

School District of Gibraltar Area

Fish Creek, Wisconsin

Regular Meeting of Gibraltar Board of Education

Minutes of *Monday, November 14, 2011*

Community Room #266

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Pfeifer called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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; 3 visitors.

Minutes

Moved Erickson/Peot to approve minutes of October 24, 2011. Aye – All.

Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Communications

Board received communication from

- Andria Nikoupolis Weliky expressing interest in starting up and coaching a dance team for Gibraltar High School.
- Don Freix asking for minutes from the Strategic Planning Committee Meetings from the previous years, specifically the Financial Planning and Political Action Committee.
- Phyl Mielke, author of the Eagle Bluff Journal 1895, donating one journal and inquiring if the school would like more copies.
- Wendy Minten concerning the new grading system for the Elementary School.
- Nancy Keehan regarding the boys' basketball game day warm ups.

Open Discussion

- Congratulations to the Gibraltar Theatre One Act group for qualifying for the State competition, which will be held on Friday, November 18, 2011 in Whitewater, WI.
- Congratulations to Dr. Seyfer for being chosen by State Superintendent Tony Evers to be on the Wisconsin Education Research Advisory Council.
- The possibility of a 4:30 p.m. late bus is still under consideration.

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Administrative Reports were submitted electronically.

LeClair stated she completed the DPI Annual Budget Report. Federal Funding is going to be reduced, but the amount is not certain at this time. LeClair and Susan Holwald attended the Wisconsin Federal Funding Conference on November 1 & 2 to increase their understanding of federal requirements to remain in compliance with federal regulations.

Seyfer thanked members of the Board who traveled to Wisconsin Dells for the WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference, which focused on the state's fiscal and political climate and how it is affecting the direction public education is headed. Seyfer also discussed the possibility of a 4:30 late bus. Board would like to see a detailed proposal before going forward with it.

Knutson commented on two instances recently of Open Enrolled Out students being returned to our district with failing marks. The band/choir trip to Chicago is moving forward. Knutson walked the Peninsula State Park trails with Kelli Bruns, the new park superintendent to discuss the process of designating trails, the care of these trails, and the safety and authorization measures needed to collaboratively host special events in the park.

Bills

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

Second Reading 10.15

Moved Pfeifer/Anderson to approve changes to the academic requirement as part of policy 10.15 Code of Conduct. Discussion: Currently, we will go forward with the academic aspect only, and have approximately 4 weeks to educate the parents and student body of the changes. On December 9th, the new requirement will be implemented for high school students. Aye – All. Opposed – None.

Administrative Rule 9.01

Moved Hickey/Erickson to approve Administrative Rule 9.01 – Validating and Accrediting Alternative Instructional Programs, with the addition of “case manager” under Enrollment, so that it reads, “Student enrollment in an alternative instructional program shall be through the consensual process of a team meeting of the student, the student's parents, the school principal, the school counselor, the case manager, and a faculty member certified in the subject area of the program.” Aye – All. Opposed – None.

Review Policy 10.13(3)

Board reviewed policy 10.13(3) – Possession or Use of Weapons, as well as the State Statute 948.605 that creates schools as gun free zones. Board has current policy that prohibits possession of a weapon on school premises, on school vehicles, or at any school-related event.

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Discuss High School Program of Studies of 2012-13

Kirk Knutson presented a brief overview of courses that will possibly be offered for high school students for the 2012-13 school year. Action will be taken by the Board on November 28, 2011.

Discuss 2012 Summer School Program

A proposal for the Elementary Summer School was provided, which included more preplanning and an earlier notification to parents. Once approved, the design for summer school will be publicized during the remainder of the school year so that the parents of students who may be recommended for summer school have a clear understanding of the design. Board will look at proposal again on November 28.

Hear Report on the Adoption of STAR as the District's Universal Screening Assessment

In 2010, State Superintendent Evers issued an order that repealed PI 11.36(6) that created the methodology for identifying children with specific learning disabilities. His order provided the mandate and timeline for creating a new strategy based "on a child's responses to scientifically-based intervention, commonly known as response to intervention (RTI), as part of its determination of SLD. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) also added reading fluency skills as an area of identification for SLD. Because the department's current rule under s. PI 11.36 (6), relating to specific learning disabilities is not consistent with the federal requirements, the rule will be recreated to align with the U.S. Code. The proposed rules will allow a three-year period during which a school district is permitted but not required to continue to use the significant discrepancy formula in identifying children with SLD. After that time, IEP teams must use data from a child's response to intervention." <http://dpi.wi.gov/pb/pdf/slrule.pdf> Our school district is collaborating with other county districts, Sevastopol and Sturgeon Bay, in the purchase and use of a common screening assessment STAR Reading and STAR Math that will be used as the "universal screener" and intervention monitoring assessment for implementation of the new SLD identification rule.

Discuss a Proposed Campus Improvement Project

A summary of the proposal was provided. The project has been separated into two parts:

1. What needs to be done to resolve current problems, like the HS boys' varsity locker room and the HS weight room, and 2. What needs to be done to improve current conditions such as finishing the roof replacement, relocating the HS art room, renovating the HS media center, and connecting the HS interior classrooms with the media center.

Hear Reports from the WASB Legislative Advocacy Workshop

Dr. Seyfer, Sally Pfeifer, Mike Peot and Martha Luber Pelrine all spoke highly of the workshop and stated there is a lot of work ahead with the new requirements.

Donations

No donations have been received since the last Board meeting.

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Committee Reports

The *Student Learning & Instruction Committee* discussed the proposal for validating, crediting and enrolling students in alternative instructional programs, plans for summer school 2012, WIFI on school buses, and math instructional programs and the CCSS.

The *Financial Planning and Political Action Committee* discussed financing the proposed campus improvement project by partitioning the larger project into two smaller proposals. Financing a new bus purchase and a multi-year revenue projection were also discussed.

Adjourn

Moved Peot/Hickey to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

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