

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 was noticed in the February 16, 2011 Poynette Press, amended and posted in various areas of the community. Roll Call: Present – Bender, Burke, Hoffmann, Lucey, McIlrath, Scherneck, Wilkinson. Administration: Wolfe, Mair, McCallum, Sutton, Chittick, Kraus, Hausser. Media and district residents were also present.

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

Motion by Bender/Scherneck to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 minutes. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

Motion by Wilkinson/Burke to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

IN-SERVICE REPORTS:

Student – Ben Kreyer: FBLA and Conservation Club are holding fundraisers. Two wrestlers advanced to Sectionals. Celebrate the Arts is February 25.

Craig McCallum: Solo and Ensemble and Forensics competitions within the week. This is FFA Week. Several Poynette students will be participating in Mini-Business World event.

Brian Sutton: Annex classrooms will be moved to 1-8 building on February 25.

Alan Chittick: Earlier predicted cuts to special education federal aid have been tentatively restored.

Superintendent Barb Wolfe: A letter was sent to parents regarding the air quality issue in Annex.

Board of Education: Scherneck commended staff on decisions related to recent activities at the Capitol.

COMMUNITY FORUM: Five individuals spoke on: 1) previously unanswered questions and harrasment, 2) before/after school program decisions, 3) availability of emergency aid during club sports activities, 4) requesting imminent action by board on union contracts.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON NAMING BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE PROVIDER FOR 2011-13: The committee found all three applicants to have quality programs. Motion by Bender/McIlrath to approve Main Street Youngsters as the childcare provider for the Before and After School program for 2011-13. Motion carried on a roll call vote: YES – Burke, Lucey, McIlrath, Scherneck, Wilkinson, Bender. ABSTAIN - Hoffmann

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON REFERENDUM PLANNING ACTIVITIES: Information will be made available at all school functions. Various organizations will be contacted. Scherneck, Bender, and Lucey will approve final draft of informational flyer.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON NAMING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLAR: Motion by McIlrath/Bender to name Alisha Saley as the Academic Excellence Scholar and the alternates as presented for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

DISCUSSION OF BLOCK SCHEDULE PROCESS: McCallum presented information that has been discussed by the committee of high school teachers that are looking into the pros and cons of utilizing various scheduling formats. The committee plans to present a final recommendation before November so that any approved changes can be implemented in the succeeding school year.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON TEACHER CONTRACT: Motion by McIlrath/Schernecker to approve the contract as Special Education Teacher with Marcia Bingham at the 6 B+30 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all present voting yes.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON 2010-11 BUDGET TRANSFERS: Moving students into a 1-8 computer lab creates a need for more computers. Moving lab computers to IMC helps availability for individual student projects. Purchase of a new cart with portable computers benefits teacher projects. Motion by Bender/Schernecker to implement a budget transfer from unallocated to Fund 10 for the purchase of 30 computers and a computer cart not to exceed \$24,000.

DISCUSSION OF GOVERNOR WALKER'S BUDGET PROPOSAL AND THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE DISTRICT: For Poynette teachers the actual deduction for the Wisconsin Retirement System will be 6.5%. Overall base wage increase is limited to Consumer Price Index which was 1.6% in January. Dispute resolution would potentially follow civil service process. Proposed state-wide education aid cut of \$900 million equals about \$500 per student which for Poynette would be state aid revenue reduction of \$458,451. Employee retirement contributions would save about \$395,000. Projected increases in insurance, utilities, and other variable costs will result in a projected deficit of \$430,000 which would need cuts in other areas to balance the 2011-12 budget.

FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

Curriculum presentation - Reading
PE follow-up on PEP grant
Referendum/QSCB/Maintenance items
Middle School Stage Curtains
Safety Reports
Paperless Board Meetings
Enrollment – Open Enrollment
Curriculum Update/Release of Curriculum
Budget Preparation for 2011-12
Teaching Staff Contracts/Renewals
Summer School Proposal
Grievance Hearing
District/Building Goal Update
Facility Utilization
Extra Curricular Participation Winter Season
Administrative Evaluations and Contracts
CESA 1 and CESA 6 Proposals for the Future
Emergency Incidents
Administrative Sharing

Motion by Bender/Schernecker to go into closed session at 9:20 pm under Wis. Statute 1985(1)(c) – Performance Review Teaching Staff and Administrator Evaluation. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Wilkinson/Bender to go back into Open Session at 10:15 pm. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

Motion by Bender/Wilkinson to adjourn at 10:16 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Richard Wilkinson, Clerk