



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

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Board Members Present: Ginny Burley, Mark Berry, Conrad Smith, Sue Chickering, Allen Gilbert, Adrienne Magida, Tom Williams.

Administrators Present: Keith Gerritt, Principal; Tom McKone, HS Assistant Principal; Robbe Brook, Superintendent.

Student Representative: Andrew Huckins-Noss.

1.0. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.

2.0. Executive Session: Allen Gilbert moved to go into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of holding student discipline hearings. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously.

Allen Gilbert moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.

Allen Gilbert moved to accept the administration's recommendation regarding the two student discipline hearings. Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.

Others Present: Mark Mooney, MS Assistant Principal, Wes Cate.

3.0. Regular Meeting

3.1. Reception of Guests: All guests were welcomed.

3.2. Agenda Revisions: Ginny Burley noted that, in light of time, the board would scale back the agenda tonight.

3.3. Public Comments and Correspondence: None were heard.

4.0. Allen Gilbert moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2007 school board meeting. Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.

5.0. Action Agenda

5.1. WCSU: The board discussed the upcoming WCSU Full Board meeting and "carousel" meetings. The board agreed to begin the U-32 meeting at 6:00 rather than waiting until after the WCSU full board meeting. The board would like to discuss bullying policy discussions/developments at that meeting.

5.2. Policy: The committee is discussing the issues of harassment, bullying. The committee would like to discuss field trip policies in the near future, to take advantage of Tom Williams's expertise before his board term ends.

5.3. Personnel: No report.

5.4. Co-Curricular: No report.

5.5. Curriculum: Ginny Burley reported that discussion continues around "AP" courses and related issues, like weighted grading.

5.6. Facilities Report: Conrad Smith reported that Phase 2 of the roof project has begun. Some work on athletic fields has begun (aeration) – the inspection of the bleachers continues with a third inspection having been completed. The bleachers are now in use as per recommendation by two inspections. Keith Gerritt would like to bring recommendations from inspections to the Finance Committee. Conrad Smith thanked the administration for providing the committee with capital budget items, history, and relevant information for consideration. Allen Gilbert asked if the Finance Committee could stay after tonight's meeting to work out meeting dates and times.

5.7. Negotiations: No report.

5.8. Student Representative's Report: No report.

5.9. Administrator's Report: Keith Gerritt reported that the Scheduling Committee continues to work on three new proposed schedule models for consideration, in addition to the current schedule model. The proposals will be available for consideration on the U-32 website; the committee will present to Department Heads, to faculty and staff during in-service, and to the board on October 17th. Student council and class councils will have opportunities for input as well. During the following week (October 23rd) the community will be invited to a forum for further discussion, presentation, and input. The committee will compile input and bring a recommendation to the board in November. Keith Gerritt stated that discussion regarding scheduling is passionate and energetic. Keith Gerritt updated the board on the vandalism that had occurred during Homecoming weekend. He was pleased that both newspaper reports had been consistent, fair and accurate. Keith Gerritt spoke about different ways to repair the U-32 track surface.

Keith Gerritt also reported that Congressman Peter Welch will be visiting U-32 on Friday to sit in on a "Contemporary Issues" course, and afterwards to hold a round-table discussion. The topic of the discussion will be "No Child Left Behind." Ginny Burley, Keith Gerritt, a U-32 student, and a U-32 parent have been invited to sit on the panel for this discussion.

Mark Mooney spoke about "Safety and Security" and reported from the "Incident Response Team" which meets monthly. He reported on: What's working – TA; weekly SST meetings; Dean of Students – these help administrators



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keep in close touch with students. He reported that the purchase of transponders has eliminated “dead spots” in the building when using the radios and has thus enhanced the effectiveness of communication. Fire drill, clear the building, clear the hallways, are all practiced regularly and effectively.

Concerns: Visitor sign-in system; accessibility to the building; PA system doesn’t reach every area of the building. The loading dock is a concern: accessible and prominent; recent thefts of cell phones and iPods; parking lot supervision or lack thereof.

Suggestions: “greeters;” determining what strengths are on staff: Who is trained in CPR? in other aspects? e.g., restraining; more prominent visitor indicators; mock incident trainings; restructuring the entryway.

Discussion followed regarding security issues at U-32 as well as universal security issues.

Tom McKone reported on the administration’s effort this school year to enforce students’ prompt arrival to school. Sue Chickering reminded the administration that this new procedure is not – but should be - reflected in the student handbook.

- 6.0. Discussion Agenda: Postponed in light of time constraints.
 - 6.1. Presentation – The World is Flat – Keith Gerritt and Tom McKone
 - 6.2. WCSU Central Office Facility

- 7.0. Action Agenda
 - 7.1. Resignations: None.
 - 7.2. Appointments: None.

8.0. Conrad Smith moved to approve the following board orders:

October 3, 2007	\$53,637.54	General
October 3, 2007	\$2,545.00	Athletic Officials
October 3, 2007	\$27,321.14	Food Services

Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.

- 9.0. Ideas for Future Agenda: Ginny Burley commented that several items that had been intended for discussion tonight would have to go to future board meeting(s). Conrad Smith noted “administrators’ evaluations” as a discussion item.
- 10.0. Board Comments: The board discussed the scheduled November 21st board meeting, which is the evening before Thanksgiving. The board agreed that the November 21st meeting would be canceled, and if necessary an alternate evening would be designated for a special board meeting in November (in addition to the regularly scheduled November 7th meeting), especially if budget discussions and deliberations are needed.
- 11.0. Executive Session: Upon motion of Allen Gilbert, seconded by Adrienne Magida, and approved unanimously, the Board went into executive session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

At 9:21 p.m., again upon motion of Allen Gilbert, seconded by Adrienne Magida, and approved unanimously, the Board came out of Executive Session without taking any further action.
- 12.0. Adjournment: There being no further business, the board adjourned 9:22 p.m. without objection upon the suggestion of the chair.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Stoudt
Board Recording Secretary
&
Conrad Smith
Board Clerk