for current freshman who will be the first class to go through the program. Some teachers have visited Oconomowoc and reviewed their program. Deb Kneser gave an update on the timeline of the IB Program. By the spring of 2010 we will be able to know if we qualify for full accreditation. Jodine Deppisch commented on the fact that curriculum has always been an issue and this will be a great program to move forward with. Deb also commented that one of the current teachers has told her that this experience has made her a better teacher.

Ken stated that a second meeting was conducted on the CTE Academy. This is a change in education with a more hands on approach to learning. Working with Workforce Development, 8 school districts, MPTC and CESA. The next meeting will be at CESA and plans are being made to invite the principals and other staff. There are 3 career clusters being looked at. Harley stated that his employer had a student working with them and received a full scholarship. Looking for businesses to participate as well. Will provide more information as it comes available.

Deb Kneser stated that the district will be doing a Community Read Program on January 12, 2009 and April 6, 2009. The district received a grant from Target to fund the program.

WASB CONFERENCE- RESOLUTIONS/DELEGATE:

Dennis Deyo is the delegate from the district. Mr. Bates and Wendy Schultz will also be attending. Harley Reabe will be attending the Finance Workshops. The resolutions were reviewed that will be voted on at the Convention, the board should give any feedback to Mr. Deyo. A report on the convention will be given at the January 2009 meeting.

COOPERATIVE ATHLETIC TEAMS WITH MARKESAN:

Mr. Tracy reviewed the concerns regarding the 2009-2010 Sports events. The number one objective is to give those who want to play the opportunity to play. Mr. Tracy and Athletic Director Rachael Ryf have set up a meeting with Markesan. There are 3 options – 1. Play at Green Lake, 2. Combine team with Markesan, 3. No sports. Mr. Tracy provided the up coming numbers of students that will be in sports and those numbers are declining. Concerns brought up are where practices would be held, uniforms, scheduling, equipment and where games will be played. Need to talk to the WIAA about possibly having an 8-man league in the future. The deadline to apply with the WIAA is February 12, 2009. Harley asked if Mr. Tracy had approached Princeton. Wasn't aware that they would be looking at us joining them as they are already with Montello. Dennis Deyo reviewed the background on the issue and indicated that a meeting with the parents should have been scheduled and apologized for dropping the ball. The Board will schedule a listening session with the parents. Staff will try to get as much information from Princeton prior to that meeting as well. Gordy Farrell commented that the Booster Club has stepped up and donated new bleachers. Rachael Ryf did talk to the Booster Club and they have made one payment for the Bleachers. Rachael also stated that this will be a two year agreement and the Conference must also agree to the partnership. Harley Reabe asked about ranking. The district could be bumped up to the next class for playoffs. It was agreed to have a listening session with the parents on January 15, 2009.

CORNERSTONE PROJECT:

Mr. Bates stated that there will be a meeting on January 14, 2009 to discuss the project and School Board Presidents have been invited to attend. This project has created a link to the CTE Academy by bringing in a Physician's Assistance Program. There are currently two medical care camps held in the State and Green Lake could possibly be a host site for a new one. Fund raising has begun for the project and the location will be Hwy 23 and Cty A.

GIFTS:

Mr. Bates stated that the district has received International Flags from the Green Lake School

Foundation. The Student Council has received a new bulletin board from the GLHS Booster Club and the GL PTO. Student Council has also donated \$300 to the Red Geranium project. The Charter School has received a Wind Tower Lego set from Invenergy. They have also received an aquarium to be used in setting up a river echo system.

Action Items

APPROVAL OF 2nd READING OF POLICY 225-SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION; 330 CURRICULUM PLANNING; 342.5-TITLE 1

Motion by Farrell seconded by Deyo to approve the second reading of Policy 225 and 342.5. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 1ST READING OF POLICY 461-WISCONSIN HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP:

Motion by Pipho, seconded by Reabe to approve the first reading of Policy 461. 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 BUDGET REVISION DUE TO BLEACHER PURCHASE:

Motion by King, seconded by Deyo to approve the 2008-2009 Budget Revision for the purchase of the bleachers. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL COURSE OFFERINGS 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR:

Looking at a Construction Course for 2nd Semester to remodel the home on Lawson to put it back on the market to sell. Possibly look into getting donations for materials needed. Harley stated that we should check into asbestos. Dennis asked what cost figures are involved. Concerns regarding asking for donations from construction firms with the current economy. Need to also look at schedules and should check the tech ed budget to see what is available for funds. Also would like to have more of a plan. Can it be incorporated into the Tech Ed Curriculum? Big concern is what amount of construction would be involved and the amount of money needed for the project. Motion by Reabe to table until more information is available. Seconded by Deyo. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Reabe had questions on the following bills: Engelhart Dairy and Office Depot. Shelley commented that the Engelhart bill was for November milk and the Office Depot bill is for other items than what prints out on the register.

Motion by Deyo, seconded by King to approve the December invoices to be paid. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment to Closed Session

Motion by Farrell, second by Deyo to convene in closed session at 9:12 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.

(c) Superintendent evaluation

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

Reconvene in Open Session

Motion by Deyo, seconded by Farrell to reconvene in open session at 9:40 PM. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Farrell, seconded by Deyo to adjourn at 10:33 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

The next meeting will be held on January 28, 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 7.

Michele (Shelley) Eilbes
Board Secretary

President

Clerk

Date