

Board of Education  
High School Library  
April 24, 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: Sara Demmon, Angie Houston, Zach Holzer, Matt Last, Steve Ottman, Lisa Schultz, Melissa Munger, Emily Russell, Traci Hiebing, Alyssa McDonald, Kim Tess, Tiffany Trumm, Sarah Gardner, Elle Kaderabek, Olivia Stauss, Ally Wasmer, Kyle Wilkinson, Chase Williams.

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

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017, Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

#10 - General Fund	}	\$ 932,231.24
#27 - Special Education Fund		
#50 - Food Service Fund		
#30 - Debt Service Fund		\$ 0.00

Motion carried, 5-0.

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

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

The Howards Grove PTO donated \$151.81 toward food & supplies for the Breakfast & Books event held at Northview on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sara and Bill Demmon donated \$100 toward new band instruments.

Harms Bus Company donated \$583.98 for transportation costs related to the Boys & Girls Basketball playoffs/state tournament.

The Howards Grove Athletic Association donated \$250 toward the cost of Timber Rattler tickets.

Millersville Rec Association donated \$250 toward the cost of Timber Rattler tickets.

Millersville Rec Association donated \$600 to the baseball program to purchase bats.

The results of the 2017 Spring Election were presented. Nate Dehne was congratulated for his re-election to the School Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board acknowledged a thank you note received from Becky Schlegel and the family of Eda Nauschutz.

ADVISORY MEMBER REPORTS:

There were no Advisory Member reports this month.

STUDENT LEARNING PRESENTATION/STUDENT ADVISORY REPORTS:

There was no report from the High School Student Council.

A group of high school students talked about their experiences related to the Youth Apprenticeship and Career Internship programs offered to students related to the medical and manufacturing industries. The students have the opportunity to work in a job-related field of their interest, gain work experience, school credit, and be paid for their on the job training. It was noted that some students have found that they were no interested in pursuing a specific career field after their training experience.

Ms. Houston and Mr. Holzer have been working with a group of students to explore their career interests in the areas music and performance. Some students have had to do independent studies to accommodate their schedules. Students study music theory, music appreciation, recording technology, performance/education, theatre arts, jazz, composition, music education, and jazz.

The Board thanked the students for looking for these opportunities, and for taking advantage of them. When asked by the School Board, the students and administrators felt it would be beneficial to have an additional resource person available to students in the Guidance Office.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. The Oath of Office for Board Members was read by President Mark DeAmico, and signed by Nate Dehne. Mr. Dehne expressed his appreciation for the community's support.
2. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Dehne, to set Monday, September 18, 2017, as the date for the district's Annual Meeting, with the Regular Monthly Board Meeting starting at 6:30 pm, the Budget Hearing at 7:30 pm, and the Annual Meeting at 8:00 pm. All of the meetings will be held in the High School Library. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to appoint Kimberly Plass as the Howards Grove representative for the CESA 7 Convention. Motion carried, 5-0.
4. Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Pearce to accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Nicole Hansen. Motion carried, 5-0. The Board thanked Mrs. Hansen for her service as the School Counselor at Northview Elementary School.

5. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Dehne, to accept the letter of retirement received from Ms. Diana Kirschbaum with regret. Motion carried, 5-0. Ms. Kirschbaum was recognized for 26 years as an art teacher in the school district.
6. a) Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Dehne, to approve the section recommendation and issuance of teacher contracts, as presented, for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried, 5-0.  
b) Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Pearce, to approve a proposed new guidance counselor position for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.
7. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to appoint Emily Russell as an Advisory Board Member for the remaining 6 months of the term. Motion carried, 5-0.
8. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Pearce, to approve a before school care program at Northview Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.
9. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the resolution asking legislators to repeal Wisconsin Statute Section 118.045, Commencement of the school term. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### OTHER REPORTS:

##### 1. BUILDING REPORTS:

#### **Pupil Services – Submitted by Tracy Bandt, Special Education Coordinator & School Psychologist**

I have begun the training for SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) and hope to finish it prior to next school year. SBIRT is an evidence-based practice to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse, and dependence on alcohol and illicit drugs. I have also shared the training modules with our counseling staff so we can be pro-active in addressing any concerns.

As we prepare for next year, our pupil service department will be having table-top discussions surrounding some of our most difficulty counseling scenarios.

I will be attending the student services directors' spring conference in May. Topics focus largely around trauma-informed care and mental health.

I want to highlight a new focus Shelli Milbrath is taking with some of our high school students. They are reading books that present a number of different social scenarios, with discussion topics and problem-solving. The students are really enjoying the series that combines reading and social skill instruction, with a focus on improving mental health and wellness.

