

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF POYNETTE

PRESS RELEASE

FEBRUARY 28, 2012

The Board of Education conducted a regular Board meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012. The meeting was held in the High School IMC. The following agenda items were addressed:

- 1.** The Student Council report was presented by Bridget Skarr which included an overview of the successful Forensics District contest, the FFA activities that highlighted FFA Week and the upcoming spring sports activities.
- 2.** The administrative reports included Elementary Principal Brian Sutton's congratulatory recognition of Joyce Tomczak being honored as a "Top Notch" teacher by Channel 2. Pupil Services Director Alan Chittick and Business Manager Nancy Mair reported on the Federal Programs Conference they are attending this week. Matt Shappell, HS Principal, commented on the large number of HS band students planning to attend the band trip later this year.
- 3.** Kathleen Lucey presented the Curriculum Committee report that focused on the HS Math program. Joe McIlrath and Randy Tomlinson summarized the February 9th Facilities Committee Meeting report and Gregg Scherneck reported on the Policy/Finance Committee meeting that was held immediately prior to this evening's Board meeting.
- 4.** Lisa Voisin, Baird Financial Representative, summarized the sale of the School District's General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The interest rate was a very favorable rate for the District of 2.1088%. The School District will save over \$163,000.00 as a result of choosing to sell Bonds rather than choosing a lease purchase financing mechanism. The School District received an excellent bond rating from Moody's of Aa3. Moody's praised the strong financial condition of the School District as the primary reason for the excellent bond rating. The Board formally voted to approve the sale of the refunding bonds. The bonds will be retired over a twenty year period. The revenue from the bonds is being used to finance the Guaranteed Energy Savings Project that is currently underway in the School District.
- 5.** Updates were presented on the Energy Savings Project as well as the Referendum Construction Project. The Board approved the timelines approved by the Facilities Committee for the Referendum Construction Project: The bids will be opened on Tuesday, March 27th and presented to the Board the same date. April 2nd is the projected starting date of the project and August 17th is the projected completion date.
- 6.** The Board approved the Hockey Co-op program for the next two years.
- 7.** Matt Shappell presented a swimming pool management and use proposal that will be introduced for the summer and the 2012-13 school year. The proposal is expected to increase opportunities for community use of the swimming pool.
- 8.** The Board approved a request for early graduation from a member of the Senior class.
- 9.** The Board recognized and approved granting the Academic Excellence Scholarship to Tyler

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10. The Board acknowledged the generous donation made by the Poynette Panthers Youth Wrestling Club of 35 pairs of uniform shorts to the HS wrestling program.

11. The Board approved the recommended curriculum changes to the High School Program for the 2012-13 school year.

12. The Board approved the Clyde Sheppard/Brandt Pache Scholarship that is being presented by the American Legion, VFW, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries. The amount of the scholarship is \$500.00

13. The Board approved the five year financial audit bid from Miller, Brussell, Ebben, and Glaeske, LLC. The first year bid is \$8,700.00 and it increases by \$300.00 per year for the next four years.

14. The Board adjourned into executive session where it considered the evaluation of employees, the consideration of issuing contracts for the 2012-13 school year to the teaching staff and the District Administrator Search.

15. The Board reconvened into open session and took no formal action on the items considered in executive session.

16. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, March 27, 2012 starting at 7:00 P.M. in the High School IMC.