

Board of Education
High School Library
December 19, 2016

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. Dehne, Mr. DeAmico, Mr. Pearce, and Mrs. Plass. Administrators present: Tracy Bandt, Jason Cole, Scott Fritz, Andy Hansen, and Chris Peterson. Also present: Matt Last, Steve Ottman, Dave Richart, Lisa Schultz; 8th Grade students, along with their parents and/or grandparents Drew Lamansky, Nick Lewis, Jack Scheiber, Geo Varish; Keith Coop, Barbara Scheiber, Steve Lewis, Maria Lamansky, Wendy Varish, Layne Varish; and Emma Dehne and Morgan Wittman representing the High School Student Council.

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

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mr. Pearce, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2016, Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

#10 - General Fund	}	\$ 877,264.78
#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 this month.

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

The Howards Grove PTO donated \$167.58 to cover bussing costs for Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten field trips.

A donation valued at \$1500 was received from Fintelmann Roofing & Siding, LLC for repairs to the two baseball dugout buildings located at the high school athletic complex.

37 new books were donated to our *Little Free Libraries* by an anonymous donor. The estimated value of the books is \$400.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged a note of thanks received from Mary Grunewald and the family of James Murray. A note of thanks and appreciation was received from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Sheboygan for clothing collected and donated by students and families of the Howards Grove School District.

ADVISORY MEMBER REPORTS:

There were no Advisory Member Reports this month.

STUDENT LEARNING PRESENTATION/STUDENT ADVISORY REPORTS:

Mr. Hansen, along with four 8th Grade students, provided a presentation and demonstrated some of the features of a drone. The drone was purchased with money raised through the PTO Color Run that was held this past spring. A technology club will be implemented for middle school and high school students to explore and learn some of the applications related to programming the drone and recording videos using a drone, along with the legalities of owning a drone.

Emma Dehne and Morgan Wittman reported on behalf of the High School Student Council. They reported that Student Council conducted a survey of staff and students with regard to having backpacks in the classroom due to the fact that students have a lot of things to carry from class to class. They will also be speaking with the Police department regarding the safety of backpacks. Activities are underway this week for Holiday Spirit Week, which will conclude with Community Service Day on Friday, December 23. Community Service Day will have students participating in events such as caroling, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, helping out at Northview, the HG Activity Center, the Humane Society, and Habitat for Humanity Resale Shop; decorating and packaging cookies, making fleece blankets, and building and painting benches. A Penny War was held to raise funds for supplies used for Community Service Day projects. In addition, Student Council purchased 2 microwaves for student use in the commons.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mr. Dehne, to authorize Mrs. Plass, the delegate from the Howards Grove School District, to use her discretion when voting on the resolutions at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards State Convention in January 2017. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the 2017-18 calendar as presented in Exhibit B-2, with the changes as discussed. Motion carried, 5-0.

The 2018-2019 calendar was discussed. No formal action was taken on the calendar; however, the week of March 25-29, 2019 is tentatively planned as Spring Break.

OTHER REPORTS:

1. Building Reports

Northview Elementary - Submitted by Jason Cole, Principal

A New Student/New Family night was held on November 29th, 5:30-7:00. There were 26 people, including 10 new NV students who attended the evening. It was a family-engaged evening, including pizza, board games, Pictionary, Legos, and drawing activities.

Recent Breakfast and Books - 110 people attended.

Bridging Brighter Smiles - 17 students, 10 families utilized the dental service provided by Bridging Brighter Smiles. They used the Northview conference room from 8:00 - 4:00 on December 1st.

Northview staff attending conferences: Courtney Mashin and Nicole Jacques - SLATE; Deanna Milz and Lisa Gartman - TCRWP - Adapting Units of Study for Special Education/IEP Institute; Myself - Leading Implementation of Units of Study in Writing and Reading (K-8)

Santa Sack was very successful. Pat Prigge and Sue Schmidt from Sheboygan County Foster Care picked up the toys for distribution, and praised and thanked the students and families for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Upcoming Winter sing-a-long to be held on December 23rd at 2:15.

