

ACTION

the unofficial report of Wausau School District Board action

January 9, 2012

All members of the Board of Education were present including the Student Board Representative from Wausau East High School.

OPEN FORUM COMMENTS FOR ITEMS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- The Board approved the following replacement staff: Leanna Oertel (English Teacher/West) 1.00 FTE, replacement for Marilyn Deppe, effective January 18, 2012-June 5, 2012.
- The Board approved the following resignations: Gregory Cisewski (Technology Education Teacher/East) 1.00 FTE, effective January 20, 2012.
- The Board approved the following voluntary contract decrease: Laura Geisendorfer (Grade 3/Lincoln), decrease from 1.0 FTE to .50 FTE, effective January 19, 2012.
- The Board approved the minutes from the Regular Session of December 12, 2011.
- The Board approved payment of bills in the amount of \$1,328,061.12.
- The Board gratefully approved the following donations: \$907.81 from Barnes and Noble for Project Jaguar Reading Incentive Program to Thomas Jefferson Elementary School; \$600.63 from Gordmans for student use to South Mountain Elementary School; 4 pairs of wrestling shoes valued at \$140 from Naim Kochiu for students who cannot afford shoes to John Muir Middle School; \$1,000 from Wausau West Football Boosters for Football Program and \$7,000 from Wausau West Warrior Hockey Booster Club for the Hockey Team to Wausau West High School; 5 pairs of soccer shoes and wrestling head gear from Rabecka Witz to Athletic Department and \$100 (won at Charity Mania and donated back) from John Sorenson for Boys' Soccer to Wausau East High School.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

- Education Committee Chair Dr. Keith Montgomery reported on the process of identifying a guaranteed and viable curriculum, which is based on the Common Core Standards.
- Montgomery mentioned the District's involvement in the DPI-directed special education self- assessment.
- Montgomery provided an update on the need to find new revenue sources for funding after-school programming in the future.
- Montgomery shared that the District is participating in a research program funded by a grant through Wisconsin Advanced Manufacturing Pathway Education Network (WAMPEN). Wausau, D.C. Everest, and Spencer School Districts are collecting data on students who participate in the Manufacturing Rigorous Program of Study (RPOS). Five other states are participating in the WAMPEN program. The results will be utilized at the national level to determine future Career and Technical Education funding.

Operations Committee

- Operations Committee Chair Dale Lawson reported on the financial planning program presented by Prudent Man Advisors, Inc. (PMA) Financial Specialists.
- Lawson provided an update on Medicaid claim reimbursement levels from Kyles Consulting, LLC.
- Lawson shared that two investment proposals will be reviewed at the Operations Committee Meeting later this month.

Policy, Resolution & Legislation Committee

- The Board approved the following Statements of Board Policy for first and final reading:
 - Policy 4315** – *Prohibition of Firearms and Other Weapons*
 - Policy 4500** – *Employee Grievance Policy and Procedure*
 - Policy 9115** – *Election of Officers/Appointment to Committees*
- Policy, Resolution & Legislation Committee Chair Michael Hartkopf stated that 16 resolutions, forwarded by the Wisconsin Association of Schools Boards' Policy and Resolutions Committee, will be presented and voted on during the Wisconsin Association of School Boards' Delegate Assembly on January 18, 2012. Delegate Jane Rusch will be representing the District at the Delegate Assembly.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REFERRALS

OPEN FORUM

Public Comment for Items Not Appearing on the Agenda

Student Board Representative Report

- East student representative provided an update on recent and upcoming activities.

Superintendent Comments

- Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Williams wished everyone a happy new year.
- Dr. Williams introduced Robert Raff, the new Governance Council Chair for the Wausau Engineering and Global Leadership Academy.
- Dr. Williams introduced a presentation of the District’s new marketing video *Educating Today for an Exciting Tomorrow*.
- Dr. Williams mentioned the first edition of The WSD E-Dialogue was sent to subscribers on January 5, 2012.
- Dr. Williams attended the West Concert, the dedication of the ICON Woodland Village at the Wausau School Forest, the Marathon Cup hockey tournament (in which West won), and the DPI Gear-Up Talent Search Appreciation Breakfast. In addition, before winter break she met with principals and visited classrooms at Wausau East, Horace Mann, Hawthorn Hills, Hewitt-Texas, and the Wausau Area Montessori Charter School.
- She attended the Community Cultural Dance Club Event and the Win Brockmeyer Memorial Scholarship Award Breakfast.
- Last Friday she participated with the Administrative Team in a workshop focused on S.M.A.R.T. Goals, setting a laser-like focus on student learning.
- Dr. Williams announced that the second meeting of the Facilities Utilization Task Force is set for Thursday, January 12, 2012.

Board Liaison Report

- Theresa Miles presented to staff at Maine, Jefferson, and West on behalf of the Wausau School Foundation. She encouraged everyone to become a donor-member of the Foundation.
- Miles attended the West winter concert, the rehearsal for Grade 3-5 concert for Rib Mountain, and the 4K concert at Rib Mountain. She volunteered at Jefferson in the kindergarten classrooms and was involved in benchmarking rhyming. She commended West on its latest edition of the *Warrior’s Word* magazine.
- Michael Hartkopf attended a variety of basketball games.
- Dr. Keith Montgomery is looking forward to the mock interviews scheduled later this month at Horace Mann Middle School.
- Lance Trollop attended the Stettin concert and served as a judge for the Maine Geography Bee.
- Yvonne Henning attended the West concert and served as a judge for the Maine Geography Bee.
- Dale Lawson attended the Lumberjack Games at the School Forest with the fourth grade class from South Mountain.
- Jane Rusch participated in the Wausau Bonspeil last weekend and is looking forward to the State Education Convention next week.
- Robb Shepherd attended the West concert and the Alpine Ski Invitational at Granite Peak last weekend. East Boys and Girls took first place and West took second place. He also attended the Junior Girls grand march at West.
- Michelle Schaefer attended the Lincoln winter concert, made gingerbread houses with kindergartners at Lincoln, attended the Junior Girls grand march at West, and will be attending the State Education Convention next week. She thanked Dan Hein, Greg Harvey, and Thom Hahn for presenting a breakout session on how the District collaborates with local medical organizations to ensure the safety of our student athletes.
- Schaefer also mentioned that the Board is participating in governance workshops and will meet monthly or bi-monthly to continue to align its governance work with the District’s Shared Key Interests.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, February 13, 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.

WSD Board of Education		
<i>Michelle Schaefer, President</i>	<i>Keith Montgomery, Ph.D., Vice President</i>	<i>Michael Hartkopf, Treasurer</i>
<i>Robb A. Shepherd, Clerk</i>	<i>Yvonne Henning</i>	<i>Dale W. Lawson</i>
<i>Theresa R. Miles</i>	<i>Jane A. Rusch</i>	<i>Lance Trollop</i>