

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education on July 18, 2016 in the Spooner High School Auditorium located at 801 County Hwy. A, Spooner.

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Robert Hoellen in accordance with revised printed notice of July 18, 2016.

Robert Hoellen reported that members Paul Goellner and Christina Martin resigned from the Board of Education on July 13, 2016.

Roll Call

Members present: Paul Johnson, Vicki Anderson, Robert Hoellen, Kevin King
Members absent: Karen Sorenson
Also present: Business Manager Shannon Grindell

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Paul Johnson
Second by Kevin King
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Convene into Closed Session

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

- A. Student services staffing
- B. Professional contract

Motion to convene into closed session by Vicki Anderson
Second by Kevin King
Roll call vote: Paul Johnson - Y
Vicki Anderson - Y
Robert Hoellen - Y
Kevin King - Y
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote at 6:06 p.m.

Convened into Closed Session

Reconvene into Open Session – Immediately upon the conclusion of any closed session that is convened for the purposes identified above, but NO EARLIER THAN 7:00 p.m., the Board will continue the meeting in open session.

- A. Announcement of action taken in closed session, if any.

Motion to reconvene into open session by Vicki Anderson at 7:54 p.m.
Second by Kevin King.
Roll call vote: Paul Johnson - Y
Vicki Anderson - Y
Robert Hoellen - Y
Kevin King - Y
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Announcement of action taken in closed session, if any.

Robert Hoellen reported that no action was taken in closed session and that no addition of a second school psychologist was made.

Consent Agenda

- A. Board of Education minutes
 - 1. June Regular Board meeting minutes - 06/20/2016
 - 2. Special Board meeting minutes - 06/13/2016, 06/15/2016, 06/22/2016, 06/30/2016
 - 3. Closed session meeting minutes - 06/13/2016, 06/20/2016, 06/22/2016
- B. Board Committee minutes
 - 1. Curriculum minutes - 06/20/2016
 - 2. Public Relations minutes - 06/20/2016
- C. Approval of vouchers

Motion to approve consent agenda by Kevin King.
Second by Paul Johnson.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Informational Session

- A. Administrative reports - None.
- B. Student, staff, and community recognitions

Staff, Student, or Community Member	Background	Nominated By
John Kidder	Outstanding support for student transportation. John's positive communication serves as a great bridge between families and school staff.	Luke Stordahl Rhonda Carlton

- C. Board reports
Vicki Anderson reported that in response to some members of the community inquiring about whether a conflict of interest exists because the Board President has served as an official for SASD sporting events or because she serves as a driver's education instructor for WITC, which provides driver education to the District.

Motion made for the Board to authorize me, Vicki Anderson, to make a limited disclosure of the conclusions that the Board's legal counsel has reached on this issue by reading a statement that has been prepared by legal counsel. It would be my intention not to waive any aspect of the attorney-client privilege other than to read the statement prepared by legal counsel.

Second by Kevin King.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vicki Anderson then read the following statement from legal counsel:

The School Board recently obtained an opinion from its legal counsel on whether the Board President's service as an official for SASD sporting events or her work as a behind-the-wheel instructor for WITC creates a conflict of interest. The Board's legal counsel has concluded that a conflict of interest does not exist.

No conflict of interest exists with respect to the Board President serving as an official for SASD sporting events because the total value of the contract was well under the \$15,000 per year threshold. Likewise, a conflict of interest does not exist with respect to the Board President serving as a drivers' education instructor for WITC because the total value of the contract between SASD and WITC is only \$1, which is

obviously far below the \$15,000 per year threshold. Additionally, the Board President was not involved in discussing, negotiating, forming, or approving the contract with WITC, and the Board President is not employed by the School District; rather, she is employed by WITC. Finally, the Board's legal counsel has determined that the Board President's service as official for SASD sporting events and her service as a behind-the-wheel driver's education instructor for WITC did not violate the Code of Ethics because she did not use her position on the Board to obtain anything of value for herself or an organization with which she is associated.

