

Board of Education
High School Library
September 19, 2016

President Mark DeAmico called the regular monthly meeting of the School District of Howards Grove to order at 6:30 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 present: Middle School Students Mackenzie Holzwart, Kamryn Kaminsky, Maddi Koenig, Madalynn Near, Leah Parnitzky, Trey Sixel; also Dawn Laboy Matt Last, Steve Ottman, Dave Richart, Lisa Schultz.

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

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

#10 - General Fund	}	\$ 431,981.67
#27 - Special Education Fund		
#50 - Food Service Fund		
#30 - Debt Service Fund		\$ 0.00

Motion carried, 5-0.

There were no amendments to the 2015-2016 adopted budget this month.

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:

A \$15,000 donation was received from Northwoods/Superior Chemical Corp. toward the purchase of a new scoreboard for the football field.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence to the Board this month.

ADVISORY MEMBER REPORTS:

There were no Advisory Member Reports this month.

STUDENT LEARNING PRESENTATION/STUDENT ADVISORY REPORTS:

Scott Fritz indicated the High School Student Council has been busy preparing for and planning Homecoming activities for the week.

Andy Hansen held a “question and answer” assembly in front of the Board with a group of Middle School Students discussing their perceptions of middle school events and activities, noting the differences between a 5th graders perception and 8th graders perception.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to appoint Mrs. Plass as the 2017 Delegate, and Mr. Pearce as the Alternate for the WASB State School Board Convention to be held in Milwaukee, January 18-20, 2017. Motion carried, 5-0.

OTHER REPORTS:

1. Building Reports

High School – Submitted by Scott Fritz, Principal

- Thank you to Student Council and Mrs. Hill for planning this year's homecoming activities. This week starts our homecoming week.
- Congrats to our Volleyball team for a great start to the season. They won both the Sheboygan County Tournament and the Pulaski Tournament over the past couple of weekends.
- Congrats to our Football team and Coaches - Over the past two weeks we have had officiating crews comment on the good sportsmanship by our players. One of the crews wrote a WIAA-Plus Report on sportsmanship and the other contacted Coach Schmid via e-mail. Great job on Sportsmanship.

Middle School Building Report – Submitted by Andy Hansen, Principal

- We have had a really successful start to the school year. We have had very few issues with the start. The kids have settled in to a routine nicely. New students have integrated well into the school. Sneak Peek was again a success. I am excited about the learning and focus that I see right now.
- During the year this year, we are going to put an even greater focus on student responsibility and effort. We will consciously use PBIS styled actions to keep this positive wave going throughout the school year.
- The HP Stream devices have been issued to all the students. Students have been busy learning how to use the device and finding out capabilities. Teachers are busy learning ways that they can use classroom software programs to enhance learning. Scott and I are working with staff to design needed trainings throughout the school year. On Wednesday September 14, staff in grades 5-12 brainstormed ideas for trainings.
- The new Science Fusion materials are here and they are a hit with the students. Students have told me that they really like the visual aspect of the text series and that they like that they can write and highlight in their books because they are consumable.

Northview Elementary – Submitted by Jason Cole, Principal

- Great beginning of the school year! Celebrated the arrival of students with sidewalk messages and balloons.
- First Assembly – talked about the Power of YET! We want the students to set goals and make mistakes along the way. The power of YET is to keep trying because there will be the moment of YET when mistakes become accomplishments.
- First day of school video on the website.
- Princi-PALS – 3rd and 4th graders eat lunch with me every third Friday of the month
- 3rd grade APTT parent meeting #1, huge success. 75% attendance
 - Tremendous dedication from the APTT team
 - 4th grade APTT parent meeting will be on September 26th
 - Junior Kindergarten APTT parent meeting will be on September 29th
 - Kindergarten APTT parent meeting will be on October 3rd
- Julia Leeson, Brittany Kramer, and Joelle Barrett donorchoose.org proposals are fully funded
- Visit from Heather Miller-Koch, USA Olympian.
 - She had a great message for our students about character, never giving up
 - High five every student
 - Sheboygan Press – pictures on their webpage
- AIMSweb testing
 - Amy Bares has done a remarkable job making sure we were ready!!
 - Thank you Tracy, Sara, Nicole, and Robin for all your help
 - Thanks to Diane Weiland and Nancy Mulder for helping us

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

We are off to a great start! There are a lot of changes in the special education department this year.

- We are taking time during inservice and staff meetings to learn a number of procedural changes in the special education process.
- Our Medicaid billing service provider has revamped their system and will be providing inservice on September 21st.
- We have had a high number of transfer students and are working closely with other districts to get records. A special thank you to Mary VerDuin and all that she is able to accomplish in only ten hours per week.
- We are pleased to welcome Natalie Brickner as a full-time speech and language pathologist. In the three years I have been here, this is the first time we have not had an overload in this position.
- We are also pleased to welcome Shelli Milbrath as a high school special education teacher. The staff and students have reported that the resource room is a positive and welcoming learning environment.
- We are also very happy to have three new paraprofessionals working with us this year, Cheryl Reeves at Northview, Amy Kangas at the middle school, and Andy Crivellone at the high school.

- We are sad to say goodbye to Pam Herr, April Sabel, and Christian Kraemer.
- We have just been trained in a new version of AIMSweb and have completed our Fall Universal Screening. It has been a learning curve, but the value we are getting from the information the new assessments provide is excellent.

District – Chris Peterson reported that the number of students has increased in each building. The office staff is currently working on the 3rd Friday count, which will provide a more accurate number.

School Board – Mark DeAmico thanked Dave Richart and everyone involved with preparing and providing the students with the HP Streams. The students he has talked to like them, and he has knowledge that the teaching staff is using them for course work.

2. **Summer School Report**

Andy Hansen provided a report to the Board regarding the 2016 summer school program related to student enrollment numbers and participation. Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of academic, fitness, and enrichment classes. An FTE of 8 students will be included in the 3rd Friday student count data.

3. **Technology 1:1 Report**

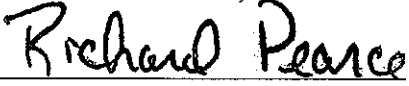
Dave Richart reported that 520 devices were deployed and handed out to students in a 2 week time frame. Students are happy and excited; teachers are using them in their classrooms. There is always something new to learn; Brian and Casey are very helpful. Mr. Richart thanked the administration and the school board for their support, and also the library staff for their help with the inventory process of each device.

4. **Referendum/Auditorium Update**

There will be a referendum question on the ballot for the November 8th election relative to the construction of an auditorium at the high school. Chris Peterson has been speaking to various community groups and providing information about the project. Public informational meetings will be held on October 12 and October 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to convene in closed session **following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting** 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); deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; for discussion related to negotiations; and to consider personal history or disciplinary data as it relates to a specific person(s) which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Motion carried, 5 aye, 0 nay.

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Dehne, to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.


Richard Pearce, Clerk