

**GERMANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Germantown, Wisconsin**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**October 13, 2008**

**BUDGET HEARING**

The Budget Hearing was called to order by Board President Michael Erdmann with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence at 7:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Middle School Gold Activity Center. Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Rogers presented the official meeting notification.

Board Members Present: Michael Erdmann, Michael Schultz, Lester Spies, Cari Brust, Dave Magill, Bruce Warnimont, and Tom Bowe (arrived 7:20 p.m.). Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Rogers, Director of Business and Auxiliary Operations Ric Ericksen, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Cynthia Coley, and Director of Pupil Services Ann Goebel, as well as additional district administrators.

Board Treasurer Ric Ericksen provided a presentation outlining the 2008-2009 budget. Mr. Ericksen explained the budget building process, highlighting the numerous budget reductions, and discussed budget increases, sources of revenue, expenditures, district debt, and the proposed property tax levy of \$27,897,293. Mr. Ericksen, the Board of Education, and administration answered questions from the audience. Germantown school district residents Bob Banner and Jayson Stemo asked questions regarding the raise in the tax levy and cost per pupil and indicated they opposed the tax levy increase. Germantown school district resident Dave North indicated his support for the Board and the proposed budget. Doug Maschman, indicated that as a recently retired district teacher, he has seen the effects of continual budget cuts and that these cuts are harming the education of district students. Erin Jex thanked the Board for their hard work on this budget and asked questions regarding capital projects and the potential impact of Village tax reassessments. Diana Beilfus also thanked the Board for all of their hard work and stated that she has attended board meetings and has seen how tedious and complicated the budget process is and that the Board does an excellent job.

Motion by Brust, second by Spies to adjourn. Motion Carried (voice vote).

Board President Erdmann declared the Budget Hearing adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Germantown School District was called to order by Board President Michael Erdmann at 8:08 p.m. in the Kennedy Middle School Gold Activity Center. Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Rogers presented the official meeting notification.

Roll Call: Michael Erdmann, Michael Schultz, Lester Spies, Cari Brust, Dave Magill, Bruce Warnimont, and Tom Bowe.

Motion by Lester Spies, second by Jill North to elect Board President Michael Erdmann as Annual Meeting Chairperson. Motion Carried.

Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Rogers provided a presentation outlining district growth and diversity, test scores, and information regarding the proposed new elementary school referendum. District residents asked questions regarding reinstating all day kindergarten and the possible

impact it may have on State aid and asked how other districts have been able to build schools without referendums.

Director of Business and Auxiliary Operations Ric Ericksen directed the public's attention to the printed budget document delivered to all school district residents and handed out at the meeting, reviewing the details of the 2008-2009 budget.

**RESOLUTION G1: VOTE A TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200,000 TO MAINTAIN A FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING REMODELING, REPAIR, AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SITES.**

Motion by Bruce Warnimont, second by Michael Schultz to adopt Resolution G1 as follows: Vote a tax in the amount of \$1,200,000 to maintain a fund for the purpose of financing remodeling, repairs, and improvement projects at various district buildings and sites. Resolution G1 adopted by a majority voice vote.

**RESOLUTION G2: AUTHORIZE TAX LEVY FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Motion by Dave North, second by Erin Jex to adopt Resolution G2 as follows: Authorize tax levy for the 2008-2009 school year in the sum of \$27,897,293 to operate and maintain the district school system and to finance the recommended budget, debt service, and community service obligations for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion by Bob Banner, second by Jayson Stemo, to amend the original motion to read Authorize Tax Levy for 2008-2009 School Year in the sum of \$27,645,017. Motion Failed (voice vote).

Return to original motion to adopt Resolution G2. Resolution G2 adopted by a majority voice vote.

**RESOLUTION G3: AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY.**

Motion by Maureen Warnimont, second by Erin Jex to adopt Resolution G3 as follows: Authorize the school board to sell property owned by the district that is no longer needed for district purposes. Resolution G3 adopted by a majority voice vote.

**RESOLUTION G4: AUTHORIZE THE QUIT CLAIM DEED.**

Motion by Jayson Stemo, second by Bob Banner to adopt Resolution G4 as follows: Authorize the school board to execute a quit claim deed between the Germantown School District and the Village of Germantown without a special meeting called unless the proposed footage exceeds 20 feet westward from the curbing. Resolution G4 adopted by a majority voice vote.

**RESOLUTION G5: AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL MEETING DATE AND LOCATION FOR 2009.**

Motion by Erin Jex, second by Stephanie Baumgartner to adopt Resolution G5 as follows: Authorize the Germantown Board of Education to establish the date and place for the 2009 Annual Meeting with the Budget Hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. and the Annual Meeting starting at 7:30 p.m., excluding the evening of the first school day of the 2009-2010 school year. Resolution G5 adopted by a majority voice vote.

**RESOLUTION G6: SET SALARIES AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.**

Motion by Doug Maschman, second by Dave North to adopt Resolution G6 as follows: Be it resolved by the electors of the Germantown School District, Washington County, State of Wisconsin, that the yearly salaries as established at the October 13, 2008, School District Annual Meeting for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 should remain as follows: President - \$3,500.00, Vice President - \$3,500.00, Treasurer - \$3,500.00, Clerk - \$3,500.00, Other Board Members - \$3,500.00. Be it further resolved that the board members be paid \$40.00 for full-day special functions outside of the district and for the annual tour of schools, and \$20.00 for half-day special functions or evening functions outside the district. Out of district mileage shall be reimbursed at the current IRS per mile rate. Reimbursement shall be made for other actual necessary expenses (meals, lodging, etc.).

Motion by Michael Schultz, second by Bob Banner to amend the motion by striking all language from “Be it further resolved....” eliminating all board member reimbursements. Motion Failed (voice vote).

Motion by Doug Maschman, second by Michael Schultz to amend the motion by adding language to read board members “may be paid” \$40 for full-day special functions, “may be paid” \$20 for half-day functions, and “may be reimbursed” for mileage at the current IRS per mile rate. Motion Carried (voice vote).

Return to original motion to approve setting board members salaries at \$3,500. Resolution G6 adopted by a majority voice vote.

Motion by Lester Spies, second by Jill North to adjourn.

Chairperson Michael Erdmann declared the annual meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Jayne Borst  
Recording Secretary

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Lester Spies  
School District Clerk