Under the direction of Mr. Cole, the Northview staff is working to create a Mission Statement. The preliminary Mission Statement reads as follows: *Northview Elementary School provides a meaningful and engaging learning experience that inspires children to become lifelong learners.*

Student Services - Submitted by Tracy Bandt, Special Education Coordinator & School Psychologist

Two of our elementary special education teachers attended the Reader's/Writer's Workshop conference in New York the first week of December. This conference had a specific focus on how to implement Reader's and Writer's Workshop in the classroom for special education students. The teachers were amazed at the new strategies and professional development they gained. They are busy preparing an inservice for the middle school special education teachers and will also be collaborating with classroom teachers to more effectively meet the needs of all students, with the goal of including special education students in the classroom even more in the future. That being said, the majority of our special education students are out of the regular education classroom less than 20% of the time.

Our staff attended training on Thursday, December 15th aimed at using the new special education paperwork. The focus of the new IEP paperwork is to increase parent engagement and establish a focus on reading for all students, regardless of their disabilities. While many schools are waiting to implement the new procedures in January or beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, we have embraced the changes and have been following the new focus and procedures since the beginning of the year. The IEPs being developed for students are exceptional and are focused on developing students into college and career-ready young adults.

We have just completed the 2nd portion of our compliance review for DPI and will be undertaking the last focus (Parent Engagement) in February.

For students with English Language needs, testing is underway and will be completed in early February. As of this point, I have completed the testing for our kindergarten students and will be completing the testing for students in grades 1-12 this week and following the New Year.

Middle School - Submitted by Andy Hansen, Principal

On Monday December 5 we held our annual winter music program. 5th and 6th grade general music classes, the 5th, 6th, and Junior Bands and the 7th and 8th grade choir all performed. The concert was really well attended. Then on Tuesday morning December 6 we had our concert replay for the Northview students. For the first time, we invited grandparents to attend the concert replay and about 20 attended. Zach Holzer, Angie Houston, Susan Zeuske, and Joelle Barrett are to be commended.

Our middle school science staff finished their three part science curriculum meeting series at CESA this past Thursday December 15. The team learned about best practices in teaching science, reviewed our curriculum alignment to the Next Generation Science Standards, and discussed assessment best practice. The team has worked very hard to realign the science sequence at the middle school as well as integrate the new Science Fusion materials.

A team of 5 middle school teachers has begun the work of preparing a soft skills or citizenship report card for our middle school students. We had our first meeting Thursday December 15. We discussed our desired outcomes from this effort, discussed rolling this concept out to parents and students, and discussed created some format that is manageable for teachers and understandable for parents. We have a next meeting planned for Thursday January 12. Our goal pilot this on a limited basis in the fourth quarter and to have a full implementation in the 2017-2018 school year.

The Middle School is partnering with Trex Plastic Film Recycling. They recycle plastic grocery bags, stretch film, water bottle case wrap to name a few. So far 185 pounds of plastic material has been collected. The collection will run through April 15th.

High School - Submitted by Scott Fritz, Principal

Thank you to NHS for collecting 130 toys that were donated to NV Santa Sack project.

Thank you to FBLA and Mrs. Biederwolf for organizing this year's Community Service Day on Friday, December 23rd.

2nd Term Parent Teacher Conferences were held on December 7th. Approximately 35% of the parents attended the conferences.

Students are continuing to complete their Academic Career Plans during Advisement. We will be giving a full report on ACP's at the end of this school year.

The students and music staff were recognized by all of the administrators and school board members for the recent Winter Concert performance at the Weill Center. The custodial staff was commended for their help with all of the set-up, take down, and also transporting instruments for the event.

Chris Peterson reported that new tables and pub tables have been purchased for the high school commons. They will be installed over the winter break. In addition to tables, several islands will be in place equipped with charging stations for students to use to charge their HP Streams.

Mr. DeAmico commented on his recent visit to Northview, noting he had an opportunity to meet with staff members, and help with the Santa Sack event. Mr. DeAmico commended Mr. Cole and the staff at Northview for all that they do for the students and families in the district.

2. Auditorium Update

Chris Peterson and Mark DeAmico reported that an Advisory Committee has been formed for the auditorium project. The committee is made up of board members, high school staff, staff members from the music and art departments, and also community members. The committee has had one meeting, and will assist with decisions to be made related to the interior components of the auditorium.

Motion by Mrs. Plass, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to convene in closed session as set forth in Section 19.85 (1) (c), (f) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of employee(s), and to consider personal history as it relates to specific person(s). Vote by the Board: Bramstedt, aye; Dehne, aye; DeAmico, aye; Pearce, aye; Plass, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pearce, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

Richard Pearce

Richard Pearce, Clerk