

GERMANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GERMANTOWN, WISCONSIN 53022
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 14, 2013

1. The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Bob Soderberg in the District Office Board Room at 7:00 p.m. District Administrator Jeff Holmes read the official meeting notification. Roll call: Soderberg – yes, Medved – yes, Loth – yes, Barney – yes, Spies – yes, Larson - yes. Board member Warnimont - absent (excused).
2. Motion by Larson, second by Barney to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. District resident Cathy Plank thanked Board members for their attendance at district events and updated them on the Wall of Sound.
4. Motion by Larson, second by Spies to approve the September 23, 2013 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting minutes with correction to G1. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Larson, second by Spies to approve the September 23, 2013 Board of Education meeting minutes. Motion carried.
6. New Student Representative Haley DeGrace reported on school events.
7. Superintendent Holmes informed the Board that he and high school guidance counselor Perry Benz had recently attend a recognition event sponsored by GPS (formerly Second Chance Partners for Education). The Germantown School District was recognized along with J.W. Speaker and several other high schools and businesses for their leadership, partnership, and support of GPS.
8. Jeff Holmes reported that Riteway’s Stuff the Bus program supplied over 500 children in Washington County with backpacks filled with school supplies. Board Member Barney, who also contributed backpacks and supplies, informed the Board that 150 of the 500 backpacks went to students in Germantown.
9. The Board was informed that they will be presented with a travel request and background information at the October 28, 2013 for the high school choirs to travel to New York City in May, 2014.
10. Director of Human Resources Cynthia Coley presented an updated enrollment report.
11. Director of Business Ric Ericksen presented a 2013-2014 budget update. The Board will vote to formally adopt the budget and tax levy at the October 28, 2013 meeting pending finalization of the state deadline.
12. Superintendent Holmes discussed Common Core standards with the Board asking for input on the direction they would like to take for the district. The Board will plan a learning session to discuss Common Core implementation further.

13. Director of Human Resources Cynthia Coley informed the Board that high school custodian Don Miceli has submitted his notice of retirement. The Board thanked him for his fifteen years of service in the district.

14. Motion by Barney, second by Spies to approve donations as follows:

Accept the donation of supplies valued at \$282 from Michael and Nancy Loth to the high school technical education Battlebots program.

Accept \$1,000 from Raytheon Company's Scholarship America to Kennedy Middle School in matching grants for KMS student Jeremy Pugh's MathMovesU scholarship award.

Accept \$1,000 from Raytheon Company's Scholarship America to Kennedy Middle School in matching grants for KMS student Zachary Pugh's MathMovesU scholarship award.

Accept the donation of \$1,209.58 from Target's Take Charge of Education program to Kennedy Middle School.

Accept the donation of \$2,179.66 from Target's Take Charge of Education program to County Line Elementary School's student activity account.

Accept the donation of \$1,888.31 from Target's Take Charge of Education program to Germantown High School.

Accept the donation of \$500 from the Kennedy Middle School PTA for the purchase of assignment notebooks for middle school students.

Motion carried.

15. Recommendation from Personnel Committee to approve adding four new part-time (30 hours per month each) custodial positions at Germantown High School. Motion carried.

16. Personnel Committee Chair Sarah Larson provided an update on discussion that took place at the Personnel Committee meeting regarding IDEA Indicator 6 or Preschool Least Restrictive Environment (LEA) and the recommendation to hire a full-time preschool options/preschool program support teacher. Director of Pupil Services Jan Chapman will come back to the next Board meeting with additional information for the Board. Sarah Larson also added that the Personnel Committee met with Verisight representatives on October 8, 2013 and provided an update and timeline for the alternate compensation model interviews and focus groups.

17. Director of Business Ric Ericksen provided an update regarding the 2013-2014 Capital Project budget and project priorities and on discussion that took place at the October 9, 2013 Building Committee meeting including the status of various projects, the Plunkett Raysich timetable for the facility assessment and staff survey, trust fund loans, and the new ticket booth at Datka Stadium. The Board requested that all donations to the project and/or approval for the project be brought to the Board per school board policy.

18. Policy Committee Chair Lester Spies updated the Board on discussion that took place during the Policy Committee meeting regarding guidance on what policy changes need to be brought to the Board for approval and which do not. The Board will be updated on all simple statutory and legal changes required and review any and all policies needing Board review or decision making.
19. Motion by Spies, second by Larson to authorize the temporary borrowing and award the tax and revenue anticipation notes in the amount of \$4,000,000 to US Bank at an interest rate of 0.4310%. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Spies, second by Barney to approve the overnight travel request for 22 students to attend the WHSFA Theaterfest at U.W. Whitewater November 22-24, 2013 with all costs of the trip covered by participating students and the Dramatic Impact account. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Larson, second by Loth to approve the 1.0 FTE standard contract for Scott Oftedahl at \$53,560.98 and approve the .40 limited term contract for Janice Rodden at \$13,262.10. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Spies, second by Medved to approve the facility use waiver request for Girl Scout Troop 4198 to use the middle school Gold gym and cafeteria on Friday, December 6, 2013 for their "Sup-n-Sing" event. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Spies, second by Loth to approve the facility use waiver request for the Hawks Youth Basketball Club to use additional middle school gold gym time for the 2013-2014 season. Motion carried.
24. Motion by Spies, second by Barney to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), Section 19.85(1)(f) and Section 19.85(1)(g). Roll call vote: Medved – yes, Loth – yes, Barney – yes, Spies – yes, Larson – yes, Soderberg – yes. Motion carried.
25. The Board of Education entered into closed session at 8:17 p.m. and approved the September 23, 2013 closed session meeting minutes and discussed school district pending litigation. The Board also discussed the district administrator evaluation process.
26. The Board did not return to open session and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Jayne Borst
Recording Secretary



Lester Spies
School Board Clerk