

Board of Education  
High School Library  
March 20, 2017

President Mark DeAmico called the regular monthly meeting of the School District of Howards Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. DeAmico noted that the meeting had been posted as prescribed by law and the news media notified.

Board members present: Mrs. Bramstedt, Mr. DeAmico, Mr. Dehne, Mr. Pearce, and Mrs. Plass. Administrators present: Tracy Bandt, Jason Cole, Scott Fritz, Andy Hansen, and Chris Peterson. Also in attendance: Dannielle Arneson, Sara Demmon, Traci Hiebing, Matt Last, Steve Ottman, Dave Richart, Emily Russell, Lisa Schultz; Tiffany Trumm, and Shannon Wynveen; Lizzy Betke - High School Student Council representative; Madelyn Wynveen - Student Presentation; Joe Murray-Springsted Financial.

Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mrs. Plass, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2017 regular board meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Pearce, to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Mr. Dehne, along with the following vouchers payable for the month of February:

#10 - General Fund	}	\$ 903,449.68
#27 - Special Education Fund		
#50 - Food Service Fund		
#30 - Debt Service Fund		\$ 68,000.00

Motion carried, 5-0.

There were no amendments to the 2016-2017 adopted budget.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Monday, April 17: No School  
Monday, April 24: School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

The Board acknowledged and extended their gratitude and appreciation to all of the Volunteers of the School District, and to the following individuals and/or organizations, for their support of the school district and students, through their generosity of the following donations:

The following donations were received in association with the state basketball tournament:

\$1285 from Millersville Rec Association for spirit towels and bussing costs.

\$1285 from Howards Grove Athletic Association for spirit towels and bussing costs.

\$500 from Cleveland State Bank for team support.

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The Middle School received the donation of a student desk from a local family.

The Howards Grove PTO donated \$500 toward Mr. Wyrembeck's Data Display.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board acknowledged an invitation received from Emily Grunwald to view an art exhibition at the high school, during the weeks of March 22-April 17.

ADVISORY MEMBER / STUDENT ADVISORY REPORTS:

There were no Advisory Member Reports this month.

STUDENT LEARNING PRESENTATION/STUDENT ADVISORY REPORTS:

Maddi Wynveen and Mr. Hansen gave a presentation on the Middle School Student Council. Events sponsored by the MSSC include a clothing drive, penny war, and dress up days during Spirit Week. Under the direction of Mrs. Arneson and Mr. Hansen, Maddi has initiated an Art Show to take place at the Middle School in May. Each student in the Middle School will have one or more pieces of artwork displayed in the show. Maddi has coordinated everything from scheduling the event, to set-up, refreshments, people to guide and explain some of the projects, and advertising. The Middle School Art Show will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7 pm. Several art projects were displayed during the Board meeting.

High School Student Council representative Lizzy Betke reported that the Valentine's Day sucker sale was very successful. Numerous activities and *dress up days* are planned for Spring Fling week. Upcoming events include Staff Appreciation Week and distributing and reviewing student applications for membership in Student Council next school year.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Plass, to approve the 2017 proposed Summer School Course Offerings as recommended. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Pearce, to keep April 17 as a day off and have staff make-up the day sometime before June 30th. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Dehne, to appoint two available District Office Staff Members as Canvassers of the results of the Spring School Board Election, to include the Superintendent. Motion carried, 5-0.
4. Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mrs. Plass, to appoint Kari Bramstedt to accept the graduates, and Nate Dehne to assist in handing out the diplomas at the commencement ceremony. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the issuance and sale of \$4.7 million General Obligation School Building and Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A, to Northland Securities Inc. Motion carried, 5-0.
6. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to accept the letter of retirement from Mrs. Lori Carstens with regret. Motion carried, 5-0.
7. Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mr. Dehne, to offer Lael Bagnall a teaching contract (Grade 7) for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried, 5-0.

OTHER REPORTS:1. Building ReportsNorthview - Submitted by Jason Cole, Principal

Courtney Mashin, Jeanette Schmidt, and Beth Miller attended a Math Expressions workshop at CESA 7 on March 14<sup>th</sup>. They came back excited about the new curricula added to the program. They will be sharing with staff in early April.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Parent-Teacher Conferences, March 21 and 23. We are looking at changing the structure of P/T conferences for next year. APTT discontinuing next year - We've had great discussions as a staff and I visited a couple of schools.

Readers and Writers Workshop in New York for this summer. Writers - Myself, Kim Myszewski, Beth Miller, Shawn Holzman; Readers - Myself, Tracy Bandt, Julia Leeson, Steph Harms. After this summer, 70% of NV teaching staff would have attended the NY workshops.

Breakfast and Books - 149 people attended, wonderful success; thank you to Jen Henschel, Sara Demmon, and Robin Lindquist.

