

GERMANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GERMANTOWN, WISCONSIN 53022
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 25, 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 7:24 p.m. District Administrator Jeff Holmes read the official meeting notification. Roll call: Soderberg – yes, Medved – yes, Loth – yes, Warnimont – yes, Barney – yes, Spies – yes, Larson - yes.
2. Motion by Larson, second by Warnimont to approve the agenda with item X.F. Potential Land Purchase moved to item X.A. Motion carried.
3. District resident Jill North addressed the Board regarding class size improvements and concern over the current kindergarten class size at Amy Belle. District resident Martin Wessel addressed the Board regarding the high school band trip to Washington D.C. in 2014. Board member Sarah Larson provided an update on the great success of Kennedy Middle School's first Lego League.
4. Motion by Spies, second by Warnimont to approve the November 11, 2013 Board of Education meeting minutes. Motion carried (Loth abstained).
5. Motion by Warnimont, second by Barney to approve the following Consent Agenda donations:

Accept the donation of \$201 from the *Give with Target* program to the County Line student activity account.

Accept the donation of four Google Chromebooks valued at \$1,000 through the *Donors Choose Foundation* to two fourth grade classrooms at County Line.

Accept the donation of \$500 from Mahuta Tool Corp. to the high school Battlebots IQ program.

Accept the donation of \$1,000 from Plastic Components, Inc. to the high school Battlebots IQ program.

Accept the donation of items valued at approximately \$295 from Michael Loth to the high school Battlebots IQ program.

Motion carried.

6. The Board discussed the need for two Board of Education meetings in December and agreed to have one meeting only on December 9, 2013 with Finance Committee.
7. Jeff Holmes presented the current enrollment report and will work with Director of Human Resources Cynthia Coley on an analysis of kindergarten class sizes at Amy Belle.
8. Superintendent Holmes informed the Board that he has had conversations with Germantown Police Chief Peter Hoell and Washington County Sheriff Dale Schmidt as well as Board President Soderberg, regarding concealed carry of weapons on school

grounds by off-duty police and law enforcement officials. If the Board of Education is interested in adopting policy to allow off-duty law enforcement to carry weapons on school grounds, an agreement will need to be written with the Germantown Police Department and possibly the county and other area agencies. The Board indicated their interest in pursuing a blanket agreement for any officer. The superintendent will gather more information and report back to the Board.

9. Motion by Spies, second by Medved to table item VI.D. Band Trip Announcement until Mr. Barnes arrives to present information to the Board. Motion carried.
10. Recommendation from Finance Committee to approve the Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. contract for one year effective January 1, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000. Motion carried.
11. The Board of Education discussed several Xerox contract renewal options and will review additional information at the December 9, 2013 Board meeting.
12. Motion by Barney, second by Spies to approve allocating \$372,000 from the Fund 40 Capital Projects Fund for installing surveillance cameras at all elementary schools (\$240,000), replacement of the high school upper gym floor (\$95,000), and completion of the high school chorus room project (\$37,000).


Motion by Medved, second by Warnimont to amend the motion and remove the \$95,000 high school upper gym floor until the district can investigate other alternatives to replacement. Motion carried.

Vote on original motion to approve allocation of funds for surveillance camers and chorus room project only. Motion carried.

13. Motion by Spies, second by Larson to approve the DeAngelis bid for high school snowplowing at \$19,760, the purchase of road salt from the Village of Germantown at \$20,625, and the purchase of 30 iPads and a cart for the Amy Belle library at \$22,539.95. Motion carried (Warnimont – no).
14. Director of Business Ric Ericksen updated the Board on the results of the 2012 financial audit.
15. Recommendation from Insurance Committee to approve offering Delta's Option 2 Access A for district staff voluntary vision insurance beginning February 1, 2014 or sooner if feasible. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Warnimont, second by Spies to approve the credit change of the high school music course *Cantati* from 0.25 to 0.5 credits beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Warnimont, second by Medved for the Germantown School District through it's Board of Education, immediately suspend all activities related to Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessments and that the Board of Education commence work on the development of a comprehensive systemic pre-kindergarten through twelve curriculum beginning in January 2014.

18. Motion by Barney, second to Warnimont to table any further action regarding Common Core. Motion carried (Warnimont – no, Medved – no).
19. Motion by Spies, second by Larson to approve the Destination ImagiNation coaching contracts. Motion carried (Warnimont – abstain).
20. High School Band Director James Barnes provided background on the proposed high school band trip to Washington D.C. in November of 2014 to perform in a Veteran's Day celebration. The Board will need to formally approve the overnight travel request at the December 9, 2013 meeting.
21. Motion by Warnimont, second by Medved to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), 19.85(1)(f), and 19.85(1)(g). Roll call vote: Medved – yes, Loth – yes, Warnimont – yes, Barney – yes, Spies – yes, Larson – yes, Soderberg – yes. Motion carried.
22. The Board entered into closed session at 8:40 p.m. and did not return to open session.
23. Motion by Warnimont, second by Medved to adjourn. Motion carried.
24. Board President Soderberg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Jayne Borst
Recording Secretary



Lester Spies
School Board Clerk