

GERMANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GERMANTOWN, WISCONSIN 53022
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 10, 2016

1. The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Bob Soderberg in the Rockfield Elementary School Innovation Center at 7:06 p.m. District Administrator Jeff Holmes read the official meeting notification. Roll call: Soderberg – yes, Loth – yes, Borden – yes, Barney – yes, Spies – yes, Larson – yes. Board Member Medved was absent (excused).
2. Motion by Larson, second by Barney to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Spies, second by Borden to approve the September 26, 2016 Annual Meeting and Board of Education meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. Student Representative Derek Fairburn reported on student activities in the district.
5. National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists Christopher Beck, Joseph Heying, Ian Lawson, and Samantha Stroebel explained how they earned semifinalist status based on their preliminary SAT and National Merit Qualifying tests. The students will advance to the finalist level to compete for scholarships in spring 2017.
6. Director of Educational Systems Dr. Rick Grothaus updated the Board on recent discussions he had with the National Merit Scholarship semifinalists on Growth Mindset and district initiatives. Director of Teaching and Learning Brenda O'Brien informed the Board that work is continuing on developing the new elementary report cards.
7. Superintendent Jeff Holmes informed the Board that numerous referendum informational meetings have taken place with several more scheduled and that information cards were handed out at the homecoming game last week. The October 24th Board meeting will be held at Germantown High School with the public invited to an informational meeting prior to the Board meeting.
8. Brenda O'Brien provided an update on the growth of the district's summer school program.
9. The Board agreed that the meeting calendar will be revised to continue meeting offsite at the schools through December 2016.
10. Director of Business Ric Ericksen provided an update on the Kennedy Middle School fire subrogation status and indicated that the actual cause of the fire is still being determined.
11. Ric Ericksen also updated the Board on the state-wide Third Friday Pupil Count and reports submitted to the Department of Public Instruction.
12. Jeff Holmes presented a video of Rockfield students utilizing the new Innovation Center and classrooms. Rockfield Principal Dr. Dana Croatt thanked everyone for all the work done to bring the project to completion and Board President Soderberg thanked Dr. Croatt for the dedication ceremony and the banner and plaque presented to the Board. JP Cullen representatives Larry Rocolo and Nick Tibbott updated the Board on remaining items that will be completed and thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the district.

13. Recommendation from Building Committee to approve facility use waivers in perpetuity for school building areas that are defined as unavailable to non-school groups and fit into the Priority Group I category under the Facility Use Policy but limited to any requests from the following organizations: WI ACT Prep, American Cancer Society, Badgerland Striders, DI Regionals, Germantown Police Department, Girl Scouts/Northern Lights, and Protect Your Child's Future. Motion carried.
14. Recommendation from Building Committee to approve the Diamond Club request to reduce their facility use fee by \$500 for one year. Motion carried.
15. Michael Loth updated the Board on remaining items discussed at the Building Committee meeting including a Fund 46 capital improvement trust fund, construction manager selection pending the outcome of the referendum, and Rockfield parking lot lighting.
16. Motion by Larson, second by Spies to accept the donation of four iPads and 4 cases valued at \$1,112.89 from the Donors Choose Foundation to teacher Sara Schaus for Amy Belle Elementary School, accept the donation of two iPads and two cases valued at \$741.48 from the Donors Choose Foundation to teacher Gayle Groth for Amy Belle Elementary School, and accept the donation of \$500 from Sendiks to the high school band program. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Spies, second by Barney to approve four students to participate in Youth Options courses for the spring semester of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Spies, second by Larson to approve a fee waiver request for the Milwaukee Chinese Community Center. Motion carried.
19. The Board discussed the current insurance consulting agreement with Gallagher but took no action to cancel the agreement. The Board will allow Gallagher to be involved in a request for proposal process and will not cancel the agreement until a bid would be awarded. The issue will be referred to the Insurance Committee.
20. Motion by Spies, second by Larson to approve the designation of October 24, 2016 as Becca Murray Day in honor of her achievements as a Paralympian and Gold Medalist. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Barney, second by Spies to approve winter and spring co-curricular contracts for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Spies, second by Borden to approve the facility use waiver request for the Germantown Hoops boys basketball club and Germantown Hawks girls basketball club to use the Gold Gym at Kennedy Middle School for nine dates during the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Larson, second by Barney to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f) and Section 19.85(1)(g). Roll call vote: Loth – yes, Borden – yes, Barney – yes, Spies – yes, Larson – yes, Soderberg - yes. Motion carried.
24. The Board entered into closed session at 8:19 p.m. and did not return to open session, adjourning at 8:59 p.m.

Jayne Borst
Recording Secretary



Lester Spies
School Board Clerk