

MINUTES, BOWLER BOARD OF EDUCATION, February 28, 2011

Board approved 3-21-11

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Glenda Butterfield-Boldig at 7:00 p.m. It was certified that the meeting was given proper notice. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Fuerst, Herzberg, Long, Martin, Roth, and Butterfield-Boldig. Grosskopf arrived at 7:03 p.m. Also present were Scott G. Peterson, Superintendent; Faith Gagnon, 7-12 Principal; Judy Munsey, Elementary Principal; Jane Schultz, Ronnda Teuchert, Joann Kekula, and Elaine Lackowski.

Approval of agenda:

Motion by Herzberg, seconded by Fuerst to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes of prior meetings:

Motion by Long, seconded by Roth for approval of minutes of the January 17 and February 9 meetings. Motion carried.

Approval of payment of vouchers:

Motion by Herzberg, seconded by Fuerst to approve vouchers 58764 through 58941, and eleven manual checks. Motion carried.

Discussion of the purchase of ipods and ipads followed. Mr. Peterson explained that grant monies were used for this purchase; not money from the general fund.

Public Recognition:

Several Board members wished to thank the teachers for their continued commitment in teaching our students and not taking time away to protest in Madison.

Old Business:

Motion by Fuerst, seconded by Herzberg for approval of second reading of Policy BD-Policy Development and Adoption. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee met on February 9th. Several policies are being reviewed including Homework, and Kindergarten Requirements. A Homework survey was put in the Chalkdust and will also be sent out to parents for input.

New Business:

Melody Krueger, second grade teacher, and John Broeker, Elementary Guidance Counselor, presented information on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). They explained that PBIS is a method of teaching positive behaviors in our school and that by teaching positive behaviors we hope to create a positive learning environment for our diverse population of students. A display was provided showing the "Paw Laws" which are Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe. Discussion followed.

Motion by Long, seconded by Grosskopf for approval to hire Michelle Mahkimetas-Kurkiewicz as part-time Title 1 resource teacher for Grades 4 and 5 for remainder of 2010-2011 school year. All members voted yes except for Fuerst and Martin voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Fuerst, seconded by Martin for approval to accept resignation of Melissa Romeis as Early Childhood teacher effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Roth, seconded by Long to regretfully accept the retirement of Dennis Steffens as Science teacher effective at the end of the 2020-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gagnon presented a draft of the District's Safety Plan which includes procedures for all emergencies. Discussion followed.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Herzberg for approval to allow Roth contributions into the District's 457 deferred compensation plan. Motion carried.

Roth contributions will be made available to all employees.

Items considered for purchasing in spring 2011 was discussed. These items include the following:

1. 20 student chairs for ERVING lab - \$83 per chair x 20 = \$1,660
2. Elementary Book Room - \$30,000
3. COW-computers of Wheels – PC's for Grades 7-12 - \$17,000-\$20,000
4. 10 cafeteria tables - \$10,000-\$12,000

The above purchases would be paid for by additional Impact Aid funds.

Other items discussed were replacing the gym floor, a fob system to gain entry into the building, and scoreboards. A Building and Grounds meeting will be scheduled to discuss these items.

At this time Mr. Peterson provided information from Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) regarding Governor Walker's Budget Repair Bill and his proposed 2011-13 Biennial Budget. Governor Walker will introduce the budget on Tuesday, March 2, 2011 where deep cuts to schools are anticipated. Discussion followed.

Motion by Fuerst, seconded by Herzberg for approval to schedule an Early Release day on March 10, 2011 with parent-teacher conferences from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Judy Munsey, Elementary Principal, reported on the following:

- Ipod procedure
- Dr. Seuss week
- PBIS training
- Staff updates
- Science Fair

Faith Gagnon, 7-12 Principal provided a written report to include the following:

- Success stories
- Transcribed credit
- PBIS training
- Bullying presentation to Grades 7-9
- Robotics class
- 8th grade student wins Soap Box Derby trophy as part of Mr. Reivitis's survey class

Scott Peterson, District Administrator, provided handouts on the following:

- WASB Legislative Update
- Required membership audit
- 2010-2011 financial review
- EMC dividend check
- STEM Grant award

Recommendations for future policy formulation:

Continue to review policies from last meeting. The next Policy Committee meeting will be March 16, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Building and Grounds set a meeting date for Tuesday, March 8th at 8:15 a.m.

Adjourn into closed session:

Motion by Long, seconded by Herzberg to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c) and (f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and considering personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons which if discussed in public would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

- a. Discussion of and possible action on administrative contracts and salaries for 2010-2011 school year;
- b. Discussion of administrative recommendation to place a teacher on third year probationary status.
- c. Discussion of impact of Governor Walker's budget repair bill regarding negotiations and possible staff reductions for 2011-2012 school year; and
- d. Discussion regarding distribution of important information to the Board of Education.

Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. (9:02 p.m.)

Reconvene into open session:

Motion by Roth, seconded by Fuerst to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Consider action deemed necessary as a result from closed session:

Motion by Grosskopf, seconded by Herzberg for approval of a 3.36 total package increase for District Administrator for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote taken with Herzberg, Martin, Grosskopf, Long, and Butterfield-Boldig voting yes and Fuerst and Roth voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Herzberg, seconded by Grosskopf for approval of a 3.36 total package increase for District Accountant for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote taken with Herzberg, Martin, Grosskopf, and Butterfield-Boldig voting yes and Fuerst, Roth, and Long voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Long for approval of 3.36 total package increase for 7-12 Principal for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote taken with Herzberg, Martin, Roth, Grosskopf, Long, and Butterfield-Boldig voted yes and Fuerst voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Roth, seconded by Fuerst for approval to place elementary teacher on third year probationary status. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion by Roth, seconded by Martin to adjourn. Motion carried. (10:05 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted: Jeanne Long, District Clerk