#### **Northview Elementary School – Submitted by Jason Cole, Principal**

Kay Sheahan, Steph Jeanty, Kim Myszewski, Kristi Schmidt, Shawn Holzman, and Steph Harms attended a Literacy workshop at CESA 7 on April 19<sup>th</sup>. They were very excited about what they learned and have already incorporated it into their classrooms. They will be sharing with staff in early May.

Parent-Teacher Conferences - We are looking at changing the structure of P/T conferences for next year, based on feedback received from parents.

Kohler 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teachers observed Steph, Heidi, Megan writing workshop

Poetry Celebration – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade published books. Each student submitted an entry and had their work published in a book.

Focus School transitioning year - 1 of 19 schools in the State for which resources and funds are no longer available. There is a Transitioning option – DPI is offering \$14,000 for one year for professional development for staff. There are specific indicators that need to be met to receive the money.

### **Middle School – Submitted by Andy Hansen, Principal**

We started a Technology Club in January at the middle school. Tim Bartz, Dannielle Arneson, and I have been supervising the kids. Our 8th grade boys flew the drone and took video that became part of an FBLA presentation by one of our high school teams. This past Friday, three 8th grade students, under the leadership of Dannielle Arneson, took on a Visioneers Challenge. They entered the game creation challenge and participated in a competition in Milwaukee. Blake Leinss, Nathan Korpi, and Katie Fritz were our team. They created and presented a video game and earned 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Members of the 5-12 Science and Social Studies departments have begun curriculum reviews. In 2015-2016, the middle school science team reviewed and re-vamped the science curriculum in grades 5-8 in preparation for the purchase of a new science series. The high school science group is now reviewing the science journey at the high school especially as it relates to connecting to the middle school. The social studies group has just begun their work as well. We are taking a look at the 5-12 journey and will be discussing needs changes. We intend for all this work to be complete by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year and to have all possible course proposals ready for the November 2017 school board meeting.

Summer School preparations are going well. We are currently in the registration process. Thank you to Shelly and Jeannine and Lonna for all their hard work in collecting all the registrations and associated fees.

Biggest news from the middle school has been our state testing. We have completed two grades and will do 6th and 5th over the next two weeks. Kids have worked hard and the staff has been amazingly flexible with all the schedule changes. This is the season for concerts and field trips, so we are actively getting ready for all those. Our spring music program at Lakeland is scheduled for May 17th.

### **High School – Submitted by Scott Fritz, Principal**

Congratulations to the culinary team of Sona Tamazyan, Emma Wittgreve, and Austin Brooks for taking first place and the LTC Culinary competition on April 4th - Thank you to Mrs. Buechel for her leadership

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in FBLA state competition. A special Congratulations to Matt Bagnall, Travis Eilers, and Caleb Holzman for qualifying for the National Competition in Anaheim CA.

Congratulations to Brittany Schaller for being Chosen as one of the Division 3 WIAA Scholar Athletes

Good Luck to all of our Music Students who will be performing at the State Solo and Ensemble this weekend.

Congratulations to our Top Seniors - The top senior banquet was held at Millhome where 33 seniors were recognized for their academic excellence and leadership. Thank you to National Exchange Bank for sponsoring this wonderful event and for Tracy Kracht for all of the hard work preparing for this event.

Congratulations to the Forensics Team for capturing 4 golds 5 silvers and 2 bronze medals at the State Forensics competition. Jane Cole was recognized for her leadership.

State Testing resumes this week with Forward Testing for sophomores and we are preparing for Aspire testing with freshman and sophomores for May.

**District – Submitted by Chris Peterson, Superintendent**

The End of School Year/Retirement Recognition Dinner will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Teacher and Staff appreciation week will be held May 1-5. We are working on plans for honoring teachers and staff during that week. Lunch will be provided by the district on Wednesday, May 3 for staff members.

Open Enrollment Update: The open enrollment window officially closes Friday, April 28th. As of now there is a potential student increase from open enrollment of 19 students.


**From the Board –**

Kari Bramstedt stated that she enjoyed the opportunity she had to join the band and choir and attended a performance in Appleton last week.

2. Chris Peterson provided an update on the Auditorium Construction Project. He indicated that the window for bids has been extended to April 26. As a result, the 2017 Christmas concert will not be held in the auditorium. A tentative schedule shows an early start for excavation would be May 15; an early start for concrete foundations would be May 22; with walls up the first week in August. The goal is to have the auditorium enclosed by mid-October.

Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Pearce, to convene in closed session as set forth in Sections 19.85 (1)(c),(e),(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of employee(s); for discussion related to budget planning, insurance, and an update related to negotiations; and to consider the personal history or disciplinary data as it relates to a specific person(s). Vote by the Board: Bramstedt, aye; Dehne, aye; DeAmico, aye; Pearce, aye; Plass, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mrs. Plass, to adjourn at 10:39 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

  
Richard Pearce, Clerk