

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

President Kellie Loeb called the meeting to order.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Rick Kaltenberg, Carol O'Neil, Andrew Swanson, Richard Wensch, June McCaffery, Kellie Loeb, and Student Representative Brad Pitzner

Also present: Superintendent Michael Garvey, Principal Cale Vogel, Principal Kris Blakeley, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, Buildings and Ground Director Dan Fischer, and Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart

Dr. Garvey verified that the meeting was properly posted Pursuant to § 19.84(1) Wis. Statutes.

Motion by Wensch/Draeger to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion Carried.

Community Viewpoint

None

Communications

Superintendent Update

Dr. Garvey updated the Board on the building project. He reported that the bid date has been extended to March 24th. Maas will then begin assembling the bids into the budget program as well as reviewing the bids to insure all items have been included.

Mrs. O'Neil arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Principal Reports

Mrs. Blakeley reported that Family Fun Night was a huge success. Over 15 staff members volunteered and worked at it and over 150 families attended with their children. A lot of guest readers came for the Dr. Seuss celebration. Mrs. Blakeley mentioned that there is a Buddy Bench in the front hallway, which was built by the high school woods class. It will be going onto the playground once it is nice out. It is to help kids be friends with everyone and to prevent bullying in school. Mrs. Blakeley mentioned that 4K screening went well and there were 47 kids who attended. Coming up on April 27th is an Elementary Books Alive Music and Art Show.

Mr. Vogel stated that the juniors finished up the ACT and Work Keys testing and the results should be back in 5-8 weeks. Mr. Vogel congratulated: Valedictorian Catlin Purpi, Salutatorian Taylor Emrath, Badger Boys State representing Brad Pitzner, Badger Girls State representing Avery Hombsch, Alyssa Layton who won Honorable Mention for Whitehouse Film Festival on an Autism awareness video, and Justin Swanson who won 1st prize in a National Essay Contest. Justin and two of his family members have earned a trip to New York City to attend the Lincoln Prize Dinner and his writing will also be

published in a Gilder Lehrman publication. Mr. Rasmussen will also attend the award presentation. Mr. Vogel congratulated 14 students who attended the Trailways Academic Bowl and the team finished 6th out of 11th and only missed 4th place by 6 points. Mr. Vogel thanked Ms. Sams and the FFA for a successful FFA week. Mr. Vogel also mentioned that Mr. Perucco is working with students videotaping the daily announcements and doing it as a BlueJays News Cast.

Mr. Vogel informed the Board of upcoming events: 5-12 Band Concert (3/16), high school forensics districts (3/19), Winter Athletic Awards (3/22), end of 3rd quarter (3/23), and Little Shop of Horrors (4/11 & 4/12).

Director of Teaching and Learning

ACT testing was completed on March 3rd and 4th and Aspire testing is coming up for 9th and 10th graders, which shows how students will do on the ACT. Testing will be over a span of three days for each grade level with a total of testing time of 4 ½ hours. Mrs. Krohn stated that the State is moving forward with the Badger Exam. Sixth through 8th grade will have five hours of testing over three days and third through fifth will have five hours of testing over four days. Total days of testing for the Badger Exam will be seven days starting on April 14th and ending on April 30th. Mrs. Krohn mentioned that there will be an Engineering night in May.

Director of Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Fischer mentioned that he will be fertilizing and re-seeding the football and softball/baseball fields.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. O'Neil congratulated Justin Swanson. She also mentioned that the AAUW group that she is in had an essay contest and they invited the Middle School girls. In sixth grade Natalie Ortega got 1st place and Maryanna Hintz got 2nd place. In eighth grade Hannah Dotzler got 1st place. Their essays will be published in the Watertown Daily Times and the girls will get some monetary gifts and certificates.

Brad Pitzner stated that it was convenient to have the ACT in school instead of on the weekend.

Mr. Swanson thanked everyone for their kind words and congratulations about Justin and will pass them onto him.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by O'Neil/Swanson to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 16, 2015.
Motion Carried.

Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report

Motion by Swanson/Draeger to approve Accounts Payable checks 224117-224366 in the amount of \$1,052,412.79, wire transfer 201400001 in the amount of \$236,317.81, Payroll checks 14827-14833 in the amount of \$2,470.25 and Payroll ETF transactions 900929091-900929331 in the amount of \$259,355.78.

Roll Call vote: Draeger (Y), Kaltenberg (Y), McCaffery (Y), O'Neil (Y), Swanson (Y), Wensch (Y) and Loeb (Y).

Yes - 7 No - 0 Absent - 0 Motion Carried

There were no budget adjustments.

Personnel

Motion by Wrensch/Kaltenberg to approve volunteer assistant softball coach Dan Williams and offer a contract to Jim Martin to continue to serve as our 2015 Summer School Director. Motion Carried.

New Business

Motion by O'Neil/Wrensch to approve the fall 2015 Youth Options request for a student to take a Nursing Assistant Class at MATC. Motion Carried.

Legislative Update

Dr. Garvey updated the Board on the Legislative meeting from March 9th and the pending legislation, which will affect the District.

- Substitute Amendment 1 to AB1
 - Further deteriorates local School Board control (example: gives local Superintendent ability to overrule Board policy/action)
 - Continues significant sanctions
 - Maintains letter grades
 - Includes more than one assessment
- SB 67 (Senator Farrow's Bill) to prohibit the use of Badger Exam data for school, district, and employee evaluation seems destined to pass Tuesday. This doesn't eliminate the Federal mandates but will ward off state sanctions.
- Budget Bill
 - Loss of \$150/ pupil of aid is \$150,000 off the top without any increase for inflation
 - Eliminates local government property insurance fund which is the District's property insurance company

Motion by Swanson/O'Neil to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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