

School District of Rhinelander
Board of Education

Monday, September 18, 2017
MEETING UPDATE

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Superior Diesel Advanced Learning Center, located at 665 Coolidge Avenue, 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, 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, Jamie Taylor of the Northwoods River News, 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.

School Board Professional Development

David Ditzler, Rhinelander High School Principal, presented the 9th and 10th grade ACT (American College Testing) Aspire data and the 11th grade ACT+Writing data from the 2012-13 through the 2016-17 school years. For the 2012-13 through 2014-15 school years, those students who were going on to college after graduation took the ACTs. In 2015-16 this changed, and all 9th-11th grade students must take the ACTs. Currently, Rhinelander High School rates lower than the state average, so the high school staff has the following future goals:

- Continue to work on establishing rigorous standards/objectives for all courses
- Align courses with ACT standards as much as possible
- Students will be involved in homeroom and classroom ACT preparation activities
- Act practice materials will be available to all students.

The next ACT will be taken on February 27, 2018 and Mr. Ditzler informed the Board that the staff and students will be prepared for this testing.

Report Topics

President

President Counter had nothing to report.

Vice-President

Vice-President Conlin acknowledged Mr. Shawn Moore, Rhinelander High School Science Teacher, for being chosen by the Knowles Teacher Initiative as a member of its 2017 Cohort of Teaching Fellows. The Knowles Teaching Fellows is a comprehensive, five-year program that supports early-career, high school mathematics and science teachers in their efforts to develop teaching expertise and leadership from the classroom. Through the program, Knowles Fellows have access to grants for expenses associated with purchasing classroom materials, engaging in professional development, and spearheading leadership activities that have an impact beyond their own classrooms.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jacobi asked the school board members to watch their emails for messages from her office; one message being notification of a special school board meeting to be held on October 9th at approximately 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering district-wide operations. She also informed the school board members that as a result of the survey sent to them regarding school board meeting Professional Learning Community (PLC) topics, the administration will continue to report on district-wide information, with teacher and student presentations. Superintendent Jacobi also provided an update on the beginning of the year transportation services, reporting that the change to having parents fill out a bus transportation request only if they were in need of transportation was very successful. Three routes were eliminated by doing this for a savings of approximately \$100,000.00. The start of the school year went very smoothly with very few concerns.

Student Representative Report

No report.

Professional Staff Report

Shari Wendland, Rhinelander Education Association Representative, welcomed the school board members back to the new school year and invited them to visit the Northwoods Community Elementary School and her classroom at that school.

Committee Reports

Instruction and Accountability Committee

Chair Conlin, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee did not meet this month.

Operations and Strategic Planning Committee

Mike Roberts, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee did not meet this month.

Employee Relations Committee

Committee Chair Duane Frey reported that the Committee will not be meeting this month.

Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee

Mike Roberts, Chair, reported that the Committee will not be meeting this month.

CESA 9 Report

CESA 9 Board of Control Representative Duane Frey reported that the Board of Control met on September 6th and was given a presentation on the WI Digital Library Consortium. The next meeting will be held on October 4th.

Oneida/Vilas School Supt.-Board Report

The Oneida/Vilas group did not meet in September.

Citizens/Delegations

No citizens/delegations wished to address the Board.

Action and/or Discussion Topics

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the August 21, 2017 regular monthly meeting were approved.

Payment of June 2017 Claims and Services

The August 2017 payment of claims in the amount of \$381,418.00 and the August 2017 payment of contracted services in the amount of \$731,722.46 were approved.

Gift/Donation Acceptance

The following gifts/donations were accepted with sincere appreciation:

- Donations for Rhinelander High School FBLA/DECA from the following Rhinelander individuals and businesses:
 - \$50 from Rhinelander Honda
 - \$50 from Gary Driscoll, Driscoll Property Management
 - \$50 from Joe & Shirley Dahlquist, Dahlquist Enterprises
 - \$60 from David Holperin, Stifel (Financial Services)
 - \$150 from Jeff Spiegelhoff, Shoeder's RV & Marine
 - \$150 from Gregg Albert, WJJQ Radio
 - \$150 from Kim Haenel, Advanced Accounting
 - \$150 from Mary Padgett, Northwoods Family Dental SC
 - \$150 from Northland CPA's, S.C.
 - \$250 from Mike Boyd, Boyd Financial Services LLC
 - \$250 from Bert Saul, CCL Gardens, LLC
 - \$250 from Randy Beard, Wipfli LLP
 - \$250 from Karen Marquardt, T. J. DeWitt & Co., Inc.
 - \$500 from Northwoods Nursery LLC

- Donation of misc. school supplies for Pelican Elementary School students from the following individuals and businesses:
 - Supplies valued at \$100 from Chris Brown, Northern Insurance Associates

- Supplies valued at \$100 from Dan Meyer, Farmers Insurance
- Supplies valued at \$100 from Northland Orthopedic Associates

- Donation of various school supplies, valued at \$50, from Holly Holly, Foster & Smith of Rhinelander - to be shared with students district-wide
- Donation of various school supplies, valued at \$3,019.34, from Nancy Sattler, Northwoods United Way - to be shared with students district-wide. (These supplies were donations made through the annual Northwoods United Way “Stuff the Bus” event.)
- Donation of a Conn Victor A Trumpet, valued at \$2,500, from Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Emily Bodensteiner of Rhinelander
- Donation of a Hunter Trumpet, valued at \$300, from Danielle Doughty of Rhinelander
- Donation of \$1,524.57 from Nicole Sidi of Rhinelander to pay for special effects lights or microphones as needed for the Rhinelander High School Drama program.
- Donation of \$337.22 from Linda Goldsworthy of Three Lakes, WI to be used toward the purchase of 4” tall bells (green color) for the Rhinelander High School Cross-Country Team
- Donation of \$100 from Nancy Nebgen of Rhinelander to be used toward the needs of the Rhinelander Girls Swim Team

Dance Team Request for Fundraising

The Rhinelander High School Dance Team was given approval to proceed with fund-raising efforts to help defer the costs of the team’s annual travel to national competition, which is being held in March 2018. As in the past, the required number of chaperones will be traveling with the team. Each team member needs to raise approximately \$250 to cover the cost of travel, accommodations, and the entry fee. A letter will be sent by the team to community businesses requesting contributions and support. If a business or an individual contributes a minimum of \$100, its name will be included on the shirts that the team members wear to the competitions.

Enter Closed Session

The Board entered closed session at 6:25 p.m. to consider the hire of professional employees.