

# *School District of Gibraltar Area*

*Fish Creek, Wisconsin*

Regular Meeting of Gibraltar Board of Education

Minutes of *Monday, August 8, 2011*

Community Room #266

6:30 p.m.

## **Call to Order**

President Pfeifer called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

Present: Suzanne Brennan, Lynnea Hickey, Martha Luber Pelrine, Fred Anderson, Sally Pfeifer, Mike Peot, Miriam Erickson

Absent: None

Also Present: S. Seyfer, PK-5 Principal/Superintendent; Kirk Knutson, 6-12 Principal/Athletic Director; P. Hickey, Business Manager; N. Keehan, Administrative Asst./Board Secretary; 15 visitors

## **Adjourn to Executive Session**

Moved L. Hickey/Luber Pelrine to adjourn to executive session per §19.85(1)c, Wis. Stats., at 6:32 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Aye – Brennan, L. Hickey, Luber Pelrine, Anderson, Pfeifer, Peot, Erickson. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

## **Reconvene to Open Session**

Moved Erickson/L. Hickey to reconvene to open session at 7:07 p.m. Aye – Brennan, L. Hickey, Luber Pelrine, Anderson, Pfeifer, Peot, Erickson. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

## **Minutes**

Moved Erickson/L. Hickey approve minutes of July 25, 2011 as written. Correction: Pfeifer & Knutson attended meeting with superintendents and board presidents. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

## **Communications – None**

## **Open Discussion**

Collin Dahl provided update on PTO meetings: goal-setting sessions, immediate communication with parents with transition students, room parent for each class, meetings with administration about taking over welcome wagon function, bulletin board in addition to on-line notices. Next meeting is August 10.

Jody Littler raised questions and issues related to late notice to parents of mandatory summer school. Mandatory attendance allowed two absences or child was removed from program.

Tanna Tesnow questioned if summer school can be required for special needs student.

Susan Reynolds Smith would like discussion of ESY as part of IEP.

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Kelly Scoon and Darcie Lettie shared her children's summer school experiences.

Timeline notification for summer school this year was very different and was an issue for parents. Parents appreciated shorter days and condensed calendar. Summer school will be on future board agenda as we discuss scope of programming. Wisconsin's accountability follows federal mandates, and criteria for promotion are becoming more rigorous. Summer school is voluntary; retention is not.

**Administrative Reports** were submitted electronically.

**Knutson** – Parents received notice of registration days Aug 16, 17, 18. Coaches have or will meet with parents. Knutson completed review of policy 10.15. Chelsea Anker began today in counseling office. Ryan Herr is writing curriculum plans and syllabi for secondary math; Craig Carriere is moving along nicely in chemistry/physics; Erin Andre starts tomorrow.

**P. Hickey** distributed 2010-11 unaudited budget report. Revenues are \$553.71 over budgeted. Over \$43,600 in Elementary due to starting summer school early. Secondary Education has \$60,000 unspent. Co-curricular is \$8,500 under budget. All library funds were spent. School Building Administration was over \$19,730 due to late contract approval for elementary principal. Maintenance of Buildings has \$100,260 left. Projects have begun now with payment from sparsity aid. \$55,000 spent on bus repairs. Central Services is under budget \$6,000 due to e-mailing. Title I carry-over \$3,848; Title II carry-over \$3,493. 2010-11 and 2011-12 OLPS computers purchased with REAP Grant of \$75,000; balance of \$22,610 remains for 2012-13. Flow-through grant carry-over is \$68,719. Preschool carry-over \$3,949. ARRA Flow Through expenditures were on budget at \$121,886. With \$945,777.69 to fund balance, next referendum increase will be minimum.

**Seyfer** – Teachers return August 29; inservice begins August 30. 391 families received August mailing; majority is on website. Great Northern Construction began building storage units in middle school gym. Maintenance is taking care of outside grounds. Students return in 3 weeks. Seyfer met with bus drivers last week; route 1 and 7 will be redesigned. Route 1 has earliest pick-up time at 6:55 a.m.

**Bills**

Moved Brennan/L. Hickey to approve payment of bills totaling \$192,963.33 as presented. No discussion. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

**High School Locker Replacement**

Moved Luber Pelrine/Brennan to approve purchase of 105 all-steel, unassembled, two-wide lockers for high school at cost of \$12,149 plus installation and freight charges to replace 1970's lockers. Discussion: Lockers will fit into existing dimensions. Completion will be before end of October. Aye – Brennan, Luber Pelrine, L. Hickey, Anderson, Pfeifer, Erickson. Opposed – None. Abstain – Peot. Motion carried.

**Special Education Report**

Susan Holwald reported 52 students in 2010-11 special education program. SDD increased; autism did not. Accomplishments: updated assessment library, adopted Google scheduling

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calendar, adopted core assessment guidelines for each area of impairment, revised Parent Information Form for Early Childhood Screening, completed all initial evaluations and re-evaluations within required guidelines.

Ambitions: increase IEP uniformity and consistency, determine roles as part of Rtl, support and evaluate inclusion practices and explore effectiveness of co-teaching practices.

**Smart Music**

Board and audience moved to band room from 8:17 to 8:45 p.m. for Charlie Eckhardt's demonstration of Smart Music computer program.

**Community Marching Request**

Summer band marching is difficult for students who are summer employees of community. Charlie Eckhardt presented recommendation for high school band to march in one summer parade with three-city rotation: Egg Harbor 2012, Ellison Bay 2013, Baileys Harbor 2014. Need critical mass of band students and two mandatory practices. Board concurred.

**High School Dance Team**

Board received recommendation to reflect upon conversation regarding evolution of dance team. Knutson commented that last year dance team met many objectives, but did not meet objective of connecting with students and community. Lori Free commented that longer window of time is needed to evaluate success. Last year's dance team increased numbers and audience participation and is working on mascot. Holly Free commented that transition was for long run. Leah Zielke stated that returning students and new freshmen are interested.

Moved Luber Pelrine/Peot to approve administration's recommendation:

1. The Board approve the dissolution of the dance team and subsequent changes to references to the dance team in policy and informational documents.
2. Polling of student interest in the formation of a traditional cheerleading (non-competitive) team for fall and winter sports seasons.
3. Polling of student interest in the formation of a Team Spirit group that will undertake approved school activities, such as homecoming, signs and posters, and recognitions.

Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Board directed administration to poll student body at end of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school for winter sports season. Board would like to see poll results on team spirit activities.

**Second Readings**

Moved Erickson/L. Hickey to approve second reading of revised board policy 10.25(1) Prices for Lunch Program as written. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Moved Anderson/Brennan to approve second reading of confirmed board policy 7.08 Substitute Pay. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

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**First Reading**

Board heard first reading of new policy Elementary Grading. Second reading is August 22.

**Out-of-State Travel**

Moved Anderson/Pfeifer to approve out-of-state travel by high school football team to play Rudyard, MI football team at Menominee, MI on August 25, 2011. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

**Donations** – None

**Committee Reports** – None.

**Adjourn**

Moved Peot/Pfeifer to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Keehan  
Admin. Asst./Board Secretary