

Board of Education
High School Library
October 17, 2016

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: Jason Cole, Tracy Bandt, Scott Fritz, Dawn Laboy, and Chris Peterson. Also present: Emma Dehne (Student Council representative); Jamie Buechel, Tanya Landwehr, Maverick Moore (Student Learning Presentation & FCCLA) Angie Schorer, Josh Shorer, Steve Ottman, Dave Richart, and Lisa Schultz.

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

Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Dehne, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016, Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

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

#10 - General Fund	}	\$ 733,497.57
#27 - Special Education Fund		
#50 - Food Service Fund		
#30 - Debt Service Fund		\$ 62,967.50

Motion carried 5-0.

There were no amendments to the 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:

Peter & Bridget Krautkramer donated \$450 to the Middle School Music Program.

A donation in the amount of \$490.96 was received from Zoetis for the FFA Program.

An assortment of 24 machines was received from the Kohler Company for use in the High School Tech Ed Department.

The Howards Grove PTO donated \$6275 to be used by the elementary, middle, and high schools for various student activities & events throughout the school year, and for field trip transportation.

The Howards Grove PTO donated the proceeds from the Spring Color Run, in the amount of \$5,000, to the Middle School.

ADVISORY MEMBER REPORTS:

There were no Advisory Board Member reports this month.

STUDENT LEARNING PRESENTATION / STUDENT ADVISORY REPORTS:

Emma Dehne, High School Student Council representative, reported on some of the events and activities that were held during Homecoming week. The Student Council would like to thank the staff members who helped with the events. Upcoming events sponsored by Student Council include a clothing drive in cooperation with the Kiwanis Club, and a Trick or Treat food drive (along with members from the International Club and the National Honor Society).

Tanya Landwehr and Maverick Moore, under the direction of Jamie Buechel gave a presentation on the various projects and activities that the Family and Consumer Education classes have been involved with. They include sewing projects for the elementary school, inviting guest speakers to the class, working on career and professionalism, visiting residents at Harvest Home. Many of these activities will be carried through to the implementation of the FCCLA, if approved. The FCCLA would help students in Grades 9-12 develop career skills and strengthen a community connection.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Pearce, to approve FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) as a new club for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve Ms. Bornheimer as the ACT/Aspire Resource Teacher for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Dehne, to appoint the Superintendent and one available resident District Office Staff member as Canvassers of the voting results for the referendum vote. Motion carried, 5-0.
4. Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mrs. Plass, to approve the final budget of \$10,700,353 for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the levy of \$4,053,582 for the 2016-2017 school year budget. Motion carried, 5-0.

OTHER REPORTS:

1. Building Reports

Northview Elementary- Submitted by Jason Cole, Principal

Writing celebrations-- Kindergarten and second grade Kindergarteners walked the hallways chanting, "We are writers! We love to write." All of the students and staff lined the hallways clapping and cheering them on. Pictures on Facebook.

Guest reader-- Scaredy Squirrel-- pictures on Facebook

Author visit – Jennifer Swanson - Wrote over 25 non-fiction books about science Video on the website

Fire Prevention Week - Fire Fighter Presentations-- student was able to wear the gear; Fire Extinguisher Simulator; Smoke House tour; JK and Kindergarten field trips to Fire Station

National School Lunch - High School students representing Dance, Volleyball, Soccer, Crosscountry, and Football, along with Howie the Tiger, students talked about their sport and nutrition

Breakfast and Books was a success. Approximately 140 attended.

PTO Garage Sale – raised over \$1,800.

Professional Development – CESA 7, Reading and Writing webinars, Technology (SLATE conference)

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

Our early childhood team recently attended a training on Preschool Child Outcomes. While we have been tracking student progress from the age of three through six, with better data and reporting.

We are placing a greater focus on Family Engagement, involving parents more actively in the process of planning for and setting goals for their children.

We are also placing a greater focus on reading achievement and will be including goals in this area for all special education students, regardless of their disability, if they are behind in their reading achievement.

Two of our teachers at the elementary school have applied to attend the Lucy Calkins Special Education Institute to determine how to adapt the Units of Study in Readers' and Writers' Workshop to meet the needs of special education students.

Middle School – Submitted by Andy Hansen, Principal

The 1:1 initiative continues to go well. We have conducted two trainings regarding the use of Google Applications for Education – the last being this past Wednesday. The students have been quite good at being careful with the devices. We have not a damaged device to date. We have had two warranty incidents, but no damage to date. It is evident that the devices are creating lots of excitement for the students.

The middle school cross country season has concluded and girls basketball has begun. Thanks to Lael Bagnall who coached the cross country team and good luck to Ann Parnitzke and Felicia Holzwart and Andrea Schmidt who will coach the girls in basketball. Our kids and coaches have done a great job representing the school.

We held our second ongoing support seminar for our new teachers. The seven new teachers have transitioned well into the faculty. At these ongoing support seminars, which are held monthly, we discuss topics necessary to teachers like effective parent conferencing, assessment literacy, special education policy, methodology, etc. We also bought the book What Great Teachers Do Differently for all the new teachers, and we discuss chapters in the book. The next meeting is set for Nov. 7.

High School – Submitted by Scott Fritz, Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences on October 5th went well. We had 41% of the parents attend. Mr. Nennig had his Junior Parent Meeting on October 5th during Conferences

Our Guidance Department and the Advisers will be working with individual students this week to begin building their Academic Career Plans.

Initial SRI testing (Lexile Scores) have been completed in our English Classes.

A Veteran's Day assembly will be held on November 11th at 1:00 PM

District – Reported by Chris Peterson, Superintendent

The first District Leadership Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 26.

The Safety Committee will be meeting in the near future.

Updates will be made in the High School Commons including painting, new tables and seating areas.

Mr. DeAmico recognized Josh Shorer for his attendance at the meeting. Josh is working to earn the *Citizenship in the Community* merit badge for Boy Scouts.

2. Chris Peterson provided a referendum update. A public information meeting was held on October 12th; another meeting is scheduled for October 19th. Presentations have been made to the staff and various community groups including the Tuesday Senior Dining Program, the PTO, Advancement Association, Millersville Rec., and the Athletic Club. An article will be printed in the upcoming newsletter and a postcard mailing will be sent to residents near the end of the month.

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Dehne, to convene in closed session as set forth in Section 19.85 (1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of employee(s). Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mrs. Plass, to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.



Richard Pearce, Clerk