Some members of the community have asked why the Vice-President of the School Board signed the settlement agreement with the former superintendent instead of the President. Acting out of an abundance of caution, the Board President wanted to ensure that no conflict existed and that any consideration of this issue would not impact the agreement in any way. Therefore, the Board President designated the Vice-President to sign the agreement.

1. **Committee reports**
Budget/Buildings & Grounds - Robert Hoellen reported on the status of the 2016-2017 budget with Fund 10 expenditures totaling \$15,079,621.92 and revenues totaling \$14,693,727.23; preliminary budget work for 2016-2017; summer projects; disc golf course.
Personnel - Paul Johnson reported that committee recommends the District conduct staff exit surveys, retroactive back three years; school perceptions survey report should be available soon.
Policy - Vicki Anderson reported that the committee does not feel it can move forward until they receive the NEOLA policies and will sit down with admin staff to work it out.

2. Committee of the Whole - Kevin King reported on the presentation for the Referendum Planning portion of the meeting made by CESA 10 followed by open discussion and suggestions with the audience in attendance. Kevin then reported on the Strategic Planning portion of the meeting where he went through the current version of the plan, revised the previous evening by the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, with community interaction and suggestions through each phase of the report. The SPAHC will meet on 8-1-2016 to review community input and hopefully finalize the draft for presentation and consideration to the full Board in August.

Community Comments - per Wis. Stat. 19.83(2) and 19.84(2) the Board will allow public comments. *Individuals will have 3 minutes each to address the Board of Education. The community comment session will be limited to 45 minutes.*

One comment, a request by a teacher for Board approval of her SEF grant for a video equipment for her classroom.

Discussion and Action

- A. Personnel recommendations

HIRING			
Name	Position	Replacing	Recommending Administrator
Kathy Gaffer	Elementary Art Teacher	Jenny Parranto	Luke Stordahl
Mitch Hamm	Director of Special Education	Sue Curtis-Interim	Brad Larrabee
Holly Bacha	Middle/High Choir Teacher	Eric Conner	Sarah Johnson
Maggie Farmer	Elementary Teacher	Erin Zemaitis	Luke Stordahl

Motion to approve personnel recommendations by Vicki Anderson.
 Second by Kevin King.
 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Acceptance of donations

Donation from:	Donation to:	Donation amount or item:
Wine Pairing Participants	Student Scholarship, Summer School Supply Fees	\$190.00
State Farm	SASD	\$500.00

Motion to approve the donations by Paul Johnson.
 Second by Kevin King.
 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

C. JAG Program. Initially following the 6/20/16 Board meeting, JAG indicated donors had extended a full funding option to Spooner; however, the additional funding as of the BOE meeting is no longer available due to later timing for optimal startup.

D. Posting of Interim Superintendent position. Robert Hoellen indicated he would contact WASB for information and possible services contract to assist with the recruitment and hiring of an interim superintendent and that members reach out to their professional contacts for suggestions and report back at a special meeting of the Board to be held the following week, 7-26-2016.

E. Referendum planning - covered earlier in Board reports.

F. Lunch price increase. Shannon Grindell reported on the need to increase lunch prices \$.10 for 2016-2017 in order to remain in compliance with DPI guidelines.

Motion made to increase lunch prices by \$.10 by Vicki Anderson.
 Second by Kevin King.
 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

G. Citizen participation of committees (Policy 185)
 Vicki Anderson reported that according Policy 185 the District must annually seek community members to serve as non-voting members of the Curriculum, Public Relations, and Budget/Buildings and Grounds committees. The District will need to get that process rolling in August for probable September approval.

H. Filling of Board vacancy.
 Motion made by Vicki Anderson to post two current Board vacancies 7-19-2016 through 8-5-2016; interviews, candidate approval and installation on 8-15-2016.
 Second by Kevin King.
 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

I. Designation of Law Firm
 Shannon Grindell presented proposals by legal firms of Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger and Weld Riley.

Motion to appoint Weld Riley as District legal counsel.
Second by Paul Johnson.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Kevin King.
Second by Vicki Anderson.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
Adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vicki Anderson, Clerk
Spooner Board of Education