Culvers Night - NV staff members serving meals - Huge Success - in one hour Culvers made \$2,200. They don't think they've ever made that.

Pupil Services - Submitted by Tracy Bandt, Special Education Coordinator & School Psychologist

Child Development Days were held on Thursday, March 2nd and Friday, March 3rd. We had over 80 three- and four-year-olds participate in the screening. It was a great success! I would like to thank Veryl and Janet Graf and other members of the Lion's Club for their help with vision screening, graduate students from Whitewater for their help with hearing screening, Shelly Kuether, Mary VerDuin, Deanna Milz, Kristin Menart, Kelly Kunesh, Natalie Brickner, Dawn Grabowski, Kathie Oberg, Chris Lemanczyk, Nancy Mulder, Grandma Kay----, and Vicki Hemb for their help with the screening.

Middle School - Submitted by Andy Hansen, Principal

On Saturday March 4, our math team participated in the state level math counts competition at Acuity. Earlier in the winter the team had qualified to compete at state. While our team did not win the competition, all our mathletes finished in the top 125 competitors. Thank you to Ann Parnitzke and Joanne Wesener and Floyd Korpi for their work in preparing our team.

Preparations for summer school are progressing nicely. Course proposals have all been collected into a course catalog. A schedule has been created. Courses will be posted online in late March and registration goes live in early April.

Staff at the middle school has been actively working to write a Citizenship Rubric that describes key work habits that are so important to success at school and work. The middle school will pilot the use of this rubric in the fourth quarter of this school year. These behaviors will be scored by teachers and the results sent home to parents. We will seek parent input as well as student input. If the pilot is successful, we hope to implement the use of these rubrics in the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you Mitch Augustine, Kerri Eilers, Steph Harms, Gary Kalk, and Andrea Schmidt for their work.

High School - Submitted by Scott Fritz, Principal

Pause for a Cause was successful. Thanks to all who helped make this event happen.

Congratulations to both boys and girls basketball teams on awesome seasons. Thanks to all of our fans and community support. Thanks to Dave Schmid for all of the work during the season and playoffs, and to Zach, Angie, and members of the Jazz Band.

Good luck to forensics at district competition tonight.

Good luck to spring season sports athletes.

Thank you to student council for organizing spring fling events.

Guidance is currently working on Master Schedule for 2017 18. Hope to have a good outline at the end of April.

District - Superintendent Chris Peterson

Reminder that the date of the April School Board Meeting was changed to Monday, April 24, 2017.

We continue to wait for Legislators to make a decision on the September 1 start date for public schools. Once decided, we can finalize the 2018-19 school calendar.

Open Enrollment Update: Currently we have received 26 open enrollment applications requesting to transfer-in to the Howards Grove School District. 18 of those applications are for "new" students who have never attended Howards Grove. We also have 17 applications requesting to transfer out of the district; of the 17 requests out, only two are from students who currently attend school in Howards Grove. The other 15 applicants never attended our district.

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Mrs. Bramstedt commended the students for their accomplishments in the Sole & Ensemble competition. Mrs. Houston and Mr. Holzer were recognized for their time, dedication, and commitment in helping the students.

2. **Teacher/Support Staff Awards:** This spring the district will be implementing a new teacher/support staff recognition program. One Educator of the Year, and one Support Staff Team Partner of the Year will be selected. Candidates will be recognized/selected based on outstanding leadership, instruction, or stewardship. Anyone in the district will be able to nominate a colleague for the award which will be announced at the end of the school year. The staff member selected will be recognized and invited to speak at the new school year district-wide staff meeting in August, and will be on the committee to select the next recipient for the award.
3. The Auditorium Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday. The committee will be reviewing the bidder's list. Bids are scheduled to be sent out on Friday, and returned during the second or third week in April. Bids will be awarded at the April 24<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting.
4. Tracy Bandt and Chris Peterson shared a report on mental health issues in schools. Their report focused on needs, research found, and what is currently being done in our district. More research will be done and a proposal will be made at the April Board Meeting related to how the district could manage the mental health needs and concerns.
5. Jason Cole and Chris Peterson reported to the Board on the need and their investigation into the implementation of a Before School Care Program, called *Morning Grovers*. The program would provide before school care to Northview students/families who require early morning supervision. *Morning Grovers* would be available from 6:30-8:30 am for a small fee. If approved, the program could begin with the start of the next school year.

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to convene in closed session as set forth in Section 19.85 (1)(c), (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of employee(s), for discussion related to negotiations, and for deliberating the investing of public funds whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Vote by the Board: Bramstedt, aye; Dehne, aye; DeAmico, aye; Pearce, aye; Plass, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

*Richard Pearce*

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Richard Pearce, Clerk