

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
POYNETTE HIGH SCHOOL IMC**

President Lucey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Poynette High School IMC. This meeting agenda was noticed in the August 3, 2011 issue of the Poynette Press and amended and posted in various areas of the community. Roll Call: Present – Hoffmann, Lucey, McIlrath, Scherneck, Tomlinson, Wilkinson. Administration: Westhoff, Mair, Sutton, Chittick, Shappell. District residents and press were present.

Motion by Scherneck/McIlrath to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

Minutes for May 16 were amended to add Mair to the administration present. Minutes for July 27 were amended to show Hahn as voting no on the motion offering a contract to Ron Jordak. Motion by Scherneck/Tomlinson to approve the minutes for the April 29, May 16, May 26, June 2, June 9, June 23, July 25, and July 27, 2011 meetings as presented. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

One individual spoke on vacating a prior arbitration decision in community forum.

REPORTS:

Alan Chittick: A letter has been sent to parents of potential open enrollment students. Recruiting individuals for the Buddy Up program for the upcoming school year has begun.

Matt Shappell: Math department has met to discuss new textbooks. Inservice plans are in development for the start of the new year.

David Westhoff: Reviewed staff schedules for the days prior to school beginning.

Board: Letter of resignation received from Amber Hahn. Board members will submit nominations to be voted upon to fill the vacancy.

REFERENDUM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE: K-8 principal Sutton noted the benefits of postponing construction until the summer of 2012.

DEKORRA SCHOOL CLOSING CONSIDERATIONS: McIlrath reported at its August 2nd special meeting the Town of Dekorra citizens voted 25-2 in favor of a resolution to acquire the real estate owned by the school district in the Town at a cost of \$1,000. All school district residents attending the annual meeting in September will vote on a resolution to dispose of the real estate as surplus property with the board to determine what the terms would be at a subsequent meeting.

STAFFING UPDATE: A candidate for the custodial vacancy has been selected. Kevin Frehner will move to the Middle School math vacancy. There are 20 candidates for his science position. Only a part time food service position remains vacant.

DISTRICT GOALS UPDATE: The student achievement committee selected the goals for 2011-12. Literacy goal: All students will achieve expected building literacy goals. Instructional 21st Century skills goal: Our Poynette School District community will demonstrate measurable growth in identified 21st century skills. Professional Development goal: By the end of the 2011-12 school year administration and staff will create a comprehensive professional development plan for all staff that will be implemented over the next three years.

ANNUAL MEETING CONSIDERATIONS: Westhoff discussed the common practice of a formal budget hearing prior to the official annual meeting. The action on the Dekorra School property is expected to be the only special agenda item.

TUITION WAIVER REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION: Westhoff reviewed the request of a family with three students living in the DeForest district but attending Poynette schools to receive bus transportation.

BOARD POLICY DEVELOPMENT: The bid and quotation policy and fund balance policy were reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Lucey/Wilkinson to approve the hiring of Margaret McConnell for the custodial position at Step 5 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all present voting yes.

Motion by Lucey/Hoffmann to approve the School District Goals from the Goal Setting Committee for the 2011-12 school year as presented. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

Motion by Scherneck/McIlrath to approve providing bus transportation to students attending Poynette School District via tuition waiver at the standard fee. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

Motion by Lucey/Wilkinson to go into Executive Session for discussion of agenda item X, sub-item 1, as per WI s.s. 19.85 (1)(c)(e) which permits consideration of employment of public employees as described. 1) Considering employment of an Administrator at 8:20pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all present voting yes.

Motion by Wilkinson/Tomlinson to reconvene into Open Session at 9:30pm. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

Motion by Wilkinson/McIlrath to adjourn at 9:38pm. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Education.

Richard Wilkinson, Clerk