

School District of Gibraltar Area

Fish Creek, Wisconsin

Regular Meeting of Gibraltar Board of Education

Minutes of *Monday, November 28, 2011*

Community Room #266

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Excused: Fred Anderson

Also Present: S. Seyfer, PK-5 Principal/Superintendent; Kirk Knutson, 6-12 Principal/Athletic Director; C. Phillips, Substitute for Administrative Asst./Board Secretary;
4 visitors.

Minutes

Moved Erickson/Brennan to approve minutes of November 14, 2011. Aye – All.
Opposed – None. Motion carried.

Communications

No communications have been received in the district office since the last meeting.

Open Discussion

Helen Anderson would like to see the theatre department receive more recognition for winning awards and would like the school to display these awards, as they do with sports. Seyfer commented that display cases have been built. Jay Clark, a local carpenter, will install the cases, and Action Electric will complete the electrical work. Anderson would also like the Board to consider having the Staff Development day in October coincide with Columbus Day weekend.

Administrative Reports were submitted electronically.

Seyfer commented on the bids for replacing the coach bus. If financing a new activity bus is not possible, then a new standard school bus will be purchased. Architect LePage will meet with the Campus Maintenance and Improvement Committee on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 to discuss the designs for the renovation of the boys' locker rooms and weight room. The two phases of the project will be brought to the Board at the next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting on December 12, 2011. The new lockers have arrived for the boys' locker rooms. On December 1, Great Northern Construction will begin assembling them in the bus barn. Most likely, the transition of taking out the old and putting in the new lockers will take place over Christmas break. The goal is to have all lockers installed by the return of students on January 3, 2012.

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Bills

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

Auditor's Report

An overall review of the financial activities for the fiscal year was provided. The analysis focused on school district financial performance as a whole, and a comparison to prior year data was presented.

Approve High School Program of Studies of 2012 -2013

Moved Pfeifer/Hickey to approve High School Program of Studies of 2012 – 2013 as presented. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Discussion: AP Chemistry and AP Physics B will be provided as options for science courses, but depending on student interest, it is likely that only one of these classes will be taught.

Approve 2012 Summer School Program

Moved Erickson/Luber Pelrine to approve the 2012 Summer School Program as presented. Aye – All. Opposed – None.

2012 – 13 School Year Calendar

The administration began a discussion on how to improve professional development options within the 2012-13 calendar and beyond. Because of the new federal and state mandates, it was recommended that teacher contract days gradually increase to 200 days/year (180 days of instruction and 20 days of professional development) by the 2015-16 school year. Reallocating the teacher convention days, so that there would be an instruction/curriculum development day at the beginning of the second, third and fourth quarters was suggested. Discussion built upon a current county-wide schedule for Christmas and spring vacations. Brennan commented that the community doesn't like spring break being so late. It was also stated that conflicts with sports is always an issue. Discussion will continue at each Board meeting until the calendar is approved in January.

Reorganization of Secondary School

The administration sought Board member interest in beginning an organizational study of our secondary school for the purpose of improving the effective use of personnel, time and instructional resources. We currently refer to our grades 6 – 12 as our secondary school. We have a secondary school principal and secondary school entrance and office. Yet, we remain organized as a middle school and a high school. Dr. Knutson presented several concerns for the current secondary school organization, i.e. staffing, scheduling, and asked the Board to authorize the Student Learning Committee to study a complete reorganization of the middle school and high school into a secondary school. The goal is to promote optimal student learning and achievement.

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Approve a Special Meeting of the School Board

Moved Pfeifer/Luber Pelrine to approve a special meeting of the School Board for Monday, December 5, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried. Discussion: Primarily it will be an Executive Session meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Cancel the Regularly Scheduled School Board Meeting on December 26, 2011

Moved Luber Pelrine/Peot to cancel the School Board Meeting on December 26, 2011. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried. Discussion: The school and school community will be on Christmas vacation on that date.

Donations

No donations have been received since the last Board meeting.

Committee Reports

The *Student Learning & Instruction Committee* discussed the proposal for 2012 Summer School, Personal Financing curricular standards, creating Rtl time, and understanding the DPI's Wisconsin Framework for Educator Effectiveness.

The *Extracurricular Activities & Community Relations Committee* discussed the need to improve the Gibraltar website. 4-5 school website purveyors will be explored to find a website that would be easily interactive and not "text heavy."

Adjourn

Moved Peot/Hickey to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Aye – All. Opposed – None. Motion carried.

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