School District of Poynette

PRESS RELEASE

12/17/12
Board Meeting
The School Board met for its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 17, 2012 in the High School IMC. The following items were addressed:

The Board approved minutes from the 11/19/12 and 10/29/12 Board meetings.

The Board accepted with appreciation the following donations:
- $270 from the Knights of Columbus (funds to be utilized for special education)
- $400 from Alliant Energy (funds to be utilized for special education)
- $1830 from PAD Parents Club (funds to be utilized for two classroom amplification systems)

Nick Mack, as student representative to the School Board, gave the Student Report. Some details included:
- Updates on recent fund raising activities by the National Honor Society (Book Drive) and Future Business Leaders of America (Toys for Tots)
- Oral Communication II class' recent field trip to NBC 15
- Drama Club selection of the *Odd Couple* for its next play
- FFA fruit sale

Mr. Sutton presented the PreK-8 update. Details included:
- Successful 1st and 2nd grade concert
- Parents Club providing holiday snacks for teachers
- 'No Name' Volunteers spending time at the Arlington Learning Center
- Recent 'penny war' raised over $900 for meals to be distributed to those in need
- Middle School Student, Lydia Lemke, earning Presidential Honors for her community service/volunteer work
- Standards Based Report Card update
- Professional Development update

Mr. Hoernke presented the High School update. Details included:
- Summary of staff instructional 'promises' made at a recent meeting
- Data update on use of Learning Goals

Ms. Mair presented the Business Office update. Details included:
- Transferring of funds for Fund 39 bond refinancing
- Infinite Campus addition to allow credit/debit card payment for lunch
- Maintenance of Effort (MOE) update and its possible fiscal impact

Mr. Chittick presented the Student Services update. Details included:
- History of the Safety Committee
- Update on the PALS Kindergarten assessment

Mr. Shappell presented the District Administrator update. Details included:
- Brief public statement about the horrific incident in Connecticut
- Summary of the District's response, including a copy of the letter that was sent home

- Update to the Board on safety and security procedures

Board Committees reported on their latest meetings.

Curriculum Committee:

- Update on Standards Based Grading discussion
- Discussion on the non-renewal of Distance Learning subscription

Facilities Committee:

- Update on meeting with president of Poynette Booster Club
- Update on possible generator purchase
- Discussion on 'green chemical' switch for everyday cleaning products
- Boiler at Arlington working fine

Budget/Finance Committee:

- Update and recommendation for NEOLA policy adoption
- Update and recommendation for Infinite Campus credit/debit card acceptance (for food service)
- Update of WASB policy book 'quick check'

The Board heard information and discussed the following items:
Chromebook distribution: The Board received a brief introduction to the use of Chromebooks. These devices will promote a significant reduction in paper.

Single Start Time: The quote from Go Riteway for single start time proposal will need to be reviewed. Although there are significant curricular and personnel advantages of a single start time, the quoted cost may preclude this as an option.

Early Graduation Requests: The Board discussed and approved nine early graduation requests from the class of 2013.

Budget Revision: The Board discussed and approved modifying the budget (transfer within funds) for Fund 39 bond refinancing.

Calendar: The Board heard a brief update on the calendar. A draft will be presented at the January Board meeting.

Personnel update:

The Board accepted, with appreciation of services:

- Coaching resignation from: Brittney Jackson, JV Volleyball
- Coaching resignation from: Julie Karman, Freshmen Volleyball
- Coaching resignation from: Brad Anderson, Middle School Girls Basketball Coach

The Board accepted, with appreciation of services:

- The retirement notice (effective 2/28/13) of Audrey Johnson, Custodian

The Board offered wage memos to:

- Terri Fiori, non-certified educational aide
- Heather Snyder, certified education aid
- Davy Tomlinson, Middle School Girls Basketball

The Board tabled action on the Land Usage and FFA donation agreement.

The Board discussed and approved the purchase (not to exceed $7100) of a new/replacement floor scrubber.

The Board discussed and voted to discontinue the subscription services provided by CESA 5 Distance Learning (SCING network). The Board committed to allocating some of the funds to support the programs, with personnel and material, the District couldn't bring 'in house.'

The Board heard a brief update on the Vision 2020 initiative. SMART goals will be shared at the January in-service.

The Board heard an update from the Insurance Committee. Next meeting is 12/18/12 at 5:00.

The Board heard summaries of Employee Handbook discussions with PEA, PAST and Board representatives.

The Board decided on the methodology for District Administrator evaluation, starting in January 2013.

The Board discussed professional development opportunities, namely the upcoming State School Board Convention in January.

The Board made a motion and unanimously agreed to go into closed session (approx 8:05).
The Board reconvened into open session and voted to adjourn (approx 9:05).