

ACTION

the unofficial report of Wausau School District Board action

January 11, 2010

All members of the Board of Education were present with the exception of Robb Shepherd, including the East and West High School Student Board Representatives.

CONSENT AGENDA

- The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Session of December 14, 2009.
- The Board approved payment of bills in the amount of \$1,273,224.23.
- The Board gratefully approved the following donations: \$25 gift certificate from Home Depot for supplies in the “Let’s Build It” Saturday Program to A.C. Kiefer Educational Center; 45 beginning reading books from United Way of Marathon County’s “Ready to Read” Program to Lincoln Elementary School; 48 scissors from Charles Burger to South Mountain Elementary School; \$100 from Hometown Motors, as the result of Kathleen and Michael Drake’s purchase of a vehicle, to the Girls’ Volleyball Program at John Muir Middle School; a Wausau East letterman’s jacket from Greg and Terri Kohnert to Wausau East High School; and a Whitetail deer head mount, estimated value \$300, from Ken Holzem to the Wausau School District School Forest.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

- Education Committee Chair John Ostertag reported that the Education Team worked with secondary core area department chairs and elementary representatives to create a *Framework for Success* for the District. Secondary department chairs and elementary representatives also worked to create a *District PK-12 Unification Process for Excellence in Student Learning*.
- Ostertag reported that the curriculum delivery for the Wausau Engineering and Global Leadership Academy will be in the format of foundational, seminars, and workshops. Wausau EGL Academy Lead Teacher Tim Fetting reported on the curriculum work underway and Career and Technical Education Coordinator Bob Marlowe presented an overview of the Charter Planning Grant budget.
- Ostertag announced the most recently approved foreign and extended student field trips.
- The Board approved the following Wausau Area Montessori Charter School Governing Board candidates: Patti Filak, Miranda Huhnstock, Terri McHugh, and Dan Weith.

Operations Committee

- Operations Committee Chair Patrick Keefe commented on the 2010-2011 budget impact templates presented at the Committee meeting.

Policy, Resolution & Legislation Committee

- The Board deleted **Policy 2105 Superintendent of Schools** from the Policy Manual. PRL Chair Michelle Schaefer stated the Position Description for the Superintendent of Schools was updated in fall and **Policy 2005 Job Descriptions** states that job descriptions will be maintained as Administrative Rules.
- The Board approved **Policy 2110 Evaluation of the Superintendent** for first and final reading.
- The Board deleted **Policy 2111 Superintendent’s Evaluation Instrument** from the Policy Manual. This policy contains the former version of the Superintendent’s evaluation instrument.
- The Board approved **Policy 3210 Loan of District Equipment Off Premises** for first and final reading.
- The Board approved revisions to the 2010-2011 School Calendar.
- The Board approved the 2011-2012 School Calendar.
- Schaefer reported that the District will sign and submit a Memorandum of Understanding to the State of Wisconsin for the U.S. Department of Education’s Race to the Top grant funding initiative. Superintendent

Steve Murley shared updated information on Race to the Top funding since the December 21st PRL Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REFERRALS

OPEN FORUM

Public Comment

- The Board heard comments from Erik Miller requesting involvement of the student body in budget reduction decision-making.
- The Board heard comments from Paula Koehler concerning the practice of splitting principal time between two schools.
- The Board heard comments from Wausau Education Association leadership including Mary Jarvis, Laura Place, Christy Powell, Karen Clark, Kirt Schmidt, Kathy Furlano-Hennes, and Jeff Berkley regarding District leadership and communication issues.
- The Board heard comments from Ben Powell urging the Board to maintain the high quality of the District and to create a climate of mutual respect between teachers and the administration.

Board Liaison Report

- Scott Kreuser is meeting with Stettin principal Paul Seiser this week.
- Jane Rusch participated in the 56th annual Tietge Curling Bonspiel during the past weekend.
- John Ostertag attended the Wausau East Social Studies student presentations on poverty earlier in the day. He has a meeting scheduled with the Wausau West English Department.
- Michelle Schaefer attended the Lincoln holiday concert, the WEHS Camerata Singers concert, and a Riverview PTO meeting.

Student Board Representative Report

- The Wausau East and Wausau West High School Board Representatives presented updates on recent and upcoming events at both schools.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, February 8, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room of the Longfellow Administration Center. Following approval, official minutes will be on file at the Longfellow Administration Center and will be posted on the WSD Web site.

WSD Board of Education

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