

School District of Rhinelander
Board of Education

Special Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2017

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on Monday, October 9, 2017 at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Professional Development Center of the Administration Center, located at 665 Coolidge Avenue-Suite B (2nd level), Rhinelander, WI.

Ronald Counter, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Judy Conlin, Mary Peterson, Mike Roberts, David Holperin, Dennis O'Brien, Duane Frey, Ann Munninghoff Eshelman, Benjamin Roskoskey, and Ron Counter

Board Members Absent: None

Approximately five guests were present for this meeting, as well as Superintendent Kelli Jacobi and Eileen Persike of the North Star Journal.

Declaration of Public Notice

The 'Declaration of Public Notice' was printed on the meeting agenda. This notice identifies the public places at which the meeting agenda was posted and/or shared.

Citizens/Delegations

No citizens/delegations wished to address the Board.

Action and/or Discussion Topics

President Counter informed the Board that the agenda topic, *Consideration of District-Wide Operations and Budget*, would be a discussion topic only and no action would be taken at this meeting.

Superintendent Jacobi and Marta Kwiatkowski, Director of Business Services, provided the Board with the financial status of the Fund Balance (General Fund) as of July 1, 2017, and informed the Board that with the State Budget finalized, the District will receive an increase of \$500,000.00 for each of the next two years.

Due to the sound fiscal management of District funds, the Fund Balance has increased to an amount far above what is required. The Board considered using some of the funds to benefit the taxpayers, as well as to provide more space for the increased enrollment at Crescent Elementary School and add funds to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust. The following designated amounts were suggested:

- \$3 million to reduce the amount of the next proposed three-year referendum to ease the burden to the taxpayers (reduction of \$1 million each of the three years)
- \$1 million to be designated for maintenance projects that have already been approved but no completed
- \$1.2 million to be designated for the addition of two classrooms at Crescent Elementary
- \$500,000-\$1million increase the Other Post-Employment Trust Fund (Fund 73)

With these possible designations, the fund balance would decrease, but would still be over the amount required.

The designation of funds will continue to be discussed at future meetings. The designation of funds will continue to be discussed at future meetings. No action was taken on the District-wide operations and budget topic.

Enter Closed Session

MOTION: R. Counter, second by J. Conlin

Enter closed session pursuant to

- a. Wis. Stats. 19.85 1(c), (e), and (f) to consider the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance-evaluation data of any employee, including, but not limited to administrative staff, support staff members,

certified staff members, coaches, volunteers, drivers, mentors, and/or providers for the district. And, to consider the financial, medical, social or personal histories, or disciplinary data and/or preliminary consideration of specific persons, or the investigation of charges against specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

More specifically, to consider the hire of professional employees.

- b. 19.85 1(g) to confer with legal counsel, as may be necessary, with respect to litigation in which the District is involved or is likely to become involved.

Aye: J. Conlin, M. Peterson, M. Roberts, D. Holperin, D. O'Brien, D. Frey, A. Munninghoff Eshelman, B. Roskoskey, R. Counter
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion passed 9/0 at 6:35 p.m.

Closed session

The hire of a professional employee was considered.

MOTION: D. Frey, second by M. Roberts Return to open session.
Aye: J. Conlin, M. Peterson, M. Roberts, D. Holperin, D. O'Brien, D. Frey, A. Munninghoff Eshelman, B. Roskoskey, R. Counter
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion passed 9/0

Open Session

MOTION: R. Counter, second by M. Roberts Approve the hire of Terri Germain as a 4K-Grade 8 rotating teacher for the 2017-18 school year with a salary of \$37,512.12.
Aye: J. Conlin, M. Peterson, M. Roberts, D. Holperin, D. O'Brien, D. Frey, A. Munninghoff Eshelman, B. Roskoskey, R. Counter
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion passed 9/0

MOTION: R. Counter, second by D. Frey Move to adjourn.
Aye: J. Conlin, M. Peterson, M. Roberts, D. Holperin, D. O'Brien, D. Frey, A. Munninghoff Eshelman, B. Roskoskey, R. Counter
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion passed 9/0

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Peterson, Board of Education Clerk