

School District of Rhineland
Board of Education

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Superior Diesel Advanced Learning Center of Rhineland High School, located at 665 Coolidge Avenue, Rhineland, 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, Benjamin Roskoskey, and Ron Counter

Board Members Absent: Ann Munninghoff Eshelman

Approximately ten guests were present for this meeting, as well as Superintendent Kelli Jacobi and Jamie Taylor of the Northwoods River News.

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.

School Board Professional Development

Although the state report cards were still embargoed, Teri Maney, Director of Instruction, provided the school board members with information and explanation of what the school board can look for when they are provided the report cards from the state and how the state was scoring the report cards this year in comparison to past years.

Report Topics

President

President Counter had nothing to report.

Vice-President

Vice-President Conlin acknowledged and commended everyone involved in the recent high school performance, "The Addams Family".

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jacobi also congratulated everyone involved in "The Addams Family" performance. She also informed the Board that the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance and the Public Policy Forum are merging. By merging, the new organization will offer broader research capabilities and an enhanced platform to even better engage and inform policymakers and citizens.

Superintendent Jacobi also introduced Ms. Desiree Wattlelet. Ms. Wattlelet presented at the State Music Conference held in Madison October 25-28, 2017. Her presentation was based on "all students are musical". She presented to over 100 attendees informing them of how special needs students as well as regular education students have musical abilities and how their musical talents can be recognized and shared.

Student Representative Report

Tyler Fredrick, Student Council Representative, reported that an open forum was held on Friday, November 17th to give students an opportunity to express their ideas to the Council. The Council committees have also met to finalize plans for the holiday season activities, which will include the annual "Angel Tree" (helping families in need with gift-giving) and providing treats for the local fire and police departments. A winter dance for students is being planned for late February 2018.

Professional Staff Report

Shari Wendland, Professional Staff Representative, informed the Board that topics for future school board meetings have been confirmed and at the next Employee Relations Committee, tentatively scheduled for December 18th, Jeff Leverich, Senior Researcher in field of work for WEAC (WI Education Association Council), will talk about cost of vouchers and how vouchers impact school districts. Ms. Wendland also introduced Susan Stefonek, Elementary Music Teacher, and students Makinzie Arneson

and Payton McCue. They provided the school board with a report of the 4th and 5th grade music program and played instruments, including sound boards on their iPads, demonstrating lessons they have had and music they have learned during the school year.

Committee Reports

Instruction and Accountability Committee

Judy Conlin, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee did not meet in November.

Operations and Strategic Planning Committee

Mike Roberts, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met on November 13th. Topics included the following:

- Recommendation for school board acceptance of a proposal for the Crescent Elementary School, James Williams Middle School, and Mike Webster Stadium press box roof repair/replacement projects;
- Recommendation for school board acceptance of a proposal for the purchase of a new pick-up truck and snow plow for the Maintenance Dept.;
- Recommendation for school board approval of various revised policies, as well as approval of a first reading for four new policies.

Employee Relations Committee

Committee Chair Duane Frey reported that the Committee has not had a need to meet. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled for December 18th prior to the Board's 6 p.m. regular monthly meeting.

Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee

Mike Roberts, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee did not meet in November; however, he did update the Board members on the progress being made on the concession stand/team room/restrooms project at Mike Webster Stadium. A portion of the project has begun so that the Building Trades Class students can begin their work.

CESA 9 Report

CESA 9 Board of Control Representative Duane Frey reported that the Board of Control met on November 6th. The main topic pertained to finance. The next meeting will be held on December 6th.

Oneida/Vilas School Supt.-Board Report

Superintendent Jacobi reported that the Oneida/Vilas group has not recently met.

Citizens/Delegations

No citizens/delegations wished to address the school board.

Action and/or Discussion Topics

Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the October 16, 2017 regular monthly meeting were approved.

The Minutes of the October 23, 2017 Annual Meeting of the Electors and the October 23, 2017 Special School Board Meeting were approved.

Payment of September Claims and Services

The October 2017 payment of claims in the amount of \$776, 645.82 and the October 2017 payment of contracted services in the amount of \$644,461.92 were approved as printed.

