

**MINUTES OF THE WISNER-PILGER
BOARD OF EDUCATION
7 MARCH 2011**

President Chad Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted in three public places three days prior to the meeting. An agenda was sent to each board member and was available in the office of the superintendent. President Dixon noted that a copy of the open meeting act was posted.

Members present were: Chad Dixon, Mark Glaubius, Tim Jacobsen, David Raabe, Marvin Seier. Excused: Ron Wolverton.

Others present were: Dean Adams, Andy Andersen, Donna Andersen, Gail Anderson, Alan Borgelt, Doug Breitzkreutz, JR Breitzkreutz, Linda Breitzkreutz, Artwin Fullner, Superintendent Alan Harms, Dale Havelka, Violet Spader-Kirk, Board Secretary Jaye Lierman, Lanny Petersen, Elementary/Middle School Principal Mark Porter, Vernon Schultz, Russ Schulz, Secondary Principal Chris Uttecht, Brett Vahle, Agnes Vollmer.

Motion by Seier, seconded by Glaubius to approve the minutes of the February 9th regular board meeting. Roll call vote, ayes: Dixon, Glaubius, Jacobsen, Raabe, Seier. Motion carried.

Motion by Raabe, seconded by Seier to approve the minutes of the February 26th and 27th planning session. Roll call vote, ayes: Dixon, Glaubius, Jacobsen, Raabe, Seier. Motion carried.

Motion by Glaubius, seconded by Raabe to allow payment of \$54,392.43 for the General Fund bills and \$255.45 for the Student Fees Fund. Roll call vote, ayes: Dixon, Glaubius, Jacobsen, Raabe, Seier. Motion carried.

The Board heard the financial report for the District.

Gail Anderson addressed the Board concerning current Legislative issues.

Doug Breitzkreutz addressed the Board concerning the economy and declining population.

Vernon Schultz addressed the Board concerning the declining population and taxes.

Artwin Fullner addressed the Board concerning using local contractors for our projects.

JR Breitzkreutz addressed the Board concerning tax monies.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported on the Facilities Survey. The lists of voters from the November 14, 2010 bond election were obtained from the County Clerks Offices and the Facility Survey was mailed to each voter listed. The Committee reported that 51.6685% of the surveys were returned. The following results are based on the top reason indicated for voting "no" on the bond issue: 38% Property taxes should not increase, 23% The economy is too poor to finance a building project, 15% A separate Middle school should be maintained in Pilger, 12% The current buildings are acceptable as is, 11% stated "other", 2% A separate Elementary School should be maintained in Wisner. The second question asked, "What direction would you see as appropriate at the point?" The results were as follows: 45% Do those items mandated by the State Fire Marshal (\$500,000), 32% Conduct a bond election to build a new PK-6 addition to the Jr.-Sr. High School and close both the existing Elementary and Middle Schools, 13% Conduct a bond election to finance major repairs at the Elementary School (\$3,000,000), or the Middle School (\$1,600,000), or both (\$4,600,000), 7% stated "other", 3% Conduct a bond election to finance a new PK-4 Elementary School addition to the existing Jr. Sr. High School, closing the existing elementary school, but maintaining the Middle School in Pilger. President Dixon

asked the Buildings and Grounds Committee to take the results of the survey and the public input into consideration and bring back a recommendation to the April 4th meeting.

Motion by Glaubius, seconded by Seier to offer the summer Driver's Education at the cost of \$165.00 for Wisner-Pilger students and \$190.00 for students out of the district. Roll call vote, ayes; Dixon, Glaubius, Jacobsen, Raabe, Seier. Motion carried.

Motion by Seier, seconded by Glaubius to adopt the 2011-2012 Board of Education goals as presented:

Continuous goal: To make all decisions in terms of what is in the best interest for the students of the school system.

Short-range goals:

1. To continue to encourage more involvement in our schools by the parents of students and by the patrons of our district. This includes raising the public's awareness of our special programs and issues facing the district.
2. To address security issues in all buildings by the 2011-2012 school year.
3. To develop a specific plan of correction to meet the five year timeline in regard to the fire and life safety code deficiencies detailed in the Fire Marshal's November 19, 2010 report.
4. To continue to support school improvement and provide the School Improvement Team with the necessary resources.
5. To provide the necessary resources for professional development.
6. To improve communication with the public.

Long-range goals:

1. To ensure that all students are educated in modern, efficient school facilities.
2. To seek ways to sustain and improve the district's financial resources to better meet the needs of our students and the increasing demands faced by the district.
3. To advocate the district's position on educational issues with political leaders at the local, state and national levels.
4. To seek ways to increase efficiencies in human and physical resources.
5. To continue dialog with neighboring districts, discussing common issues and potential solutions.

Roll call vote, ayes: Dixon, Glaubius, Jacobsen, Raabe, Seier. Motion carried.

The next Board of Education meeting will be April 4th at 7:30 p.m.

A discussion was held regarding moving the Elementary and Secondary Principal's reports earlier up on the agenda.

Reports were heard from the Superintendent and Principals.

President Dixon adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Jaye Lierman
Board Secretary