

KIEL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kiel Area School District

Kiel, Wisconsin

**Regular Meeting**

March 19, 2014

President Cynthia Schmahl called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 19, 2014, in the MS Large Group Room. The president noted that the meeting had been posted as prescribed by law and the news media notified. The president announced that the Board would convene into executive session under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the resignation of a support staff member.

Members Present

Dan Dietrich

Stuart Long

Rebecca Libke

Robert Runge

Scott Lieburn

Cynthia Schmahl

Administrators Present

Dr. Louise Blankenheim, Corey Baumgartner, Dave Slosser, Chad Ramminger, Dawn Mueller, Deb Sixel, Heidi Dorner

Press Present

Eric Mathes

Others Present

Sheila Lefeber, Josh Salm, Becky Marcus, Lorenz Marcus, Sandra Tesch, Kim Garlieb, Don Mogenson, Tricia Schmahl, Jenna Versch, Todd Olig, Dan Karls, Gary Vondracheck, Shana Anderson, Amanda Meyer, Brenda Riesterer, Markus Ladd, Charles Hartmann, Marilee Laumann

Welcome of Visitors  
and Special Guests

President Schmahl welcomed the special guests and visitors to the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda  
and Consent Agenda

On Motion of Member Long, seconded by Member Runge, the Board approved the agenda and consent agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Community Concerns

President Schmahl asked if there were any community concerns. Lorenz Marcus addressed the Board about a non-profit community theater partnership with the district. Charles Hartmann addressed the Board about budget reductions, Meeme school, and staffing plan. Member Schmahl read an email from Member Joas about keeping Meeme open. Dr. Blankenheim shared a phone call message from Tim Bonde about closing Meeme. Member Libke read an email from Jasmine Schmahl about Meeme. Todd Olig asked Member Schmahl to read the email received from Donnell Vogel about closing Meeme. Member Runge shared that he received phone calls in regards to Meeme. Member Long shared that three business people contacted him over concerns to scenario #3 of the staffing plan. A Meeme parent told the Board scenario #2 and #3 have the same outcome. Don Mogenson spoke to the gentlemen's agreement made a long time ago about Meeme. Dan Karls

referred them to his article which provided staffing alternatives. Todd Olig asked if the funding had to come out of the current budget or if funds are available elsewhere? Member Schmahl said fund balance can be used for one time expenditures. Kim Garlieb told the Board she has received way too many comments about not knowing that Meeme exists and that this misinformation needs to be addressed.

#### DA/Board Communication

District Administrator, Dr. Blankenheim, informed the Board that the FFA Alumni has scheduled an open house for 4/6, and that neither she nor the high school principal had knowledge of this. She shared that the district was reimbursed for damage to the Meeme greenhouse and that those dollars would be used elsewhere.

#### Staffing Plan

A motion by Member Long, supported by Member Dietrich, to approve the staffing plan as submitted with scenario #2 as well as determining how to fund based upon additional revenue, fund balance, and possible cuts. The motion resulted in a tie and therefore failed. Roll call vote.

Dietrich—Yes, Libke—No, Lieburn—No, Long—Yes, Runge—Yes, Schmahl—No, Joas—Absent

A motion by Member Schmahl, supported by Member Libke to approve the staffing plan as submitted with scenario #3 as well as determining how to fund based upon additional revenue, fund balance, and possible cuts. The motion resulted in a tie and therefore failed. Roll call vote.

Runge—No, Libke—Yes, Schmahl—Yes, Long—No, Dietrich—No, Lieburn—Yes, Joas—Absent

On Motion of Member Long, seconded by Member Lieburn, the Board approved tabling the staffing plan and scheduling a special meeting for March 26. Roll call vote.

Lieburn—Yes, Long—Yes, Libke—Yes, Runge—Yes, Schmahl—Yes, Dietrich—Yes, Joas--Absent

#### School Calendars

On Motion of Member Runge, seconded by Member Long, the Board approved the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school calendars that included 3 professional development days (1 full and 2 half) at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Roll call vote.

Schmahl—Yes, Long—Yes, Libke—Yes, Dietrich—Yes, Lieburn—Yes, Runge—Yes, Joas--Absent

#### Out of District Meetings

Member Runge reported on the March 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative Breakfast Meeting. Member Long reported on the February 19<sup>th</sup> City of Kiel TID meeting.

Members Long, Libke, and Schmahl reported on the March 6<sup>th</sup> EWC conference negotiations meeting.

Community Feedback

Todd Olig asked if the calendars and minutes could be looked at further to utilize two more Wednesday's to possibly save \$30,000. He also commented to the Board that it appears they are writing checks that may not be able to be cashed. Member Schmahl read an email addendum from Jasmine Schmahl. Member Long questioned the reading of emails and them becoming part of board minutes. This discussion will be added to future agenda items.

Future Agenda Items

The list of future agenda items was reviewed and public correspondence via email, texts, etc. will be added to the May 7<sup>th</sup> agenda for discussion.

Adjourn

On Motion of Member Long, seconded by Member Libke, the Board voted to convene into executive session under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) discuss the resignation of a support staff member at 9:07 p.m. Roll call vote.

Long—Yes, Dietrich—Yes, Schmahl—Yes, Lieburn—Yes, Runge—Yes, Libke—Yes, Joas--Absent

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Scott Lieburn, Clerk

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Date Signed

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Transcribed by,  
Sheila Lefeber, Administrative Assistant to District Administrator/Board of  
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Date Signed