SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MENOMONEE FALLS
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: October 13, 2008
Purpose: Regular Meeting
Present: *Board Members Present* - Bertieri, Cherney, Newman, Palazzari, Shurilla, VanderHorst, Weiland (late arrival)
Administrators: Marty, Crouse, Dohmeier, Erickson, Gross, Heinowski, Hintz, Keller, Marks, Walter
Media – Cable TV, Menomonee Falls Express, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel

Kathy Shurilla, School Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Public posting of the meeting was noted.

Motion by Ron Bertieri
To approve the minutes from the regular School Board meeting on September 22, 2008
Yes -6 No – 0

Superintendent Keith Marty, Finance Chair Tony Cherney and Principal Bill Hintz recognized Jill Hughes, High School Business Education teacher on her being named Teacher of the Year by the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of Economics for her work on the activity, Reality Check. This year's event is scheduled for March 19, 2009.

Cal Weber 7th grade and Christy Eruchalu, 6th grade reported on current events and activities taking place at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

Board Committee Reports:
Curriculum and Instruction: Anne Weiland reported this committee met on October 3 where a review of secondary course offerings was heard, zero hour/extended day were discussed, as well as curriculum as it relates to state mandates. Ms. Weiland announced the following tentative starting/ending times for the 2009/2010 school year: Elementary 8:50 – 3:45; North 7:35 – 2:40; and High School 8:10 – 3:15. Staff development was discussed with an emphasis in writing, two new reading programs for students in need of extra help were introduced. Two high school courses were approved: Environmental Science-AP and Principals of Marketing. A trip to NYC in 2010 was approved for the Choir. Next meeting scheduled for October 24 - 12:30 p.m.

Finance and Auxiliary Services: Mr. Cherney introduced Financial Advisor, Mr. Dave DeYoung to the Board. Details on the approval of Action #2 will be discussed later by Mr. DeYoung. Mr. Cherney reported this committee met on October 9. At this meeting discussion items included the general obligation notes and a review of the 2008-2009 budget. This budget will be adjusted to account for final student count; district equalized property value and state aid certification. The final budget will be approved on October 27. Also discussed was the new direction of the School Study Finance Group. The potential lease agreement for an antenna at North was discussed and the committee heard a presentation on investment products and strategies for OPEB. Next meeting - October 23 – 7:00 a.m.

Personnel: Mr. Newman reported this committee met twice since the last school board meeting in order to discuss personnel matters. Earlier this evening the group approved a Human Resource administrative assistant position.

Policy: Mrs. VanderHorst reported this committee met on October 7 in order the review the policies on the agenda for a first read this evening.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Ron Bertieri
To approve vouchers from 9/19/08 through 10/08/08 in the amount of $1,995,124.12
Yes - 7 No – 0

Motion by Tony Cherney **Second by Ron Bertieri**
To approve the following Resolution regarding November 2006 referendum approved debt issuance:

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF $4,550,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES SERIES 2008; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE NOTE, AND LEVYING A TAX IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Yes – 7 No – 0

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent Keith Marty, and Phil Strosahl, District Facilities Committee representative presented the 2008 District Facilities Report to the School Board. Public Forums will take place on November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 102 and again prior to the December 8 School Board meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Facilities Report may be viewed on the District website: www.sdmf.k12.wi.us. Hard copies may be obtained at Central Office and all schools.

Dr. Patti Keller, Director of Human Resources and Jeff Gross, Director of Business Services, presented a report on enrollment and membership data with an explanation of the process used to count our students.

Jeff Gross reported on the status of the 2008-2009 budget, showing some changes. This budget will be adopted on October 27.

Policy Committee Chair, Faith VanderHorst reported on five policies this evening for a first read.

- New Policy/Procedure 731, Locker Room and Restroom Privacy
- New Policy/Procedure 411.1 Harassment and Bullying of Students Prohibited
- New Policy/Procedure 512 Sexual Harassment of Employees Prohibited
- Updated Policy/Procedure 522.4 Standards of Professional Conduct
- Updated Policy/Procedure 112 – Nondiscrimination

After discussion it was agreed by the Board to update Policy 422.4 and with this final addition these policies will come forward on October 27 for final approval by the full Board.

Superintendent Keith Marty reported on activities taking place in the District.

- Web video streaming has been initiated in the district.
- Teacher negotiations to open on Thursday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m. Curriculum Learning and Study Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. this evening
- Candidate Forum for 24th Assembly Seat – October 15; Community Center, Room 102 - 6:30 p.m.
- A thank you to all who helped with the rededication of the High School earlier this month.
- *Community Affair*, Saturday, October 18 High School
- October 27 – State testing begins.
- Workshop – November 3 - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for determination of non-resident students for 2009-2010; Public Listening Session regarding 2008 Facilities Plan to follow at 6:30 p.m.
- Student School Board applications due October 15.
- October 27 School Board meeting: PDC recognition; certification of levy; policies for approval; Guidance/ACT presentation and new efforts at the high school.
- December 8 – Final Construction Report
- December 22 – No meeting. This meeting has been moved to December 15. Also on that evening will be a holiday party for the School Board and administrators hosted by the Marty's.

Future Agendas – Discussion and timeline on School Board Policies going online

Kathy Shurilla, School Board President, declared this meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Faith VanderHorst
School Board Clerk