

**NORWAY JT. 7 SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 27, 2009**

**Board members present: Don Walter, Deanna Stever, Tim Kling and Joe Blazek**

**Community Members: Lynn Conlee, Vicki Foulston, Michelle Paskiewicz, Stacey Paskiewicz, Don Grundy, Lillian Grundy, Lynn Theys, Lisa Sinda, Jerry Krause, Jessica Krause, Cindy Keiffer, Darcy Mateicka**

**I Open Meeting**

- A. Meeting called to order 7:00 P.M.
- B. Minutes to the December 2008 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Don Walter to approve the minutes of the December 2008 meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Kling. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. **Treasurer's Report/Cash position**  
Money market \$516,499; General Fund \$88,684; Student Activities \$24,997; PTO \$3,783.  
Motion made by Deanna Stever to accept Treasurers report as read. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Blazek. Board voted 5-0 in favor of motion.
- D. **Review of expenditures/revenues**  
Motion made by Jon Gultch to accept the expenditures/revenues as written. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deanna Stever. Board voted 5-0 in favor of motion.

**II Old Business**

- A. **Annexation of Property** – Notice sent to Mr. Carver with right to appear at meeting. Mr. Carver Requested to move property out of district creating island and additional tax burden to other tax payers. Mr Carver was not present at meeting. Board's original decision still remains.
- B. **Opening Special Ed Position** – No longer to continue with CESA 2. Consider all candidates for full time position.
- C. **Scheduling** – Discussed potential scheduling for next year with options to include combined 4K/5K, 1/2, 3/4 and self contain 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- D. **Special Ed. Aide** – Cheerleading coach approached to consider position of Special Ed. Aide at Drought. She will review all her current options at this time and will get back to us.
- E. **PI-34 Training (DPI required for new hires)** – A member of the staff needs to obtain training. Mr. Gorn will obtain the training which will be similar to a mentoring position to be used for new hires.
- F. **"Sexting"** – Sexting is sending nude pictures over your cellular phone. Discussion held to make community and parents aware and to help prepare parents better for students entering high school.
- G. **Converter Boxes** – Mr. Gorn purchased the converter boxes with the coupons so the school is all set for the switch to High Definition TV. Total cost was approximately \$20.
- H. **House App. Committee** – Mr. Gorn encouraged families struggling with the tough economy to come forward for any necessary government assistance for the lunch program.
- I. **Negotiations Teacher** – Feb 9-13 – Negotiation committee to pick day to schedule meeting.
- J. **Building Maintenance – floor scrubbers, toilets, etc** – Jeff fixed toilets that were not working and sent the floor scrubber that has not been working out for service / repair.
- K. **Workshop – "Working With Difficult People"** – Deb going to one day workshop. Cost \$80 and district will cover.

**III Administrative Reports**

- A. **Mass Notification System** – Discussion held on mass notification system that would phone automatically phone the community through designated phone numbers of each household. Annual cost \$185 for up to 1200 users. Mr. Gorn would like to obtain other community thoughts and further discussion will be held.
- B. **Salting Parking Lot** – Issues raised by community with lack of salt being spread in the winter. Discussion held regarding the additional cost and potential damage to building as well as potential safety concerns. Jeff will work with Kenny to provide additional salt when necessary.
- C. **Upcoming Field Trips** – Busing cost high but community would like the field trips to remain available. Discussion held regarding Insurance not covering when parents are driving their own personal vehicles. Mr. Gorn will look into the potential of renting parent vehicles to provide coverage for field trips / events.
- D. **JMBA** - Field trip for the 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders for JMBA for preparation for the fishing classes. Community concerns discussed. Additional information will be sent home to explain the event.
- E. **Milwaukee Public Museum** - 5K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade to go to the museum for an upcoming field trip and planned by Mr. Hoffman.
- F. **Beaver Dam** – Potential field trip to Beaver Dam brought forward by Mrs. Beecher and is hands on with DNR. Can contact Mrs. Beecher for additional details on the field trip.

- G. Girls Basket ball / Coach** – Discussion held on low interest shown for girls basketball as well as no coach. Looking at possibility to combine with another school in order to have a team.
- H. DPI Budget request** – Discussion held on DPI budget.
- I. Student Count (sign)** – Student count 107. Discussion held on low student count and other districts numbers starting to reduce. Open enrollment start in the beginning of February
- J. Student who left is back** – Student count back up to 107 students because a child that left has returned to the district.
- K. Newsletter** – Discussion held on newsletter and sending out on an as needed basis. Also discussed online newsletter vs paper copies.

**IV New Business**

- A. Auditor** - Auditor cost has increased from \$5,000 to \$7,100. Motion made by Don Walter to continue with Jim as auditor for one year and bid out the remaining years. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Kling. Board voted 5-0 in favor of motion.
- B. Board Resolution 0001 Regarding QEO** – Motion made by Jon Gultch and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Walter that the Norway J7 School Board declares that they support the current QEO law / language and would not be in favor of any changes regarding the QEO and the language pertaining to it. Board voted 5-0 in favor of motion.
- C. E-Rate, Garden Grant, Premier Assistive Technology Grant (\$8,000); CDWG** - Mr. Gorn is working on obtaining the Garden Grant. Also working on a Premier Assistive Technology Grant will provide software on each of the computers. CDWG (“win the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom”) discussed and encouraged everyone to go online and submit a vote to win.

**V Next Meeting:** February 24, 2009, 7:00 pm

**VII. Visitors Concerns**

- A. Lynn Conlee** – Discussion held on Algebra and the student participation.
- B. Vicki Foulston:**
  - Student Rules** – Discussion held on the rules that are in place.
  - Foreign Language** – Foreign language concerns were discussed.
  - Library** – Issues with library time was discussed.
- C. Don Grundy**
  - Discussion held on recent verbal threats from students.

**VI Board closed session for personnel-State Statute 19.85 (1) ©**

Motion made by Don Walter at 10:53 pm to move to closed session. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deanna Stever. Board voted 5-0 in favor of motion.