

ACTION

the unofficial report of Wausau School District Board action

February 13, 2012

All members of the Board of Education were present including the Student Board Representatives from Wausau East and West High Schools with the exception of Michael Hartkopf.

OPEN FORUM COMMENTS FOR ITEMS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- The Board approved the following replacement staff: Cheryl Borta (Grade 3 Teacher/Lincoln) .50 FTE, replacing Laura Geisendorfer, effective January 23, 2012-June 5, 2012; and Daniel Sikowski (Technology Ed Teacher/East) 1.00 FTE, replacing Greg Cisewski, effective January 27, 2012-June 5, 2012.
- The Board approved the following resignations: Amy Schlei (Pre-K Teacher/Kiefer) .50 FTE, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year.
- The Board approved the following Voluntary Retirements: Diane Arneson (Cognitive Disabilities Teacher/East) 1.00 FTE, with 35 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; Marla Berg (Principal/Jefferson) 1.00 FTE, with 17 years of District service, effective July 19, 2012; Andy Bethel (Science Teacher/John Muir) 1.00 FTE, with 34 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; Pam Bootz (Family & Consumer Education Teacher/Horace Mann) 1.00 FTE, with 23.90 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; Jeanne Cole (Orientation & Mobility Teacher/District-wide) 1.00 FTE, with 8 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; Jean DeNuccio (Kindergarten Teacher/Maine) 1.00 FTE, with 22 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; Lynn Eby (Grade 4 Teacher/Maine) 1.00 FTE, with 20 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; Gretchen Egan (English Teacher/East) 1.00 FTE, with 20 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; Wayne Flanagan (Grade 4 Teacher/Maine) 1.00 FTE, with 28 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; John Gabor (Psychologist/West, Rib Mountain, Stettin) 1.00 FTE, with 25 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; John Gunnerson (Physical Education Teacher/Jefferson, Hawthorn Hills) 1.00 FTE, with 38.88 years of District service, effective July 19, 2012; Rhonda Hallam (Kindergarten Teacher/Jefferson) 1.00 FTE, with 17.44 years of District service, effective at the close of the contract year; Kelly Klund (Instrumental Music Teacher/East) 1.00 FTE, with 11 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; Linda Morrissey (Librarian/John Muir) 1.00 FTE, with 21 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; Jill Punzenberger (Grade 4/Jefferson) 1.00 FTE, with 34.66 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; James Stephany (Cognitive Disabilities Teacher/West) 1.00 FTE, with 35 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year; and Kerry Wilson (Kindergarten Teacher/Jefferson) 1.00 FTE, with 22 years of District service, effective at the close of the 2011-12 contract year.
- The Board approved contract renewal for 2012-2013 Certified Staff.
- The Board approved minutes of the Regular Session of January 9, 2012, and the Closed Session of January 23, 2012.
- The Board approved payment of bills in the amount of \$1,719,855.63.
- The Board approved a Revised Resolution Designating Public Depositories.
- The Board gratefully approved the following donations: \$16.39 from County Market Perks for Education to Rib Mountain Elementary School; \$40 from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for someone in need or a need of the school to Horace Mann Middle School; \$20.93 from County Market Perks for Education to John Muir Middle School; \$15.30 from County Market to Wausau East High School; \$750 from Wausau Westside Business Association for 2012 DECA International competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, in April, \$6,000 from Wausau West Warrior Hockey Booster Club for Wausau West Hockey Team, \$500 from Bryan Zoicher, in memory of Gerald Zoicher, for a new keyboard for West Choir program, with a matching grant to follow from Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, \$15.36 from County Market Perks for Education, and 25 backpacks valued at \$509.73 from Eastbay/Donations for NHS/Staff Food Pantry Project to Wausau West High School; and decorations, materials, and supplies for use with student or family programs from Michaels Arts and Crafts to 21st Century After-school Programs.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

- Education Committee Chair Dr. Keith Montgomery mentioned that Our Network for Education's (O.N.E.) focus areas will be continued volunteer literacy training, increased utilization of the program across the District, additional volunteer leadership at individual schools, and continued funding.

- Montgomery provided an update on the District-wide implementation of PBIS including the creation of a Central Wisconsin PBIS cohort and the introduction of a school-wide behavioral tracking system.
- Montgomery reported on plans for building the 2012-2013 Education Department budget based on priority needs.
- Montgomery reported on the January 20th Professional Growth & Development day inclusive of technology and professional learning communities.

Operations Committee

- Operations Committee Chair Dale Lawson mentioned that representatives from Ameresco, Inc., reviewed potential energy conservation and facility improvement measures for seven WSD schools.
- The Board approved the Wisconsin OPEB Trust as its OPEB Trust Provider.
- The Board approved a Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Wisconsin OPEB Trust.
- Lawson reported on the Three-Year Capital Projects Plan and the Capital Projects List for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$1,050,000.
- Lawson stated the initial budget forecast for 2012-2013 indicates a balanced to positive budget.

Policy, Resolution & Legislation Committee

With PRL Chair Michael Hartkopf's absence, Dale Lawson presented the PRL Committee Report.

- The Board approved the following Statements of Board Policy for first and final reading:
Policy 1100 –Mission Statement and Shared Key Interests
Policy 1300 – Public Participation in Board Meetings
- Lawson reported that the PRL Committee authorized Administration to begin the development of an Employee Handbook for non-certified staff.
- Lawson mentioned the legislative updates shared at the January PRL Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REFERRALS

OPEN FORUM

Public Comment for Items Not Appearing on the Agenda

- The Board heard comments from June Wilhelm, First Grade Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, concerning the value of Reading Recovery to the elementary literacy program.

