

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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 April 6, 2011 Poynette Press and posted in various areas of the community. Roll Call: Present – Bender, Burke, Hoffmann, Lucey, McIlrath, Scherneck, Wilkinson. Administration: Wolfe, McCallum, Mair, Sutton, Chittick, Hausser. Students: Saley, Kreyer. Media and district residents were also present.

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

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

Motion by Bender/Scherneck to approve the minutes for the March 21, 2011 meeting as printed. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

IN-SERVICE REPORTS:

Student: Ben Kreyer gave an update on athletics and the Spanish trip. The Conservation Club had a nature walk. The Rowan Creek clean-up will be April 23.

Brian Sutton: Summer school registration begins on April 12. Pre-kindergarten registration is April 15 with 74 known individuals now compared with average attendance this year of 58.

Craig McCallum: Two students are attending the state FBLA conference with Mrs. Drew. Ten new members were inducted into National Honor Society at their annual banquet where former Poynette NHS member, Carleen Wild, was the speaker. Two of our eight students participating in the Visual Arts Classic qualified for state competition. Several students will participate at State Forensics Meet. Open swim will change from Sunday evening to afternoon on a trial basis.

Alan Chittick: Twenty-two students in the district have respiratory problems requiring use of inhalers.

Superintendent Barb Wolfe: Gregg Scherneck will represent the district at the CESA convention. The CS bridge may have limited access from interstate if traffic reaches high levels during construction. Amber Hahn and Randy Tomlinson were elected to the board. The referendum passed 1560-876. This is the last meeting for Buck Bender and Jerry Burke. Preliminary air quality tests for the 1-8 building look good.

Board: Gregg Scherneck attended the National School Board Association conference. Lucey attended WASB seminar on current finance/legal issues. McIlrath noted with appreciation the terms of Bender and Burke on the school board.

COMMUNITY FORUM: One individual spoke on a plan for the life of an athlete sponsored by the Dane County Sheriff's Department.

DISCUSSION ON BUILDING REFERENDUM, RESULTS AND NEXT STEPS: Having passed the referendum Robert L. Baird Co. and Bray Associates will be at the next board meeting to address appropriate actions regarding finalizing financing and beginning the construction process. Bids are being taken to raze the Annex Building prior to beginning construction.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT: Funds for this project are available by reallocating funds designated for the unfilled IMC director position. Motion by Scherneck/McIlrath to authorize staff to purchase and arrange for installation of the phone system presented not to exceed \$48,000. Motion carried with all present voting yes on a roll call vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR ARLINGTON: A new proposal has been

developed which would installing a new steam boiler and only replacing three room ventilators. This plan would reduce costs substantially over a change to a new hot water system which would have involved all new piping, replacing all ventilators, more asbestos abatement, greater electrical upgrades, and state approval of all plans. Tentative cost projection for the new proposal is about \$80,000.

DISCUSSION ON MAP TESTING RESULTS: Mr. Sutton presented the results of the first MAP test which determines the level of a student's progress through a series of computer program based problems formulated from correct or incorrect answers to previous problems. Results are available to teachers immediately to assist students' improvement. Poynette students in grades 1-7 were higher than the average in almost all tests.

DISCUSSION ON BUDGET PREPARATION DISTRICT WIDE: A substantially complete budget was presented based on a best estimate of factors yet unknown. At this point there is still a \$115,000 deficit.

DISCUSSION OF ATHLETIC PROGRAM COSTS AND REVENUES: Data was presented that showed athletic revenue of about \$50,000 annually including student fees.

PRESENTATION OF PEPSI FUND INFORMATION AND BALANCES: There is approximately \$19,000 currently in the Pepsi Fund available for special projects.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DONATION FOR RAISED BOX GARDEN AT 1-8: Motion by McIlrath/Wilkinson to accept with appreciation the \$1,000 donation from Wisconsin Natural Foods Associates for creation of a school garden. Motion carried with all present voting yes.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESIGNATION: Motion by Wilkinson/Hoffmann to accept resignation of Georgia Kraus with appreciation for her three years of service. Motion approved on a roll call vote with all present voting yes.

FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

- Board Evaluation
- Curriculum presentation - Reading
- PE follow-up on PEP grant
- Referendum Projects – Construction and Financing
- Safety Reports
- Paperless Board Meetings
- Budget Preparation for 2011-12
- District/Building Goal Update
- CESA 1 and CESA 6 Proposals for the Future
- Block Schedule Study Process
- Retirement Approvals
- Pre-K Financial Report
- Summer Projects/Unspent Money
- Goal Setting for 2011-12
- Food Service Budget
- Facility Utilization
- Extra Curricular Participation – Winter Season
- Curriculum Update
- Administrative Contracts
- NSBA Report
- Board Reorganization