

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHETEK  
CHETEK, WI 54728

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Board of Education

March 23, 2009

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Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Dave Peters.

Roll Call: Johnson, Jost, Witthuhn, Peters, Reisner, and Springer were present. Others present: Al Brown, Ceil Marc, Mike Steiner, Larry Zeman, Tammy Lenbom, Jill Koenitzer, Bryan Yenter, Janis O'Hara, Jennifer Schofield and Mike Bilodeau.

Motion by Springer, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Jost to adjourn into closed session. On a roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion Jost, seconded by Witthuhn to go into open session. Motion carried.

**Communication:**

High School – May 4 will be a "Give Back to the Community Day". The students will be going into the community to complete projects that improve the look of the community. Suggestions for projects are still welcome.

Middle School – The 15 Learning Communities held a Festival of Nations. Each community represented their own country. Each country had a sample of food and information about the different cultures. Ms. Ogren took students to UW-River Falls to see a band perform. Spring sports are under way.

Elementary – The grades are planning Success Days which is a compliment to the First Day Celebration. April 13 – 17 will be Cool to Care week with a variety of activities planned. Destination Imagination teams will perform Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Kids Club will have a fundraiser during Parent Teacher conferences.

Administration – Joint Finance will be held in Eau Claire on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Ken Jost is planning to attend. Bryan Yenter and Mike Steiner presented an update on the status of the Charter School. There are many variables to factor in. The recommendation is to wait one year, then reapply for grants. This will allow for the final decision to be made on the consolidation. This will also allow for the program to be tailored to the needs of Chetek.

**Information and Action**

Ideas for Goals for the Board should be emailed to Dave to be discussed at the April meeting.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Witthuhn to approve the Open Enrollment applications. The June Board meeting will provide an update on the Open Enrollment applications and what has been done to communicate with the families. Motion carried.

Motion by Witthuhn, seconded by Johnson that with regards to EL-1, Global Executive Constraint and EL-4, Staff Treatment, the School District of Chetek Board of Education concludes that the Superintendent's performance during the previous reporting period has been in compliance. Motion carried.

The advisory committee for the consolidation study has been established. The first meetings are set for Thursday, March 26, and Thursday, April 23, and then the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, thereafter. A financial presentation from Baird will be presented at the April 13 Joint Board of Education meeting.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Johnson to approve the recommendation for the calendars for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 as presented. Motion carried with Jost voting no.

The actuarial study will be done in spring 2009. Motion by Jost, seconded by Johnson to adopt the resolution as presented. Amended motion by Jost, seconded by Peters that the Board also opposes any changes in the arbitration and mediation rules that would weaken management right, and would allow greatest weight to be placed on individual school district budget capacity and give greatest weight to economic conditions within the school district. The amendment carried. The amended motion carried.

Motion by Witthuhn, seconded by Springer to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

A. Approve Minutes:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 23, 2009
2. Minutes of Special Meeting with Weyerhaeuser Board of Education, February 16, 2009
3. Minutes of Special Meeting with Weyerhaeuser Board of Education, March 9, 2009

B. Human Resource Approval:

1. Retirement
  - a. William Knickerbocker, Sr., Reading Specialist Teacher
  - b. Margaret Sailor, H.S. English Teacher

C. Business Service Approval:

1. Claims and Accounts for March, 2009                      \$849,636.47 (all funds)

D. Instruction

1. Youth Options (O'Hara)

E. Policy

1. Cell Phone (Usage)
2. B/SR-5 Recommendation (Reisner)

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Witthuhn to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Natalie Springer, Clerk

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