

Board of Education
High School Library
November 21, 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, and Mr. Pearce.
Administrators present: Tracy Bandt, Jason Cole, Scott Fritz, Andy Hansen, Dawn Laboy, and Chris Peterson. Also present: Kim Hager, Julie Johnson, Matt Last, Dave Richart, Lisa Schultz, Courtney Binversie, Olivia Stauss, Josselyn Gauger, along with her parents James and Kari Gauger.

Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mr. Dehne, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Dehne, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2016, regular board meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, 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 October:

#10 - General Fund	}	\$ 878,045.73
#27 - Special Education Fund		
#50 - Food Service Fund		
#30 - Debt Service Fund		\$ 0.00

Motion carried, 4-0.

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

The Board acknowledged and extended their gratitude and appreciation to the following businesses and individuals for their support of the school district and the students in their generosity of the following donations:

The Howards Grove Education Foundation donated \$700.31 for the Challenge Day program at the high school.

A \$10,000 donation was received from Lynn Berg for the purchase of updated equipment for the high school weight room.

The FFA Alumni donated \$875 for students to attend the FFA National Convention.

Northwoods Superior Chemical donated \$5,000 for volleyball uniforms.

The following donations were received from the Howards Grove PTO:

\$115.26 for transportation costs associated with the Kindergarten field trip to Whispering Orchard.

\$100 toward the Middle School Book Swap

\$175 for food for the staff during Middle School Parent Teacher Conference

The following donations were received in conjunction with the State Volleyball Tournament:

Millersville Rec. Department - \$250 + \$275 for Spirit Towels

Cleveland State Bank - \$500 + \$500 for the band to attend

Denise & Terry Schaller - \$1,000

Lynn Berg - \$1,000

Jerome Godard - \$500

Howards Grove Athletic Association - \$500

S & T Motors - \$275 for Spirit Towels

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board acknowledged a thank you note received from Julie Johnson; along with thank you notes received from Jane Lensmire and Scott Fritz and their families.

ADVISORY MEMBER REPORTS:

There were no Advisory Member Reports this month.

STUDENT LEARNING PRESENTATION/STUDENT ADVISORY REPORTS:

Student Council representatives reported that students and families donated approximately 1000 pounds of clothing during a recent clothing drive held in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club. Austin Brooks received an iPad for his clothing donation. Student Council will also be investigating the backpack rule and they will be holding a Super Fan t-shirt design contest.

Third grade student, Josselyn Gauger, with the help of Principal Jason Cole, made a presentation to the Board regarding Josselyn's idea to establish a "Santa Sack" toy drive at Northview. Third grade students will decorate boxes to be used for the collection of gently used or new toys which, in turn, will be given to kids who don't have any toys. Toys will be collected at Northview December 1-16, and will be distributed to children through the Sheboygan County Foster Care program.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve two new high school course offerings, *Creative English One (Creative Writing)* and *Creative English Two (Drama)*, for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried, 4-0.
2. The Board reviewed, but took no action on the academic calendars presented for the 2017-18 and the 2018-19 school years. The calendars will be recommended for approval at the December School Board Meeting.

OTHER REPORTS/BUILDING REPORTS:1. **Building Reports:****Northview Elementary – Submitted by Jason Cole, Principal**

Veterans Day – Thank you to Teresa Sprenger, third grade teacher, for her service to our country. Julia Leeson organized opportunities for students to create/write cards to veterans.

Halloween Parade in the gym – guest reader Scaredy Squirrel read the book Scaredy Cat, Splat! Kids had a chance to change into their costumes at the end of the day. Each grade level walked around the gym showcasing their awesome costumes.

NV Building Leadership Team currently working on our mission and vision statements.

Reading and writing celebrations – 4th grade created disaster kits using the computer boxes from the 1:1 initiative and shared what they learned with 2nd graders

Parent-Teacher Conferences went well. I will have numbers/percentages next time.

Great Thanksgiving Feast on November 16th. It was a great time serving lunch to the students. Thank you Chris, Tracy and Nicole Hansen for helping. The kindergarteners were extra excited because, “Mr. Cole has a job!”

A Thank You note was received from the Reinbold Novak Funeral Home for participating in the Coats for Kids campaign. Over 975 coats were collected by the community overall.

