

School District of Gibraltar Area
Fish Creek, Wisconsin
Regular Meeting of Gibraltar Board of Education
Minutes of *September 26, 2016*
Community Room #266
Immediately following the Annual Meeting

Call to Order

President Mark Weborg called meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Lynn Herman, Wendy Minten, Britt Maltby, Mike Peot, Mark Weborg, Lynnea Hickey

Excused: Fred Anderson

Also Present: Tina Van Meer, Superintendent; Brian Annen, Elementary Principal; Gereon Methner, Secondary Principal; Tim Mulrain, Dean of Students; Shaun Young, Director of Learning; Arba Le Clair, Business Manager; Evelyn Eckhardt, Board Secretary; 1 visitor

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 12th

Moved Hickey/Maltby to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 12th as presented. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Communication

- Thank you note from Melissa and Sam Northrop for the flowers when new baby Leona was born.

Open Discussion

Hickey- attended CESA 7 two weeks ago, Jeff Dickert was meeting with a group of legislators on legislation that Joel Kitchens is sponsoring with work force development, in order to help school districts get equipment for industrial arts. This is budgeted outside of the revenue limit. CESA is funding an individual to connect businesses to school districts. The state is also giving an engagement survey to all CESAs, CESAs will then survey their people.

Annen- email from Sandy Johnson, member of the Eagle Tower fundraising committee, asking for the elementary school to participate in a “quarter” fundraiser for the Eagle Tower. After Board discussion, containers will be put in both offices for donations rather than asking elementary students to collect money. The Eagle Tower fundraiser will run from September 9th to December 9th. Tim Mulrain said The Eagle Tower fundraiser could be part of the Elementary School’s Viking Voucher donations.

Methner- Homecoming week starts October 3rd, the community bonfire is scheduled Wednesday night. Methner asked for Board input on the Wednesday night activity, noting that there was no other night it could occur. Mary Witteborg communicated out to various religious groups in the community for feedback on the bonfire occurring on Wednesday. After discussion, the Board supports this activity to occur on Wednesday, October 5th from 8-10 p.m.

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Approve Payment of Bills

Moved Hickey/Peot to approve the payment of bills totaling \$393,530.36 as presented. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Accept Donations

- Donation of school supplies from Door/Kewaunee Retired Educators' Association.

Moved by Peot/Maltby to accept donation as presented. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Board Discussion on Community Engagement

Herman-would like to wait for a larger audience to discuss community engagement.

Minten- would like a yes or no whether or not the Board would like to move forward intentionally with engagement.

Van Meer- took notes after the last discussion and if she is involved, would like to bring in a diverse community representation including Board members. Would ask philosophical questions including: Why do we educate people? How would you describe a learned person? Why is education important to the future of our district, our nation, our world? What are the strengths/weaknesses of the district? Would look at trends in the world and find out what kids need to know and do. How do we want people to describe our organization? What is this organization going to be in the future? Van Meer can see community engagement helpful by creating a District Advisory Council or Future's Council.

Herman-asked Hickey about CESA's engagement survey, survey has not been released yet, but it is coming from the state to help engage communities.

Hickey- feels community groups are organized when they are working toward a large goal, such as a referendum or dealing with declining enrollment. It is important to have direction to the discussion. Having a specific agenda is very important, as well as someone who is knowledgeable in leading large groups.

Peot- feels like Spring Break dates and class size seem to be the trend in community discussion at an individual basis.

Weborg- is interested in the instance where a community person was hired to work with the school, does this compare to F.O.G.? Hickey- F.O.G. started out as a political committee on buses going to Madison, F.O.G. is a positive way to get community involved with our school.

Weborg- does not see the Board superseding the Administration; we could work with them, but not be the driving force.

Minten- the Board is the one tasked to find out what the community's needs are and bring them back to the table.

Weborg- would like to table this discussion and have Board members come up with a specific plan or idea.

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Board Discussion on the School Directory

Van Meer explained how the School Directory is a long standing school practice. The directory is created every year by the District Administrative Assistant and it lists students by class, parent's name, addresses, and phone numbers. Current Neola policy states "Directory Information" as being student name, address, and telephone number. When you start putting class lists together, you start stepping over the lines of what is legal; i.e. listing Early Childhood students. Evelyn Eckhardt talked to various people about the directory and what they use it for. Elementary parents seem to use the directory the most for birthday parties, etc. Gibraltar Staff are each given a directory, but they already have access to student information through Skyward. The directory is very time consuming to create and is a cost to the district. It is also obsolete the minute it is published, as people are always changing addresses and telephone numbers. Van Meer wants release of information forms signed, asking permission to give out directory information. Our policy says that we will provide these three items of information, as long as there is parent permission on a release form.

Adjourn

Moved Peot/Hickey to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Eckhardt
District Administrative Assistant
School Board Secretary