Student Board Representative Report

- Student Board Representatives from Wausau East and Wausau West High Schools reported on recent and upcoming activities at the schools.

Superintendent Comments

- Dr. Kathleen Williams congratulated all WSD 2012 retirees and thanked them for their service.
- Dr. Williams welcomed Scouts working on their community merit badge to the meeting.
- Dr. Williams reported that the Facilities Utilization Task Force has held three meetings to date. The Task Force has reviewed all data provided by site teams, as well as current and projected enrollments. Minutes from the meetings are posted on the Facilities Utilization Task Force page on the website. The Task Force will continue to work through the possible options for handling the District's facility needs.
- Dr. Williams was the guest speaker in Mary Schultz's Leadership Class at West. She also attended Christy Powell's Economics Class at East.
- She participated in the John Muir "Think College Day," at UWMC, where she spoke with students about the importance of furthering their education.
- She attended the United Way Celebration Luncheon and reported that donations for the District were up this year after several years of decline. She thanked the staff for its participation.
- Dr. Williams met with NTC officials to discuss continuing and new partnership opportunities.
- Dr. Williams attended the State School Boards Convention. She noted that a team from WSD including Board President Michelle Schaefer, Athletic/Activities Directors Greg Harvey and Dan Hein, representatives from the Bone & Joint Clinic and Sport & Spine, and the WIAA Deputy Director presented on the steps taken in WSD to combat athlete concussions. In addition, Dr. Brad Peck was formally recognized as the 2011 Wisconsin High School Principal of the Year at an Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) ceremony. Dr. Williams also reported that Governor Scott Walker noted in his comments that he made changes to his Read to Lead proposal, particularly related to retaining students at third grade, due to his discussions with administrators and faculty during his visit to Franklin Elementary School last spring.
- Dr. Williams congratulated Wausau East Science Teacher Lauren Ebbecke on her selection as a finalist for the National Science Teacher of the Year representing Wisconsin in the national competition.

- Dr. Williams reported on the Evening of Possibilities as an opportunity to pursue 21st Century learning and utilize technology to advance student learning. She said the evening should be seen as a catalyst for things to come.
- Dr. Williams attended the DARE graduation at Rib Mountain, the East basketball game against Marshfield, the Kuehlman Cup, and many other events.
- She reported the Joint Advisory Team (JAT) met in early February to learn how to utilize Google Docs as a team communication vehicle. She also mentioned that JAT is developing a screening review process to study proposals to the District from outside organizations or individuals.
- Dr. Williams announced her love of Wausau and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Board Liaison Report

- Lance Trollop attended the Facilities Utilization Task Force meeting, DARE graduation at Franklin Elementary, and Family Math Night at Stettin.
- Yvonne Henning attended DARE graduations at Maine, Franklin, and Rib Mountain Elementary Schools. She attended the State School Board Convention and commented on the Friday General Session speaker. She attended the John Muir performance of Hollywood Hillbillies, participated in the Horace Mann student interviews, the Rib Mountain Star Students Assembly, and the A.C. Kiefer Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast.
- Dale Lawson attended the John Muir performance of Hollywood Hillbillies, the Horace Mann student interviews, the West High Site Council, the Evening of Possibilities event, the Facilities Utilization Task Force meeting, and the Joint Advisory Team Google Docs training.
- Jane Rusch attended the State School Board Convention and is looking forward to the 60th Curling Bonspiel. This will be the last Bonspiel in the old facility.
- Robb Shepherd visited with Principal Michael Wridt and toured the facilities at Enrich, Excel, Achieve Learning Academy and the Wausau Engineering and Global Leadership Academy. He also met with East Principal Dr. Brad Peck and toured the school. He thanked the community for providing high quality facilities for our students. Shepherd is looking forward to the last Northern Ski Meet at Granite Peak. This weekend 28 students from East and West will compete at the State Ski Meet in La Crosse.
- Theresa Miles attended DARE graduations, basketball games, and the Wausau School Foundation Board meeting. She encouraged Board members and staff to be generous donors to the Wausau School Foundation. She attended John Muir's production of Hollywood Hillbillies and saw one of the One Act Plays at Wausau East. Miles discussed the Blessings in a Backpack program taking place at Jefferson Elementary. The program provides easy-to-prepare food items to children to consume over the weekend when they do not have the benefit of school lunch or breakfast. Miles showed a sample of the items in each backpack. It costs \$80 a year to provide these items to one child for weekends throughout the school year.
- Dr. Keith Montgomery attended the Horace Mann student interviews, visited with Joyce Griese at Wausau East about the International Baccalaureate Program where he viewed a video the students made about their Theory of Knowledge class. He also invited people to attend the Science Olympiad on Saturday, February 18, 2012, at UWMC, where 16 high schools and over 100 students will compete.
- Michelle Schaefer attended the State School Board Convention, the Evening of Possibilities, Grant DARE graduation, the Legislation and New Law Seminar sponsored by WASBO, the West Site Council meeting, the Chamber of Commerce First Tuesday Meeting, and the A.C. Kiefer Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast. Schaefer encouraged everyone to go to the polls and vote in the primary election on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, March 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. 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 to the WSD website.

<u>WSD Board of Education</u>		
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