

# MINUTES, BOWLER BOARD OF EDUCATION, Monday, February 18, 2019

Board Approved March 18, 2019

## Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Joe Miller 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: Fuerst, Treptow, Miller, Smith, Grosskopf and Thiex. Maves was excused absent. Also present were Randy Refsland, District Administrator; Wade Turner, Elementary Principal; Kim Ninabuck, Middle/High School Principal; Heidi Rickert, District Accountant; and Bonnie Matz, District Secretary. Public in attendance were Beth Fuerst, Vicky Jolitz, Theresa Serrano, Nikki Fuller and Jane Schultz.

## Public Recognition:

None

## Approval of Consent Agenda:

Prior to approving the consent agenda, it was noted that item 5e would be eliminated because there was no recommendation for middle school track at this time and item 5f would be moved to after closed session. Motion by Thiex, seconded by Fuerst to approve items a through d on the consent agenda. Items included approval of the agenda; approval of the minutes from January 21, 2019; vouchers 70488-70612 and nine manual checks for payment; and the resignation of Roger Nueske, with appreciation, as head baseball coach. Motion carried. (6-0)

Vicky Jolitz, food service manager provided the Board members with information and data about the school's food service program. Items discussed were costs, dietary guidelines, and a list of food no longer provided as a commodity. Mrs. Jolitz answered many questions from the Board. She also stated that a lot of information is shared between school districts. Vicky will be attending a workshop concentrating on helping to change the environment hoping to get more students wanting to participate in the hot lunch program.

## Administrative Reports:

Dr. Refsland gave an update on the issue of making up inclement weather days. Bowler School had six (6) days off and a two (2) hour late start due to weather issues. His recommendation to the Board was to eliminate the two (2) professional development days on March 1 and April 1 and have the students attend school those days. The information will be sent out to the community right away.

Mrs. Ninabuck's report included:

- Caring Communities Lesson (Bullying) #4 was completed on February 13 due to school closing they are behind
- The following students qualified for the math meet on January 23: Isaiah Bestul, Selina Thiex, Sterling Schreiber III, Adin Brei, Lane Schultz, Logan Thiex, Maya Thiex, Zach Fehrman, Keegan Pingel, Ira Rudesill, Alyssa Strassburg, Brooke Thiex and Landan Kroening
- Snow days have also affected Quiz Bowl meets – on 2/6 they were unsuccessful against Manawa
- 16 high school students are involved in Forensics, no results from the 1<sup>st</sup> meet, next meets are 2/25, 3/9 and 4/5
- Distracted Driving presentation with Gresham, Marion and Tigerton at Tigerton will be held on May 1 with students in grades 9-12 attending, 2 parents have already volunteered to help chaperone – It is good to have parent involvement
- The ACT and ACT Work-keys is scheduled for Feb. 20 and 21 and is for all juniors a lot of planning goes into getting ready for the testing
- Middle School Student Council hosted a dance on Feb. 15 from 6-8 pm
- Mrs. Ninabuck submitted success stories to the Board from her staff for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester

Mr. Turners report included:

- Mr. Turner submitted success stories from his staff for the Board members
- Darla Brink of CESA 8 met with teachers to review our RtI (Response to Intervention) and to discuss strategies related to our literacy road map
- Due to an influx of kindergarten students that exceeded our state-mandated limits, some KG students were moved to a 1<sup>st</sup> grade room forming a K-1 split classroom
- Feb. 7 Family Night was postponed due to weather and rescheduled for Feb 21 with a focus on technology coordinated by library media specialist Bonnie De Hart, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Abby Behnke and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers Lori Mueller and Amy Jensen – The next event is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Variety Show on March 15 from 1:30 – 3:00
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade were selected to participate in the nationwide National Assessment of Educational Progress testing on Feb.13
- Spelling bee – Jan 22, district winner was 8<sup>th</sup> grader Kellen Pingel
- 100<sup>th</sup> day of school celebration for 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Friday, Feb. 15
- Award winning author Alan St. Jean will visit on 2/20 to work with students on reading and writing activities
- Child Development Day is scheduled for March 8 for children ages 2 ½ to 5 organized by 4K teacher Miranda Fink

- Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:15 a Science Fair and Book Fair will be held in conjunction with the conferences
- Dr. Seuss Week will take place the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> with themed dress-up days throughout the week
- The Forward Exam will take place in late March and April
- Summer school info will be available shortly and is tentatively scheduled for June 17 through July 18, Monday through Thursday

Old Business:

Dr. Refsland reminded the Board and attendees of the deadlines for the superintendent search process. March 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for candidates, March 18<sup>th</sup> the Board will pick candidates to interview and March 30<sup>th</sup> the Board will conduct interviews.

Dr. Refsland also reminded everyone of the primary election on February 19<sup>th</sup>, the top two (2) candidates will go to the general election on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

New Business:

District Accountant Heidi Rickert explained the monthly financial report and answered questions from Board members.

Mr. Turner reviewed the AGR (Achievement Gap Reduction) report. We have met most of our goals, but there is always room for improvement.

Dr. Refsland explained the changes in our contract for services with CESA 8. An addition to the contract is the hiring of a special education director. Marilyn Janke, the current director is retiring. Board members had some questions for Dr. Refsland concerning professional development savings. Motion by Fuerst, seconded by Grosskopf to approve the renewal of the contract with CESA 8. Motion carried. (6-0)

Smith and Grosskopf shared some information that they received, and also what they learned by attending sessions at the WASB State School Board Convention. Smith informed the Board that all the resolutions passed, some by a narrow margin and that she attended several interesting and informative workshops. Grosskopf stated that the most eye-opening workshop he attended was on poverty. Also talked about was the collaboration between districts and law enforcement and the Blue Ribbon Commission on how to fund public schools. They both thanked the District for making it possible to attend the convention. All Board members received handouts.

Also mentioned at this time was that we have a new resource officer, Ashley Bennett.

At a future meeting, the Board would like to address having a Board Retreat to be possibly held after the superintendent search is complete.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie Matz, District Secretary

Adjourn into closed session:

Motion by Fuerst, seconded by Thiex to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes for considering the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility All voting yes by roll call vote (6-0). Motion carried (6:49 p.m.)

Reconvene into open session:

Motion by Fuerst, seconded by Treptow to reconvene into open session. (7:49 p.m.) Motion carried. (6-0)

Consideration of actions deemed necessary as a result from closed session:

As a result of closed session: No actions were taken as a result of closes session

Motion by Thiex, seconded by Fuerst to approve Brad Brei as head baseball coach. Motion carried. (6-0)

Motion by Thiex, seconded by Fuerst to adjourn the meeting. (7:53 p.m.) Motion carried. (6-0)

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Grosskopf, School Board Clerk