

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING was held on Monday, May 3, 2010, in the Nicholson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau WI. The meeting had been properly publicized in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Present: Michael Hartkopf, Patrick Keefe, Dale Lawson, Theresa Miles, Keith Montgomery, Ph.D., John Ostertag, Jane Rusch, Michelle Schaefer, and Robb Shepherd.

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools, Stephen Murley; Assistant Superintendent of Business, Cherna Gorder; Director of Human Resources & Employee Relations, Jeff Gress; Director of Education, Karen Wendorf-Heldt, Ph.D.; Director of Technology & Media Services, Joel VerDuin; Community Relations Coordinator, Mary Ellen Marnholtz; and Deputy Clerk, Amy Arlen.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Lawson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Hartkopf read the Nominating Committee Report. Superintendent Murley served as Secretary Pro Tem for the election of officers and stated that nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Murley stated that Schaefer declared herself a candidate for the office of President. **Montgomery moved to close nominations, seconded by Shepherd. Motion carried.** After written ballots were cast and tabulated, Schaefer was declared President.

Murley stated that Montgomery declared himself a candidate for the office of Vice President. **Keefe moved to close nominations, seconded by Shepherd. Motion carried.** After written ballots were cast and tabulated, Montgomery was declared Vice President.

Murley stated that Shepherd declared himself a candidate for the office of Treasurer. **Ostertag moved to close nominations, seconded by Montgomery. Motion carried.** After written ballots were cast and tabulated, Shepherd was declared Treasurer.

Murley stated that Ostertag declared himself a candidate for the office of Clerk. **Lawson moved to close nominations, seconded by Keefe. Motion carried.** After written ballots were cast and tabulated, Ostertag was declared Clerk.

Lawson moved that Arlen be appointed Board Secretary and Deputy Clerk, seconded by Ostertag. Motion carried.

III. APPOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

President Schaefer made the following Board Committee appointments:

Operations

Patrick Keefe, Chair
Dale Lawson
Theresa Miles
Robb Shepherd

Education

Keith Montgomery, Ph.D., Chair
Michael Hartkopf
John Ostertag
Jane Rusch

Policy, Resolution & Legislation

Dale Lawson, Chair
Patrick Keefe
Keith Montgomery
Jane Rusch

IV. APPOINT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO 2011 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
Schaefer appointed Ostertag as Delegate and Rusch as Alternate Delegate to the 2011 Wisconsin Association of School Boards' Delegate Assembly.

V. APPOINT BOARD MEMBER TO THE WAUSAU SCHOOL FOUNDATION
Schaefer appointed Rusch to represent the Board of Education as a member of the Board of Directors of the Wausau School Foundation.

VI. APPOINT BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO CESA 9 ANNUAL CONVENTION
Schaefer appointed Hartkopf to represent Wausau at the CESA 9 Annual Convention to be held on Monday, August 2, 2010, at 7:00 PM in Tomahawk.

VII. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES
Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Keefe moved, seconded by Ostertag, to reconvene in closed session to discuss the following:

- A. WESP Negotiations s. 19.85(1)(c)
- B. Administration Compensation & Restructuring s. 19.85(1)(c)
- C. Personnel Issue Regarding Certified Staff s. 19.85(1)(c)
- D. WEA Grievances s. 19.85(1)(c)(g)
- E. Request to reconvene in Open Session

A roll call vote was recorded: Hartkopf, Keefe, Lawson, Miles, Montgomery, Ostertag, Rusch, Schaefer, and Shepherd voting aye. Motion carried at 6:06 PM.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH OPTIONS
The meeting reconvened at 8:22 PM.

Murley presented a listing of superintendent search options. The Board could appoint a successor without a search or conduct its own search, which could be very time consuming for the Board. The Board could hire a search firm with initial search fees around \$10,000 through \$30,000 and higher. The Board can choose to interview search firms. It was suggested that the Board establish an Ad Hoc Superintendent Search Committee for the purposes of expediency and flexibility. The Board can also appoint an interim superintendent. WASDA has a list of self-selected interim superintendents and there are other candidates for the Board to consider as well.

After discussion, Ostertag moved to establish an Ad Hoc Superintendent Search Committee, seconded by Lawson. Motion carried.

Schaefer appointed Keefe as committee chair and Hartkopf, Montgomery, and Rusch as committee members. The committee will work with Gress to set-up parameters with search firms.

The committee will plan to meet on Friday, May 7, at 7:00 AM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Keefe moved to adjourn, seconded by Shepherd. Motion carried at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Ostertag
Clerk of the Board

