

MINUTES, BOWLER BOARD OF EDUCATION, April 16, 2012

Board approved 5-21-12

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Deb Roth at 6:00 p.m. It was certified that the meeting was given proper notice. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Butterfield-Boldig, Fuerst, Herzberg, Long, Martin, and Roth. Grosskopf arrived at 6:05 p.m. and was absent due to illness. Also present were Scott Peterson, District Administrator; Faith Gagnon, 7-12 Principal; Judy Munsey, Elementary Principal; Elaine Lackowski, District Secretary; Jane Schultz, Don Bratz, Mary Bratz, Ronnda Teuchert, Phillip Lang Jr., and Nicole Fuller.

Approval of agenda:

Motion by Butterfield-Boldig, seconded by Fuerst to approve the amended meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes of prior meetings:

Motion by Long, seconded by Herzberg for approval of minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of payment of vouchers:

Motion by Herzberg, seconded by Fuerst to approve vouchers 60542 through 60645, and seven manual checks. Motion carried.

Public Recognition:

None.

Old Business:

Motion by Butterfield-Boldig, seconded by Martin for approval of second readings of the following policies:

1. GHA-Use of Vehicles for School Business or Transporting Students
2. JHG-Reporting of Child Abuse/Neglect
3. JHCD-Medication Administration to Students

Motion carried.

Policy JHD-Life Threatening Allergy Policy is going back to Policy Committee for further review.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee will continue to review and amend the current policies on their agenda.

New Business:

Glenda Butterfield-Boldig provided Board members Jerry Grosskopf and Deb Roth with the oath of office for another 3-year term.

Policy KGB-Conduct on School Property was reviewed by Policy Committee and presented to the full Board with no revisions. The Board agreed; the policy will be dated and remain in the Policy Manual as presented.

Motion by Long, seconded by Fuerst to delete Policy KKB-Unauthorized Presence on School Property. Motion carried.

Policy KKB was deleted because it was duplicate information included in Policy KGB.

Motion by Butterfield-Boldig, seconded by Fuerst to approve option 2 of summer school dates which is from June 25th through July 20th

An amended motion was made by Butterfield-Boldig, seconded by Long to approve dates of June 25th through July 20th for a total of 15 instructional days; 1st week, Monday through Thursday; 2nd week, Monday and Tuesday; 3rd week Monday through Thursday; and 4th week Monday through Friday. Motion carried.

Motion by Fuerst, seconded by Martin to approval to accept resignation of Michelle Kurkiewicz with regrets as First Grade Teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Herzberg, seconded by Grosskopf to hire Jeff DePerry and Jeff Zobeck as Co-coaches for MS Track coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Long, seconded by Fuerst to approve photography contract with North Woods Studio for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Long, seconded by Fuerst for approval of two students to participate in the Youth Options program in the fall of 2012. Motion carried. Roth abstained from voting.

Mr. Peterson provided budget information including proposed budget reduction options for 2012-2013 and tax levy options. He suggests increasing the levy to 11 mills which leaves a shortfall of \$418,914.00. With the proposed budget reductions of \$270,000 subtracted from the shortfall, the balance of approximately \$150,000 could be taken out of the fund balance. Mr. Peterson noted that it all comes down to how much the District receives in state aid. Discussion followed.

Board member Jill Martin provided U.S. census statistics regarding poverty levels and how it affects education. The data shows that 25% of our children live in poverty and that 50% of our students attending Bowler School qualify for free and reduced lunch. She continued to say that as a board member, it is their job to provide a quality education for students and prepare them to attend college. Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Martin believes that cutting more staff and programs will affect the education of the children which in turn continues the cycle of poverty. Discussion followed.

Administrative Reports:

Faith Gagnon, 7-12 Principal, provided a written report which included:

- WKCE Results
- Career Fair for 8th grade students
- Youth Government Day for 10th grade students
- College of Menominee Nation Career Day
- Statewide Tornado Drill
- Prom
- Administrative Professionals Day

Judy Munsey, Elementary Principal, reported on the following:

- Many Elementary Events
- Reading Challenge
- Free Day at Annie's Campground
- Child Abuse Training for Bus Drivers
- Earth Day
- "All that Glitters is not Gold"
- WKCE Results

Deb Roth commented on the results of the low elementary WKCE test results saying that the trend is very disturbing and should be addressed. Mrs. Gagnon interjected by saying that each year the bar is set higher causing the lower percentages. Mrs. Munsey assured Mrs. Roth that she and her staff will be delving into this matter.

Scott Peterson, District Administrator, had three dates for a possible joint meeting with the Tribal Council. May 24th was agreed upon by the Board and will suggest this to the Tribe for their approval.

Recommendations for future policy formulation:

The committee will continue to review and revise policies from the last meeting. The next meeting will be May 7, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn into closed session:

Motion by Fuerst, seconded by Butterfield-Boldig to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c) 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.

- a. Discussion and possible action on reorganization of administrative staff for 2012-13 school year

Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. (7:28 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Lackowski, District Secretary

Reconvene into open session:

Motion by Butterfield-Boldig, seconded by Herzberg 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 Butterfield-Boldig, seconded by Herzberg for approval of new administrative reorganization including a superintendent/7-12 Principal/7-12 Special Education Director; and Assistant 7-12 Principal/Program Support Teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Fuerst, seconded by Butterfield-Boldig for approval to lay off two paraprofessionals with least seniority for 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion by Butterfield-Boldig, seconded by Roth to adjourn. Motion carried. (8:20 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted: Jeanne Long, District Clerk