


**GERMANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GERMANTOWN, WISCONSIN 53022
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 9, 2014**

1. The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Bob Soderberg in the Kennedy Middle School Gold Activity Center at 7:03 p.m. District Administrator Jeff Holmes read the official meeting notification.
2. Motion by Larson, second by Loth to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Superintendent Holmes and the Board of Education welcomed Professor Emerita, author, and academic standards and Common Core expert Dr. Sandra Stotske and thanked her for traveling to Germantown to help us build a premier English and language arts program.
4. Jeff Holmes introduced the new school district web pages devoted to Germantown's efforts to develop its own independent standards while using Common Core as a guide and a reference. People will be able to follow the progress through the website and submit their questions, ideas and suggestions.
5. Dr. Stotske reviewed her history in Massachusetts education, her work on the validation committee for Common Core and why she did not agree to sign off on the standards. Dr. Stotske provided a great deal of information on the development and criteria of Common Core as well as discussing local control of school boards and state school boards, superintendents and commissioners. Members of the audience were asked to submit written questions which were collected and given to Board of Education President Bob Soderberg who read as many of them as possible within the allowed time frame of the meeting.
6. The meeting was then opened up for fifteen to twenty minutes of public comment. Nine people identifying themselves as residents or Board members of the Germantown, Kewaskum, West Bend, Elmbrook, Appleton, and Grafton school districts along with parochial school parents and representatives spoke. Additional questions were asked of Dr. Stotske, the Board and the superintendent.
7. Board members thanked Dr. Stotske again for sharing her knowledge and experience with Common Core and standards development with the district and also thanked Brian Medved for his work as chairperson of the Standards Development Committee and facilitation of the meeting.
8. Motion by Larson, second by Loth to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.
9. Members of the audience were invited to introduce themselves or ask any additional questions they may have after the meeting adjourned.

Jayne Borst
Recording Secretary



Lester Spies
School Board Clerk