

School District of Gibraltar Area

Fish Creek, Wisconsin

Regular Meeting of Gibraltar Board of Education

Minutes of *Monday, October 24, 2011*

Community Room #266

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Pfeifer called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Michael Peot, Lynnea Hickey, Sally Pfeifer, Fred Anderson, Martha Luber Pelrine, Suzanne Brennan.

Excused: Miriam Erickson

Also Present: S. Seyfer, PK-5 Principal/Superintendent; Kirk Knutson, 6-12 Principal/Athletic Director; A. LeClair, Business Manager; C. Phillips, Substitute for Administrative Asst./Board Secretary; 1 visitor.

Minutes

Moved Anderson/Luber Pelrine to approve minutes of October 10, 2011. Aye – All.
Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Communications

Board received communication from

- Davis and Kuelthau confirming their representation of Gibraltar in the current grievance arbitration.
- Don Freix asking the Board to take action to support the recall of Governor Walker.

Out-of-State Overnight Travel Request

Moved Anderson/Brennan to approve the high school band and choir trip to Chicago, Illinois on April 27-28, 2012. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Discussion: This is an unbudgeted event. Fundraising will be utilized to support the \$230/student cost.

Open Discussion

- There are twice as many boys on the 7th grade basketball team than on the 8th grade team. Are 7th grade boys allowed to move up to play on the 8th grade boys' team? Because Gibraltar adheres to the WIAA rules, 7th grade competes against 7th grade, and 8th graders compete against 8th graders.
- Jodi Hoyerman asked what the specific mandates were that the Board was following when creating its elementary grading policy in August. After searching the internet, she was not able to find other districts that were changing to letter grades of A, B and C. Jodi was directed to the federal program, *Race to the Top* and on the state level, Wisconsin's DPI site to investigate their Response to Intervention (RtI) and the Common Core State Standards.

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Administrative Reports were submitted electronically.

Seyfer discussed separating the Campus Improvement project into two parts: 1. Locker room and weight room, and 2. Roof, media center, classrooms, and art room. Larry LePage is replacing David Delfosse as our lead architect at Somerville. Seyfer also mentioned Ken O'Connor's "How to Grade for Learning" theory, and how grades need to be a reflection of student learning.

Knutson is looking forward to the upcoming in-service days on Thursday and Friday, October 27 & 28, 2011. There will be opportunities for further discussion on Life of an Athlete, How to Grade for Learning, Parent/Teacher Conference plans and Response to Intervention.

Bills

Moved Hickey/Peot to approve payment of bills as presented in the packet. No discussion.
Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

2011-12 School Budget

Moved Brennan/Pfeifer to adopt 2011-12 budget of \$9,990,583 as presented.
Aye – All. Opposed – None.

2011-12 Tax Levy

LeClair presented 2011-12 tax levy of \$10,155,363 which is derived from the operational levy, debt service levy, and revenue limit override levy. Current evaluation is \$3,476,613,345. Mil rate is \$2.92169, which is \$.09 less than last year's. Moved Anderson/Luber Pelrine to adopt 2011-12 tax levy of \$10,155,363 as presented. Discussion: Includes debt service of \$898,150.
Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Approve Boys' Head Varsity Basketball Coach

Moved Pfeifer/Hickey to approve Kent Sitte as the 2012/13 Boys' Head Varsity Basketball coach. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Discussion: With the basketball season upon us, Sitte will start immediately.

First Reading 10.15

Board heard first reading of amendment to policy 10.15 - Gibraltar Area Schools Co-Curricular Code. Second reading is November 14, 2011.

Cooperative Team Sponsorship

Moved Luber Pelrine/Peot to approve application for Cooperative Team Sponsorship in Boys' Soccer with Sevastopol High School for 2012/13 and 2013/14. Aye – All. Opposed – None.

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Donations

No donations have been received since the last Board meeting.

Committee Reports

The *Student Learning & Instruction Committee*

- The committee received information regarding Wisconsin DPI curricular requirements, how the DPI credits courses, the history and background of Carnegie Units and how Carnegie Units are translated by the DPI into graduation credits.
- The committee examined the Common Core Standards for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade mathematics and compared the new curricular standards with those of the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards. Gibraltar courses must become standards-based.
- The committee looked at the three examples of alternative curricula in terms of their match with either Carnegie Units and/or standards-based.

The *Campus Maintenance and Improvement Committee* discussed the Financial Planning Committee recommendation to

- Not place a bond sale referendum on the April ballot for fear of causing taxpayer refusal to approve the revenue limit override referendum next November.
- Address the need for locker room (weight room) improvements through the district budget and fund balance.
- Complete the plans for improving the secondary media center, high school classrooms, high school art room and finish the roof replacement project so that the Board can consider financing these items at a future date.

The *Extracurricular Activities and Community Relations Committee*

- The committee discussed the recommended language for the Code of Conduct. The changes would make it a “no failure” system compared to the current probationary system.
- Andrea Fearing made a proposal for a new dance team/activity.
- Knutson presented an application for a WIAA cooperative team sponsorship between Gibraltar and Sevastopol for boys’ soccer.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved Hickey/Pfeifer to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. per §19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., to discuss employee personnel matters – considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation. Aye – Anderson, Brennan, Luber Pelrine, Hickey, Pfeifer, Peot. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

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Return to Open Session

Moved Peot/Anderson to return to open session at 9:58 p.m. Aye – Anderson, Peot, Pfeifer, Hickey, Luber Pelrine, Brennan. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Moved Pfeifer/Peot to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Phillips
Substitute for Admin. Asst./Board Secretary