

School District of Gibraltar Area
Fish Creek, Wisconsin
Regular Meeting of Gibraltar Board of Education
Minutes of February 22, 2016
Community Room #266
7:00pm

Call to Order

President Mark Weborg called meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Lynn Herman, Wendy Minten, Mike Peot, Mark Weborg, Lynnea Hickey, Suzanne Brennan in at 7:07p.m.

Excused: Fred Anderson

Also Present: Tina Van Meer, Superintendent; Tim Mulrain, Dean of Students; Gereon Methner, Secondary Principal; Shaun Young, Director of Learning; Brian Annen, Elementary Principal; Arba LeClair, Business Manager; Evelyn Eckhardt, Board Secretary; 4 visitors

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 8th

Moved Hickey/Minten to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Communication

Letter of resignation as the Middle School Yearbook advisor from Mike Scoville

Thank you from Martha Pelrine for the plant basket in memory of her father

Email from Sarah Martin supporting the K-1 Multi-age classroom program

Email from Anna Knapp supporting the Multi-age classroom program

Correspondence from Bret Bicoy regarding endowment fund, Weborg delegated Anderson to attend meeting on April 11

Open Discussion

Herman- enjoyed working with 7th graders on writing short stories

Weborg- congratulated DECA students who earned awards

Brennan- enjoyed working as a runner for solo/ensemble, kudos to kids for the great scores

Superintendent Report

Van Meer highlighted Curriculum Inquiry Cycle, which replaces traditional curriculum cycle, Gibraltar does not have a sequenced cycle. In order for something to be relevant, there should be a need. Teachers should be coming forward to express interest working on alignment, curriculum, etc. through the Building Leadership Teams.

Annen highlighted the Professional Development Day on February 15th. The Building Leadership Teams developed, planned, and implemented Teachers Teaching Teachers and presented various workshops. Core group of trained Project Lead the Way led other teachers in an activity and PLTW curriculum.

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Methner- shared Niche.com school ratings-Gibraltar K-5 ranked 49 out of 1238 schools, 6-8 ranked 24 out of 353 schools, 9-12 ranked 19 out of 511 schools. Gibraltar ranked 16th statewide. Building Leadership Team came up with a literacy goal and a building level climate goal. A 3-minute positive sharing time added to the BLT meetings has been beneficial.

Young attended WCASS conference, learned about potential changes in special education. The Rtl team reviewed secondary data meetings. Mentor-Mentee program- taken lots of feedback to improve the program, will be working again soon with Denise Nelson. Martha Pelrine is extending Great Books into the spring. Skyward Planning team has been looking at data cleanup. Gibraltar had a special education self-audit with Ms. Holwald a few years ago, Mr. Young volunteered to pilot a review this year. This has been a pro-active approach instead of reactive.

Mulrain along with Methner have been meeting with a student advisory committee during PEP time for students to voice issues and concerns. Mulrain continues to work with the safety committee to update the crisis handbook.

Summer School Planning Update

Mr. Mulrain provided the Board with an update on the planning process for 2015-2016 summer school. Planning began after last summer's summer school program was over; teachers met five times and developed a philosophy and design for Gibraltar's program based on data from the National Summer Learning Association. Plan includes opening up summer school to all students, and making it inviting and positive. Last year there was a total of 70 students- 20 remedial and 50 enrichment.

This year's proposal combines one summer school session for both remedial and enrichment; it will run from June 20 to July 14. It will be open to all students-student choice as well as teacher input. Students will be placed in courses based on interest. Enrollment is key to this model; student numbers will determine how many summer school teachers are needed.

The action plan includes developing an initial elective list, teacher developed, around 18 courses that will be lessened to around 15 based on student selection. Summer school letters will be mailed home and students will select courses. Busing will have to be discussed further after student numbers are known. This plan will help redefine summer school as a positive experience.

Brennan would like to see ACT prep offered for high school students during the summer.

Rosa Nelson asked if the information could be shared, Mr. Mulrain will share more information with teachers once the proposal comes out. Nelson asked about number of students per class/teacher, Mulrain shared the student per class ratio would be greater than last year in the elementary school, if numbers are too big for one class, a second teacher would be added.

Approve Payment of Bills

Moved Hickey/Peot to approve the payment of bills totaling \$217,765.76 as presented in the board packet. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Cancel Regularly Scheduled March 28th Board Meeting

The board is waiting to make this decision until after the March 14 board meeting.

Moved Brennan/Minten to table cancelling the regularly scheduled March 28th board meeting. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

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Accept Donations

Shopko-check for \$1500 from the Help Us Give Back Campaign for district, money split equally between elementary and secondary schools

Target- check for \$525.08 for the secondary school and \$844.65 for the elementary school

Baylake Bank-sponsoring workbooks for business classes

Moved Minten/Herman to approve donations as presented. Aye – All. Opposed – None.

Motion carried.

Adjourn

Moved Peot/Hickey to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Eckhardt
District Administrative Assistant
School Board Secretary