

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

Vice-president Dale Aue called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Meeting Room.

Compliance with the Open Meeting Law and Statutory Notices – District Administrator Dr. William Greb noted that the agenda was posted on the doors at the elementary school, high school, district office and on the website and the notice was sent to the *Marshfield News Herald*.

Members present were: Dave Homb, Dale Aue, Marleen Knutson, Susan Raab, and Bill Thiel.

Dale Aue moved, Susan Raab seconded, to declare the meeting legal. Motion carried.

Recognition of the public who wish to comment to the Board. Marleen Knutson commented on the school culture initiative meeting and numerous upcoming school events including the “bring your tractor to school” day, 5th grade concert, and K-3 concert. She commended the forensics students for their numerous awards. We had several students receiving a perfect score of 25 who will advance to the next level of competition.

Dave Homb moved, Susan Raab seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Dave Homb moved, Susan Raab seconded, to approve the open and closed session minutes from the regular board meeting held on March 16, 2016. Motion carried.

Treasurer Susan Raab reported on the Finance Committee Meeting. Expenses are on target for the year. There was discussion regarding long- and short-term disability insurance. We are receiving bids on health insurance. There is regular maintenance and some minor roof repairs needed. Susan Raab moved, Dave Homb seconded, to approve the additional vendor checks #10114-10127, #3389-03390, bank transfer checks #201500069-201500080, payroll checks #40793-40835 and direct deposits #900042523-900042755 in the amount of \$986,431.02. Motion carried.

Focus on Schools – Mrs. Kremer had three students give brief vocal demonstrations to the Board. These students will advance to state solo ensembles.

Cultural Change Initiative – We need to build the foundation to ensure that learning is taking place and that kids move in a positive academic way. A community service component is being planned as an additional requirement for high school graduation. Teachers will be more hands-on tracking failing or nearly failing students. Grades and discipline issues will be reviewed frequently. Other options for grade improvement were guided study hall, tutoring, and removing students from elective classes if they are failing core subjects. Susan Raab moved, Dave Homb seconded to adopt the cultural change initiative. Motion carried.

School Website – Bruce Fredrick gave a presentation on several alternative websites available through Schoolwires. All versions had a map app, a social media app, and video, livestream and blogging capabilities. Dave Homb moved, Sue Raab seconded, to approve the third example. Motion carried.

Andy Scharenbroch presented revisions made to the elementary handbook for 2016-17. Marleen Knutson moved, Dale Aue seconded, to approve the revised handbook. Motion carried.

Marleen Knutson moved, Dave Hombs seconded to accept the resignation of Scott Meidl as Head Girls Basketball Coach with a letter of thanks and gratitude. Sue Raab moved, Dale Aue seconded to accept the resignation of Korey Trowbridge as Jr. High Football Coach with a letter of thanks and gratitude. Motion carried.

Dale Aue moved, Marleen Knutson seconded to accept the compensation and supplemental pay for teachers. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

Marleen Knutson moved, Dave Homb seconded to approve the renewal of Dental Insurance coverage. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Aue moved, Dave Homb seconded to approve long- and short-term disability insurance contract through Standard Insurance. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

Sue Raab moved, Dale Aue seconded to further investigate Virtual Learning Network (VLN) as a “cyber-school” in a box alternative to the Rural Virtual Academy. Motion carried.

Mark Cournoyer gave an update on the school forest building designed by Chad Vanderwyst’s class. The school forest has had much use already with additional ideas/plans in the works. Mark also gave updates on excavation, concrete, road access, trails, fire pit and a wetland scrape. Susan Raab moved, Dale Aue seconded the approval to get firm bids for the building and necessary utilities.

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected Board members, Pamela de Boer and Dale Aue by Marleen Knutson, clerk.

The Board thanked Bill Thiel for his years as Board President with a plaque and certificate of appreciation.

Administrative reports were given by the Elementary School principal, Andy Scharenbroch and High School principal, James Delikowski. Mr. Scharenbroch reported on the Forward exam, and PALS and STAR testing. Mr. Delikowski reported on prom, AP courses and the upcoming FFA banquet. Dr. Greb read a commendation letter we received complementing Nate Weiler, Youth Wrestling coach.

Future agenda items may include the new keyless entry system and the school forest. Future meeting dates were discussed, with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

WI Rapids is hosting a presentation in January which Susan Raab plans to attend; this is the same night as the Milwaukee Education Convention. The keynote speaker is Kevin Hunnicutt.

The Policy Committee will meet to review all of the 300 policies.

Dave Homb moved, Susan Raab seconded, to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(a through h) for the following purpose: 1) to consider employment, compensation and performance of individual employees, and 2) to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons.

Dale Aue moved, Marleen Knutson seconded, to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote: Dave Homb, yes; Susan Raab, yes; Dale Aue, yes; Bill Thiel, yes; Marleen Knutson, yes. Motion carried.

Dave Homb moved, Dale Aue seconded to hire Shane Brandl and Josephine Stoflet as Junior High School track co-coaches. Roll call vote: Dave Homb, yes; Susan Raab, yes; Dale Aue, yes; Bill Thiel, yes; Marleen Knutson, yes. Motion carried. Dave Homb moved, Dale Aue seconded to equalize the pay scale for high school head and assistant coaches. Roll call vote: Dave Homb, yes; Susan Raab, yes; Dale Aue, yes; Bill Thiel, yes; Marleen Knutson, yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bill Thiel at 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marleen Knutson, Clerk

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Closed Session Minutes

These minutes are protected under Wisconsin Statutes and remain part of the official record. These minutes are not considered part of the public record and are not to be published.

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The Board discussed employment, compensation and performance of individual employees. They also considered the financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons.

The Junior High School track coach applicants were discussed. The coaching pay scale for head and assistant coaches was reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marleen Knutson, Clerk