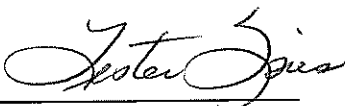


GERMANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
GERMANTOWN, WISCONSIN 53022
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 23, 2015

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, Barney – yes, Spies – yes, Larson - yes. Board members Medved, Loth, and Warnimont absent (excused).
2. Motion by Larson, second by Barney to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Germantown High School Principal Joel Farren announced that the high school has been selected to receive \$100,000 in the Celebrate My Drive national competition and informed the Board that student suggestions are already being collected for ideas on how to use remaining dollars not designated for safe driving instruction. A ceremony will be held to present a commemorative check with media invited to cover the event.
4. Motion by Barney, second by Larson to approve the November 9, 2015 Board of Education meeting minutes. Motion carried.
5. MacArthur Principal Steven Williams provided a brief synopsis of discussion on The Germantown Way that took place at the last Ad-hoc Standards Committee meeting.
6. Jeff Holmes informed the Board that the high school has presented a list of three students who have met all requirements and are eligible for early graduation at semester in January and for one current grade 11 student that will graduate early in June 2016.
7. Jeff Holmes provided information from JP Cullen and updated the Board on details of the Rockfield groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2015 with Rockfield students participating. Board President Bob Soderberg will speak and State Representative Dan Knodl and Town of Germantown officials will also be in attendance. Mr. Holmes informed the Board that review of the June 8, 2015 Board meeting tape confirmed that \$3.5 million was approved in the motion.
8. Director of Teaching and Learning Brenda O'Brien provided an overview of Title I, Title II, and Title III funding in the district.
9. Director of Business Ric Ericksen updated the Board on a conditional use permit request submitted to the Village of Germantown by Gehl Foods regarding entrance to their driveway off of Crusader Court adjacent to Kennedy Middle School.
10. Bill Foster from School Perceptions reported on input gathered from the public from the three community engagement sessions held in October. Another survey will likely take place in the future to gather additional public opinion on the direction the school district should take regarding facilities. Board President Soderberg indicated the Board is not in a rush for a referendum and will take time to continue to gather public input.
11. Recommendation from Finance Committee to approve the purchase of MAP assessment software from Northwest Evaluation Association for 2016 in the amount of \$25,725 to be funded out of the appropriate accounts in the general fund. Motion carried.

12. Tom Barney updated the Board on remaining items discussed in Finance Committee including a plan to request proposals for bids on an audit on district finance, Chapter 220, and enrollment.
13. Motion by Barney, second by Spies to accept the donation of a grant in the amount of \$500 from kidsgardening.org to the Rockfield Gardening Club for soil amendments and supplies and thank the donor for their generosity. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Barney, second by Larson to approve the civic exam graduation requirement as presented with a multiple choice format and a required passing score of 60%. Motion carried (Spies – no).
15. Motion by Barney, second by Spies to approve the facility use and waiver requests for the Germantown Police Department to use areas of the high school for testing. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Spies, second by Larson to approve the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast facility use and variance requests to use areas of Kennedy Middle School for activities. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Spies, second by Larson to approve the overnight travel request for 60 high school choir students and chaperones to travel to Washington D.C. from March 25-31, 2016 with all expenses paid through club funds. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Spies, second by Barney to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(g). Motion carried.
19. The Board of Education entered into closed session at 8:18 p.m. and did not return to open session, adjourning at 9:33 p.m.

Jayne Borst
Recording Secretary



Lester Spies
School Board Clerk