

LITTLE CHUTE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
“Fostering a Community of Learners”
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 23, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Little Chute Area School District Boardroom

Present: Board Members: Mary Janssen, Leon Biesterveld, Jerry Verhagen, Chuck George, Lynn Hietpas; District Administrator, Dave Botz; Student Council Representative, Zach Dercks (excused); Recording Secretary, Cheryl Vande Voort; and nineteen guest(s).

The Little Chute Area School District Board of Education meeting was called to order by Board President, Mary Janssen, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011.

Motion: To approve the agenda as printed.
By: Chuck George Second by: Jerry Verhagen Approved
Ayes 5; Opposed 0

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, May 9, 2011 as printed.
By: Chuck George Second by: Lynn Hietpas Approved
Ayes 5; Opposed 0

Public Forum: Board President Janssen mentioned that Little Chute was hosting the WIAA Regional track meet Monday night. Also, Mrs. Janssen said, that at the soccer parent meeting she attended, parents commented that at the Saturday soccer meet (which was on a very rainy day) they appreciated the fact and HS principal, Dan Valentyn and Athletic Director, Anna Maass were there giving support to our soccer team.

Communications:

- a. **Student Council Report:** Zach was unable to attend the meeting due to working on preparations for DI Nationals in Tennessee.
- b. **Level III Comprehensive School Counseling Model: Student School Climate Survey:** School counselors; Julie Janquart, Dawn Alft, Cindy Heath and Tracy Schmidt were in attendance to update the Board on the Student School Climate Survey and answer questions pertaining to their power point.
- c. **High School Last Day Schedule:** A request by HS Principal, Dan Valentyn, to change the last day schedule for the high school students was discussed by the Board. The HS did this last year and was asked to report back to the Board on how this schedule worked. They found it worked to the students advantage in better accommodating students who are testing.
- d. **New Club: Gay-Straight Alliance:** Mr. Valentyn and HS students, Samii Erickson, Charlotte Ransbottom, Ysamar Villagomez, Kendra Lamers, Kelly Zoern and Alexis Fischer, were in attendance to address the Board on the new club called the Gay-Straight Alliance or (GSA “Gaining Support &

Acceptance”). The GSA has already completed the process of forming the new club through the District Co-Curricular Committee and is asking for probationary club status from the Board.

- e. **Early Graduation Request:** High school student, Sarah Longworth, was in attendance to request early graduation at the end of semester 1 of the 2011-12 school year. Sarah will have the required number of credits by the end of semester 1 and has a solid plan in place for her transition to secondary education. Administratively we support the students’ decision and feel it is in her best interest.
- f. **Curriculum Update:** Curriculum Coordinator, Jennifer Mc Dermot, updated the Board on the high school curriculum updates and revisions. Ms. Mc Dermot also reviewed the PreK-8 Academic Vocabulary Lists with the Board. With Board approval the vocabulary lists will be adopted as part of our PreK-8 curriculum and the District’s *Active Literacy Model*.
- g. **Administrative Team Report(s):** Administrators were in attendance to give oral reports this month and answer questions regarding their respective reports.
- h. **District Breakfast:** Board members were invited to attend the annual End-of-Year District breakfast. This breakfast will honor our retirees and thank the staff for another great year of teaching the youth of Little Chute. It will be held on Wednesday, June 8th, at 7:30 a.m. in the HS/MS Commons.
- i. **New Hires:** There were six new hires for Board approval for the 2011-12 school year. Katie Ribarchek was recommended for the 4th grade teaching position, Mallory Hunsader was recommended for the four-year-old (Be Four) kindergarten position both at the ES; Anna Schlimm was recommended for the part-time Spanish position, Danielle Kinderman was recommended for the choral music position and Elizabeth Flaherty was recommended for the School Psychologist position at the HS/MS; and Dan Miller was recommended for the MS physical education position.
- j. **1st Reading Fund Balances Under GASB 54:** Business Manager, Debbie Pelegrin, updated the Board on the information from the DPI regarding reporting fund balances under GASB 54. She also reviewed a revised fund balance policy which will be brought up again at our next meeting on June 13th.
- k. **Classroom Changes for 2011-12 School Year:** Superintendent Botz discussed the schematics of the room changes that will occur this summer to accommodate the Little Chute Intermediate School and the Little Chute Career Pathways Academy.
- l. **2011-12 Budget Review:** Superintendent Botz and Business Manager Pelegrin updated the Board on the 2011-12 budget and the budget reductions the Administrative team recommended to balance next year’s operation budget. They will look for Board approval on these reductions at our June 13th meeting.

District Finances:

- a. **Bills & Claims:** A copy of the bills and claims for payment was reviewed by the board.
- b. **Treasurer’s Report:** A brief treasurer’s report was given by Treasurer, Leon Biesterveld.

Action Items:

- a. **Approval of Checks for Payment:** Checks #64515 through #64661 in the amount of \$1,208,917.54 were presented for approval.

Motion: To approve checks #64515 through #64661 in the amount of \$1,208,917.54 as presented.
By: Leon Biesterveld Second by: Chuck George Approved
Ayes 5; Opposed 0

- b. **New Club:** A recommendation was made for approval of probationary status for the new club Gay-Straight Alliance at the high school. The club will report back to the Board next year to inform them about their first year progress.

Motion: To approve the probationary status of the Gay-Straight Alliance with a report back in a year.
By: Jerry Verhagen Second by: Lynn Hietpas Approved
Ayes 5; Opposed 0

- c. **High School Last Day Schedule:** A recommendation was made to give the high school principal the ability to adjust the last day schedule with approval from the District Administrator for each high school term and proceed in the future unless a concern is brought up by a student, faculty member, administrator, board member or parent.

Motion: To approve the recommendation to give the high school principal the ability to adjust the last day schedule for each term as presented.
By: Jerry Verhagen Second by: Chuck George Approved
Ayes 5; Opposed 0

- d. **Early Graduation Request:** A recommendation was made to approve the application of Sarah Longworth for early graduation at the end of semester 1 in the 2011-12 school year.

Motion: To approve the early graduation request of Sarah Longworth at the end of semester 1 in the 2011-12 school year.
By: Chuck George Second by: Lynn Hietpas Approved
Ayes 5; Opposed 0

- e. **New Hires:** A recommendation was made to approve the six new teachers for the 2011-12 school year as presented.

Motion: To approve the recommendation of the six new teachers for the 2011-12 school year.
By: Chuck George Second by: Lynn Hietpas Approved
Ayes 5; Opposed 0

- f. **Curriculum Updates:** A recommendation was made to approve the PreK-8 academic vocabulary list for insertion into respective grade level BYOC curricula as part of our *Active Literacy Model*.

Motion: To approve the PreK-8 academic vocabulary lists for insertion into our respective grade level BYOC curricula as part of our *Active Literacy Model*.
By: Jerry Verhagen Second by: Lynn Hietpas Approved
Ayes 5; Opposed 0

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Board President, Mary Janssen asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn.

By: Lynn Hietpas Second by: Jerry Verhagen Approved
Ayes 5; Opposed 0

Time: 6:35 p.m.

Prepared by,

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Vande Voort
Recording Secretary

Charles V. George
Clerk