

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CAMBRIDGE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 21, 2015

Call to Order. Board of Education President, Joe Pleshek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Five of seven members present. Tracy Smithback-Travis arrived before long. Glenn Bolt absent.

Public Comment. Community Member, Stanley Lien inquired about and petitioned for sidewalks across from CHS on Blue Jay Way. He also commented on Severson Learning Center site-plan project.

The Board asked those present to join in a moment of silence for David Panzer, CHS freshman, who recently died from a severe asthma attack. Mr. Nikolay shared with the Board and community the service arrangements for David.

Blue Jay Good News Jar. Several good news jar items were read by Board Members (available on the school web-site).

Student Representative Report. Molly Hensel, Student Council Board of Education Representative, reported on Fine Arts weekend at Spring Green and the Shakesphere productions. This coming week is Homecoming Week - events starting on Sunday.

Consent Agenda. Motion made by Phil Adas, second by Tracy Smithback-Travis to move to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried, consent agenda approved.

Staffing Report. Bernie Nikolay reported that there were two openings for support staffing positions that decided not to replace, instead, added a few additional hours to two other existing positions/employees. New Hire/Contracts: Bonnie Moss, CES Cook, Casey Schenkel, Long Term Sub for Kathryn Gerlach and Kristin Hubers, Long Term Sub for Emily Klingbeil. Resignations: Nadine Breunig, ES Educational Aide. Retirement Notices: None. Vacancy Not Yet Posted: Long Term Sub for Jessica Reinstad, Long Term Sub for Michelle Cook. Vacancies Posted, Not Yet Filled: None. Leave of Absence/Maternity/Paternity Leave Request: Michelle Cook, 12 weeks; due February 2, 2016, Jessica Reinstad, 12 weeks; due January 28, 2016. Coaching/Advisor Changes: None. Internal Position Changes: Melissa Overhouse increased to 5.75 hours per day beginning 9/17 after Nadine Breunig resignation; not seeking a replacement for Nadine. Molly Szymkowski increased to 5.75 hours per day beginning of school year to cover supervision need with retirement of Sandy Christensen; not seeking a replacement for Sandy. Non-Renewal Notice: None.

Gifts and Donations Report. Joe Pleshek read gifts and donations report and thanked all for their gifts and generosity. Foundation - \$11,418.00 - Pedestrian Crossing Beacon on the corner of Main and Lawn Street, Cambridge Foundation/Batterman Family Foundation - \$10,000.00 - Soccer Field: Toward Bleachers/Benches/Bench Covers/Shelters, Cambridge Athletic Booster Club/CDU Soccer - \$9,410.00 - Soccer Bleachers, Cambridge Athletic Booster Club/CDU Soccer - \$850.00 - Player Bench Covers, Cambridge Athletic Booster Club/CDU Soccer - \$8,028.00 - Soccer Scoreboard, Cambridge Athletic Booster Club/CDU Soccer - \$2,409.00 - Soccer Backstop Nets. TOTAL: \$42,115.00

Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting(s). As presented.

Treasurer's Report and Monthly Vouchers. As presented.

2015 Summer School Report. Mr. Chris Holt, CES Principal/Summer School Director, provided the final summer school report. Enrollment was one student down from last year, but minutes and FTE's were up. Many popular classes as well as successful remedials. Did a follow-up parent survey to get feedback in preparing for the 2016 Summer School Program. Peg Sullivan asked about swimming program and its format and skills progression.

First Reading: Dorian Musical Festival Trip to Decorah, IA January 10-12. . Mr. Schneider spoke to the request in Mrs. Gerlach's absence. Very successful field trip for our music students. Bring back to the October meeting as an item for action.

Finance Committee Report. Mr. Phil Adas reported on the September 9th Finance Committee meeting. Installed flashing beacon on Lawn St. and Hwy. 12. Still working on sidewalks. Mowed Simonson Street parking lot. Athletic Fields Updates: Soccer Field is being played on. Still need to put up back-stops. Summer projects went very well. Committee is still discussing/working on options for post-employment benefits.

Discussion and Action to Pay off State Trust Fund Loan (Wireless Project) Using Fund 38 Levy- Mr. Worthing. . Each year since taking out two loans for the purpose of upgrading the fiber optic connections in the District, and the addition of the wireless project, the district levies monies to pay the loans. This district is levying \$23,661 in Fund 38 this year. The district has the option to increase the levy in Fund 38 (reducing the amount levied in Fund 10 by the equal amount), and paying the loans off early. Board discussed taking some of Fund Balance and paying off loans. Otherwise will be 2020 and 2022 before loans are paid in full. Makes good business sense to pay off. Motion made by Phil Adas, second by Peg Sullivan to move to pay off trust fund loan at this time with Fund Balance dollars. The district will save approx. \$8,000.00 in interest. Motion unanimously carried.

Update on District's New Property Insurance Provider, Travelers Insurance. Mr. Worthing updated the Board on new program. The switch-over will result in a savings of approximately \$21,000. Will make switch on October 1.

Curriculum Committee Report. Ms. Sullivan reported on the September Curriculum Committee Meeting. The Cambridge Elementary School staff have tackled Ready Gen program with fervor. NMS bicycles are a great addition to NMS P.E. Curriculum. A P.E. Curriculum Enrichment program is being developed and will be presented to the Board in the future.

CAP School Board Representative Report. Ms. Smithback-Travis reported when the Board last met CAP was getting ready for the Tri Cambridge Tri. Off to a great school year as well.

Administrative/PTO Reports, Hall of Honor Report. Principals and Mr. Nikolay reported on events and happenings of the buildings and district. Bernie Nikolay - Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony this coming Saturday. Everyone welcome.

Recess to Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. Motion made by Joe Pleshek, second by Tracy Smithback-Travis to move to recess to the 2015 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. Motion unanimously carried, meeting recessed until chair brings back into session. Motion unanimously carried, regular September of the Board recessed.

Re-convene Meeting to Take Up Unfinished Business. Motion by Tracy Smithback-Travis, second by Greg Engelstad to move reconvene back into the regular September session of the Board. Motion unanimously carried. Motion unanimously carried, President, Joe Pleshek called meeting back into session.

Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in Amount Not to Exceed \$1,700,000 Pursuant to section 67.12 (8) (a) 1 WIS. STATS. Board President, Joe Pleshek read resolution. Motion made by Tracy Smithback-Travis, second by Greg Engelstad to move to approve resolution as read. Roll call vote: Engelstad-yes, Smithback-Travis-yes, Pleshek – yes, Sullivan – yes, Adas – yes, Wright – yes. All ayes. Motion unanimously carried, resolution approved.

Motion made by Joe Pleshek, second by Tracy Smithback-Travis to move to **closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1) (f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons... (Student Early Graduation Requests and Review of Expulsion Case.** Roll call vote: Wright – yes, Adas – yes, Sullivan – yes, Pleshek – yes, Smithback-Travis – yes, Engelstad – yes. All ayes. Motion unanimously carried, meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:14 p.m.

Adjourn.

Approved as Presented/With Changes as Noted:

Joe Pleshek, BOE President

Margaret Sullivan, BOE Clerk