

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, MAY 20, 2013
PRESIDENT CRAIG PRESIDING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Secretary Patti Iverson confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed and was in compliance with the open meeting law.

Board Members present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Hambuch-Boyle, Johnson, Spindler and Xiong. Absent: None. Student Representative Betsy Fawcett was present. Jonathan Idarraga was not present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jillian Anderson spoke about the importance of music education. She shared results of studies that show how music helps students perform better in school. She encouraged the Board to keep funding for music programs in the budget.

Chris Lace asked for continued support of the high school music programs. She said there has been a reduction in staffing for music. Both high schools will have to hire new teachers for the music programs, and she asked that the Board not further reduce staff.

Angela Eberhardt asked that the Board find creative ways to sustain the music programs. There has been reduction in FTE's and that is a concern to many parents.

Tammy Green said the Eagle Choir Program at Memorial used to be a half-credit class and now it is an extra-curricular. Enrollments decreased when teachers were reduced to half time for choir. She asked that the Board make music positions full time when new directors are hired.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hardebeck shared a list of events on the Board's calendar for the next month.

Dr. Hardebeck recognized Sam Davey teacher, Tina Parker, for being a finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; Mackenzie Pierog, a senior art student at North High School, for placing third in the nationwide "2013 Saul Bell Design Award Competition" in the Emerging Artist category with her pendant entitled "Remembrance of Childhood;" and the North boys' basketball team for receiving 3rd place Academic All-State as given out by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). The team had the 3rd highest team grade point average in the state of Wisconsin for Division 1.

Dr. Hardebeck reported that the District is launching a parent survey to get perceptions of the quality of education their students are receiving in the District. Parents who have shared their email with the District will get an electronic link to the survey. Parents can also find the survey on the District's website, their school or at the District Office. There are three parts to this *K12 Insight* survey—student engagement, working conditions of staff and parent perceptions. The surveys will gauge how effective the District is meeting the needs of all of its students and will be used to help inform future decisions and improve experiences students are having in our schools.

Communication to Superintendent/Board President

President Craig shared information on a WASB Economic Concept Workshop being held in August dealing with basic economics of public financing.

President Craig said this was the last meeting for the Student Representatives. She said they have been dynamic reps to the students and thanked them for their diligence. She added that the high schools have accepted applications from students for next year's Student Representatives and Coms. Hambuch-Boyle and Xiong will be involved in interviews.

Student Representative Report

Betsy Fawcett thanked the Board for the experience and said she learned a lot. Jonathan was unable to attend the meeting as he was attending a school event.

Betsy reported that Memorial had two successful Pops Concerts last week. She noted that Odyssey of the Mind teams from the District will leave for the World Competition on Wednesday.

Other Reports

Policy and Governance Committee

The committee will meet on June 10, 2013.

Budget Development Committee

The committee will meet on June 17, 2013.

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

Com. Johnson moved, seconded by Com. Duax, to approve the consent resolution agenda consisting of the following items:

- ◆ The minutes of Board meeting of May 6, 2013 as mailed.
- ◆ The minutes of Work Session of May 6, 2013, as mailed.
- ◆ The financial report as presented.
- ◆ The budget adjustments as presented.
- ◆ The gifts in the amount of \$21,669.56 for the period April 1, 2013, through April 30, 2013, as presented.

- ◆ The matters of employment of May 20, 2013, as presented.
- ◆ The payment of all bills in the amount of \$10,828,831.53 and net payroll in the amount of \$3,424,312.04 for the period April 1, 2013, through April 30, 2013, as presented.

Consent resolution agenda items approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Regular meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patti Iverson, Board Secretary

**COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
MAY 20, 2013**

1. Call to Order – Committee Meeting

Board Members present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Hambuch-Boyle, Johnson, Spindler and Xiong. Absent: None. Student Representative Betsy Fawcett was present. Jonathan Idarraga was not present.

2. Committee Reports/Items for Discussion

A. Update on Student Engagement Survey

Dr. Stephan Knobloch, Vice President of *K12 Insight*, presented information about the services that *K12 Insight* provides to the District to survey students, staff and the community. Survey results will be used in the school improvement process. The first group surveyed was students. Dr. Knobloch said the goal of the study was to measure levels of engagement of middle and high school students, identify which groups of student are engaged and those who are not, and find areas to help improve engagement. There was a strong response rate of 87%. He shared the results of the student engagement survey, and he explained areas of strength and areas where improvements could be made. There was strong, favorable agreement with several questions related to family support and relevance of coursework. The least favorable questions involved interest in classroom activities and interest in coursework. There was also indication that students feel their coursework could include more rigor.

Dr. Hardebeck said the results were shared with principals and they will be used by the buildings as part of their student improvement plans.

B. Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School Contract Extension

The Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School Governance Board requested a contract to be enforced from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The Governance Board drafted a contract for the School Board to review. When the Board met in December to discuss this contract, there were several questions raised. Administrators shared information to answer many of those questions and provided historical data about demographics, enrollment trends, student achievement and costs. Board members perused the contract and offered feedback on modifications they would expect.

3. Request for Future Agenda Items

There was a request for a Written Report on how staffing is handled, particularly with regards to secondary music. There was also a request for information on in-district transfer requests to alternate schools.

4. Other Business

5. Motion to Adjourn

Com. Cummins moved, seconded by Com. Johnson, to adjourn committee meeting. Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.

6. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm.