

Board of Education
High School Library
May 15, 2017

Board 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, Dawn Laboy, and Chris Peterson.
Advisory Board Member present: Emily Russell. Also present: Morgan Johanning, Cassidy Grubisic, Matt Last, Steve Ottman, Lisa Schultz, Kim Tess, Nicole Jacques, Courtney Mashin, Dannielle Arneson, Nolan & Parker Wilson, Todd Reinke, Peyton Reinke, Kim McBroom, Elise McBroom, Melissa Munger, and Alyssa McDonald.

The election of board officers for 2017-2018 was held. Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mr. Dehne, to nominate Kimberly Plass as President. Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mrs. Plass to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to nominate Mark DeAmico as Vice President. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mr. Pearce to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to nominate Nate Dehne as Clerk. Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Pearce to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mr. Pearce, to nominate Kari Bramstedt as Treasurer. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Dehne, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Dehne, to nominate Rich Pearce as Director. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Dehne, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 regular board meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

#10 - General Fund	}	
#27 - Special Education Fund		\$ 848,460.09
#50 - Food Service Fund		
#30 - Debt Service Fund (paid in March)		\$ 0.00

Motion carried, 5-0.

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

The School Board and administration acknowledged and expressed 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 Golf Team received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$1160.

The Howards Grove PTO donated \$349.66 toward bussing costs for 4th Grade field trips.

The Howards Grove PTO donated \$207.56 to the Breakfast and Books event held at Northview on May 4th.

Denise and Terry Schaller donated \$4600 for new uniforms for the girls' soccer team.

\$600 was donated to the dance team from the profits of a rummage sale held by parents Steve and Shari Lewis.

The Board acknowledged thank you notes received from staff members for lunch provided by the Board during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

ADVISORY MEMBER REPORTS:

Emily Russell presented several topics for the Board and Administrators to consider, including the auditorium project, contact information for School Board members, and communication between the school district and parents.

STUDENT LEARNING PRESENTATION/STUDENT ADVISORY REPORTS:

First grade students used iPads to demonstrate to the Board how they are used as learning tools in the classroom. Programs used on the iPads include Osmo and Kahoot, which focus on numbers, letters, shapes, and coding. The programs also tie in with AIMS Web testing.

Morgan Johanning and Cassidy Grubisic reported on behalf of High School Student Council. During an assembly prior to Spring Break, a series of competitions were organized between students and staff. Student Council provided treats and recognition certificates to the staff during Teacher Appreciation week. During Student Appreciation Week, Culvers ice cream will be provided for students.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mr. DeAmico, to approve the end-of-year spend down funds to include the High School Library furniture purchase as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Motion by Mr. DeAmico, second by Mr. Dehne, to ratify the teacher's Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2017-18 with an increase of 1.26% to base wages. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Pearce, to raise the price of hot lunch at each building, to the new required price levels as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

Hot lunch prices will increase by 10 cents (\$0.10) per meal. This means hot lunch prices will be as follows for 2017-2018:

Grades K-5	\$2.50/day	\$12.50/week
Grades 6-8	\$2.65/day	\$13.25/week
Grades 9-12	\$2.75/day	\$13.75/week

4. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the band and choir trip to Florida during the 2019 Spring Break as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. Motion by Mr. DeAmico, second by Mr. Pearce, to appoint Kim Tess as an Advisory Board Member for the remainder of the term. Motion carried, 5-0. Board members thanked Mrs. Tess and Mrs. Russell for stepping forward to serve the community.
6. No Board Action was taken regarding this matter.

OTHER REPORTS:

1. Building Reports

Northview – Submitted by Jason Cole, Principal

Thank you PTO for outstanding support of our teachers and staff

Writing and Reading Celebrations - 2nd grade shared with kindergarten classes; 3rd grade shared fairy tales with each other; Mrs. Jacques Readers Theater, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

Spring Concert, thank you Joelle

Breakfast and Books - Last event of the year was held on May 4. Approximately 168 people attended, and Texas Roadhouse provided prizes.

Markers for Malawi - Sara Demmon is overseeing this project and collecting markers, pencils, and crayons to be sent to schools in Malawi.

Focus School transitioning year - Great option for our district

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

Teachers are busy working with their students on transition. In particular, extra attention is directed toward students transitioning from Northview to the Middle School and from the Middle School to the High School.

Thank you to Piggly Wiggly and the Osthoff as employers willing to work with the school district to provide students with experience in the workforce.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the WCASS conference at the beginning of May. I attended sectionals on Trauma Informed Care and Mental Health & Wellness.

Middle School – Submitted by Andy Hansen, Principal

On Friday May 5 the middle school held an Art Show. The Art Show was organized and led by students. Art from every student in the middle school was on display for guests. The student council held a bake sale with proceeds going to the homeless veterans in Milwaukee. Students played music. The 8th grade Family and Consumer Sciences class held its "Cookie Challenge". The event was attended by nearly 200 adults and students. Dannielle Arneson and Jamie Buechel are to be commended for their leadership. It was an amazing night.

Teachers in the pilot of our Citizenship Effort rated their homeroom students using our rating rubric. Those ratings were sent home to parents with the fourth quarter mid-terms. Parents had an opportunity to provide feedback to the teachers. The next steps in our pilot will be to seek further feedback from parents, teachers, and students about the value of this effort and about documents themselves.

Summer School registration has concluded. The next steps with summer school will be to hire student and adult aides and to issue letters or agreement/contracts to teachers and aides.

We will hold our middle school spring music program this Wednesday at Lakeland University. Should be a great night. 5th and 6th grade general music classes will perform along with all our bands and our 7th and 8th grade choir.

Middle School students had the opportunity to fly a drone over the auditorium construction site.

High School – Submitted by Scott Fritz, Principal

Congratulations to the Junior class for putting on a great prom. Approximately 200 people attended. Mr. Wyrembeck was commended for overseeing and coordinating this event.

Great Job to both our Band and Choir students for a great concert at Lakeland last Wednesday

Congratulations to Brittney Schaller for being honored as one of the Scholar athletes this past month by the WIAA. She is the 2nd athlete in school history to be honored with this award.

Congratulations to Morgan Bramstedt for performing at the Sheboygan County Honors recital on May 7th.

We have completed most of our Advanced Placement testing and our sophomores for Aspire Testing. Freshman Aspire testing is later this week.

End of the year activities are starting to get underway (banquets, awards assemblies, etc...)

District – Submitted by Chris Peterson, Superintendent

Mr. Peterson reported that he is working on preparations for a groundbreaking ceremony related to the auditorium construction project.

Job postings have been issued for a part-time art teacher and two guidance positions. Interviews will be completed in the next few weeks.

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Mr. DeAmico commended the students for their good behavior during prom activities held outside of the district.

Mr. Dehne commented on the recent art show held at the Middle School, calling it an amazing event. Mr. Dehne also chaperoned a 6th grade field trip and commended the students for their attentiveness and good conduct.

2. Auditorium Update. Chris Peterson reported that all of the bids are in; bids for the project came in under budget. Because the walls will now be stone cast walls, some of the drawings needed to be changed. This change, along with a busy start to the construction season has set the project back one to two more weeks; hoping to begin excavation around June 13th. Will be able to include options and inclusions such as a conference room and larger seating capacity.

3. New Website Update. Work continues on the new district website which will allow for installation of a Howards Grove App on cell phones. The new website features a "live feed" to which comments and photos can be added and viewed through Facebook.

Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to convene in closed session as set forth in Section 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 other specified business, and to consider personal history as it relates to a specific person(s). Vote by the Board: Bramstedt, aye; Dehne, aye; DeAmico, aye; Pearce, aye; Plass. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. DeAmico, second by Mr. Pearce, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve and deny the open enrollment transfer in requests and the transfer out requests for the 2017-2018 school year, as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. DeAmico, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.



Nate Dehne, Clerk