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

The special education department has been working on promoting parent engagement. We have been creating some resources for families, including:

A flowchart of who to contact with questions or when in need of an advocate

A parent accordion file for all IEP paperwork and other community resources

We are also considering seeking out a parent liaison to families and offering training.

Our CESA 7 Parent Advocate will be coming in to do a presentation, called "IEP 101" to families of children with special needs.

Middle School – Submitted by Andy Hansen, Principal

39 members of Howards Grove Middle School competed in the November 7 Lakeland University Math Meet against most of the Sheboygan County Middle Schools. Over 350 total students competed. The Howards Grove Middle School students were divided into four teams. One of the HG teams won first place in the math meet. HG has won the math meet two of the last three years. Jack Scheiber placed 1st overall in the meet. Two other HG mathletes finished in the top 10 – Jayden VanHelden at 4th place and Pierce Hoewisch in 10th place. Congratulations to all our mathletes and to Coaches Ann Parnitzke and Joanne Wesener.

On Friday November 11, the middle school had a Veteran's Day Assembly. The character theme of the month is Honor, so the middle school featured Honor Flight in the assembly. YouTube clips of Honor Flights were shown during the week to build background knowledge. Then, at the assembly, another clip was shown and John Eickholt spoke about his experience as a guardian on a recent Honor Flight. Kids were great and the assembly was a success.

Throughout this school year, staff at the middle school has consciously focused on improving climate at the middle school especially as it related to work ethic and work completion. Staff has begun conversations about adding work ethic/work completion lessons to the content classrooms. Staff believes that these efforts will improve daily performance and will improve state test scores. We have solid test scores now, but staff believes that if the students displayed an even greater commitment and ethic, that scores will improve.

High School – Submitted by Scott Fritz, Principal

Congratulations to our Performers, Crew and Directors for a wonderful *Cinderella* performance in Kohler - AWESOME SHOW!

Congratulations to the Volleyball Team on their State Title in Division 3.

Thank you to the Fans and Community for their unwavering support

Thank you to Dave Schmid for all of the work organizing the behind the scenes activities

Thank you to the Staff for chaperoning and supporting the team

Congratulations to Coach Damrow and his staff for all of the hard work!

Congratulations to Katie Guse for finishing 36th with a time of 20:50.9 at the WIAA State Cross Country Meet. Congratulations on a great high school career.

Congratulations to all of our Fall Sports athletes for a great season - Good Luck to all of our Winter Athletes.

HS will start getting ready for Scheduling for next year. Course description booklets will be put together and students will begin requesting courses.

We had two staff members (Kim Hager from HS and Tim Bartz from MS) attend Google Training and we are planning sessions to share information with entire staff.

Academic Career Planning sessions are occurring during the Advisement periods students are creating electronic portfolios related to Career Planning.

Chris Peterson shared the following results of the state test scores for the Howards Grove School District:

Northview Elementary – Significantly Exceeds Expectations

Middle School – Exceeds Expectations

High School – Exceeds Expectations

The district received an overall 5 star rating

Eighteen new inductees to the National Honor Society were recognized at a banquet held on November 1st.

Mr. Dehne expressed his appreciation for the updates to the Northview Facebook page. Mr. Dehne also commented on the visibility of the progress and growth of students as they transition from Northview to the Middle School, and from the Middle School to the High School.

Mr. DeAmico commented on his observations of students using the 1:1 computer initiative recently adopted by the district, noting the exchange of information between students and the amount of use by the teaching staff.


Mrs. Bramstedt congratulated Mr. Holzer and the Kohler staff for the successful production of the musical, *Cinderella*.

2. Referendum Update:

Chris Peterson provided an update on the auditorium project. Floor plans have been reviewed to consider seating, changing rooms, storage areas, concessions, and adding a family restroom area. Sky lights have been replaced with step lights. Details of the contracts with the construction company and the architect are being reviewed by the district's attorney. Soil samples will be taken in the near future. The construction area will be quilted to help prevent the frost from penetrating too deep in anticipation of ground breaking in early spring. Kari Bramstedt and Nate Dehne will represent the School Board on the advisory committee for the auditorium, along with representatives from the music, art, and drama departments.

Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to convene in closed session as set forth in Section 19.85 (1)(c), (f) of the Wisconsin Statutes to deliberate the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of employees, 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.

Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Dehne, to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.



Richard Pearce, Clerk