Gift/Donation Acceptance

The following gifts/donations were accepted with sincere appreciation:

- ✓ Donations for the Rhinelander High School FBLA/DECA from the following individuals or businesses:
 - ☐ \$50 from Nicolet National Bank of Rhinelander
 - ☐ \$250 from Kevin Kopplin, Advanced Barrier Extrusions, LLC of Rhinelander
- ✓ Donations for the Rhinelander High School NCEP (New Cultural Experiences Program) fundraising efforts to help defer the travel costs for those students traveling to Ireland and Scotland in Spring 2018:
 - ☐ \$100 from Stifel Nicolaus of Rhinelander
 - ☐ Rummage sale items, valued at \$150, from MJ and Amber Laggis of Rhinelander
 - ☐ Rummage sale items, valued at \$200, from Jim and Karen Clark of Minocqua, WI
 - ☐ Pizza, valued at \$20, from Jody Doro and Jane Pierce of Rhinelander; ordered for students attending a Friday evening Advanced Placement European History Review Session
 - ☐ Pizza, valued at \$20, from John and Katie Kubisiak of Rhinelander; ordered for students attending a Friday evening Advanced Placement European History Review Session

- ❑ Pizza, valued at \$25, from David and Melissa Krueger of Rhinelander; ordered for students attending a Friday evening Advanced Placement European History Review Session
- ❑ Fresh Cranberries, valued at \$628, from Lake Nokomis Cranberries of Eagle River, WI; sold to the public by NCEP students
- ❑ \$500 from Stephen & Nancy Carrico, Pound, WI
- ❑ \$25 from Mary Jo Swearingen, Denim & Leather Exchange LLC of Rhinelander
- ❑ \$50 from Paul & Shirley Toft of Rice Lake, WI
- ❑ \$50 from Ron Skagen, Skagen, Inc. of Rhinelander
- ❑ \$50 from CT's Deli of Rhinelander
- ❑ \$100 from Northwoods Auto Techs of Rhinelander
- ❑ \$100 from T.J. DeWitt and Co., Inc of Rhinelander
- ❑ \$100 and \$50 from David & Julie Holperin of Rhinelander
- ✓ Animal mounts (1 fish, 1, fawn, and 1 grouse) for a total value of \$370 from Terry and Dawn Berndt of Rhinelander
- ✓ Various school supplies, valued at \$300, from the Expera Specialty Solutions Union Women of Rhinelander
- ✓ Two dozen child sized safety glasses, valued at \$50, from Jack Bishop, EH&S Facilities Manager, Lake Shore Systems, Inc. of Rhinelander, to be provided to students to protect their eyes while working on STEM experiments at CAVOC's new Lu Berndt Active Learning Center
- ✓ \$100 from Gail Fitzgerald of Rhinelander for the purchase of materials and supplies needed for the playscape project at CAVOC
- ✓ Various PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) prize items and misc. clothing, valued at \$350, from Wal-Mart of Rhinelander to be used as needed.
- ✓ Eighty-one (81) dictionaries, valued at \$325, from the Telephone Pioneers of Rhinelander. to be given to 3rd grade students for use as a tool with writing skills.
- ✓ \$84.04 in worker's pay donated back to the District's Activities Dept. by Mr. Pat Marquardt. Mr. Marquardt worked during football games and has asked that the donation be used to purchase new chains or a down marker.
- ✓ Children's winter boots and snow pants, valued at \$550, from First United Methodist Church to be distributed to Pelican Elementary School students who are in need.

Roof Repair/Replacement Project Proposal

The Board accepted the proposal from Maurer Roofing Co. for completion of the roof repair/replacement projects at Crescent Elementary School, James Williams Middle School, and Mike Webster Stadium press box at a cost not to exceed \$511,095.00.

Proposal for the Purchase of a New Pick-Up Truck and Snow Plow

The purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up and a snow plow from Rhinelander GM for at a cost of \$34,147.00 plus applicable title or license fees was approved.

Second Reading and Adoption of New Policy

A second reading and adoption of new policy 1630.01, Family and Medical Leave of Absence, was approved.

Revised and New Policies

The Board approved revised policies as proposed, and approved a first reading of new policy 7540.01, Technology Privacy, as well as the proposed new policies relating to the use of recording devices during private meetings or conversations.

2018 State Ed. Convention Delegate Assembly Representatives

Duane Frey was appointed by the Board as the Delegate to the 2018 State Education Convention Delegate Assembly and Ron Counter was appointed as the Alternate Delegate in the event Mr. Frey as Delegate is unable to attend.

Closed Session

The school board considered the hire of a professional employee and the waiver of liquidated damages for a professional employee who has resigned.