

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**School Board Meeting Notice**  
**Monday, February 21, 2011**  
**Cambridge High School – IMC - 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Board of Education President, Joe Pleshek called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Pleshek spoke to Board Member, Jody Milsap's resignation. Her final meeting will be the March 21, 2011. Mr. Pleshek shared his sincere appreciation for Ms. Milsap's years of service as well as, on behalf of the Board.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.** Established. Five of Seven Board Members Present. Tracy Smithback-Travis arrived late. Phil Adas and Athena Golfinos absent.

**PROOF OF POSTING.** Provided.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Board Policy Committee.** Committee Chair, Jody Milsap to reported on February's Policy meetings during Discussion Items 7D and &E.

**Board Finance Committee** Committee Chair, Phil Adas absent. Mr. Kathy Davis reported on February's Finance Committee Meeting.

**Board Communications Committee.** No meeting, no report.

**Bard Severson Learning Center Committee** Committee Chair, Tracy Smithback-Travis reported on February's SLC Committee Meeting.

**Administrative Reports.** Superintendent Dayton reported and updated the Board on several items. The following presentations were made as well.

**Child Development Days Event Report,** Provided by Jan Voeks, Director of Special Education. .

**Eighth Grade Orientation Program Report,** Provided by Robert Rosen, CHS Principal.

**Elementary Principal Search Process Update.** Superintendent Dayton reported 13 applications received thus far. Deadline set for March 11, 2011.

**Cambridge Community Activities Program Annual Report.** Provided by Ms. Bridgette Scott.

**Cambridge Blue Jay Good News Jar.** Several Blue Jay Good News Jar items were read by B.O.E. Members.

**Board Student Representative Report.** No report this evening.

**PTO Board Presentation Report.** P.T.O. Board Representative updated the Board on current and upcoming events. The P.T.O. made known its interest and support of joining forces with other area Districts and facilitating the Cyber Bullying presentation done by Justin W. Patchin, Ph.D., U.W. Eau Claire, Co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, before several area Boards of Education and it's public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** CHS Student, Kelly Dawson, spoke to the Board as a supportive participant of the Girl's Swimming Team. Kelly is supportive of current program but would also like to see Cambridge have its own team as opposed to the WIAA Cooperative. Mr. Stanley Lien came before the Board speaking to the Governor's recent efforts. Mr. Lien communicated with the Board his concerns for the level of programming and staffing in various areas and the potential challenges faced in the passage of a referendum.

## **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Consent Agenda.** Motion made by Mark Cook, second by Greg Engelstad, to move to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried, consent agenda approve.

**Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting(s).** As presented.

**Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Monthly Vouchers.** As presented.

### **Personnel Items**

**-Retirements: Faculty and Staff.** Vicki Sewell, CES Special Education Teacher, Sue Barry, CES Guidance Counselor and Eileen Fisher, CES/NMS Instructional Assistant/Secretary.

**-Resignations: Faculty and Staff.** Katy Ruotti, CES Vocal Music Instructor and Jane Jaeger, District Food Service Director.

**-Hirings: Faculty and Staff.** Gerald Friesen, CES Teacher/School Counselor, Ashley Erickson, CES Teacher/Vocal Music.

**-Long-Term Sub Hiring for Leave-of-Absence-Faculty.** Karen Nikolay, CHS Long-term Special Education Substitute.

**FFA 212° Spring Leadership Conference Attendance Request per Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Board Policy – Final Read.** Motion made by Tracy Smithback-Travis, second by Jody Milsap to move to approve the FFA Leadership Conference trip request as presented. Emily Green, FFA Advisor present to answer any Board Member questions. Approximately five students will be attending. Motion carried, trip request approved.

**Transportation Contract with “First Student Transportation Company” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read.** Motion made by Jody Milsap, second by Tracy Smithback-Travis to move to approve the proposed transportation contract with First Student as presented. Director of Business Services, Kathy Davis spoke to contract review with the Finance Committee and Board. Administration recommending approval of continuation of contract. Motion carried, contract approved.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **Wisconsin DECA Career Development Conference Attendance Request for Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Policy – First Read.**

This is a first read before the Board but because of the timeliness of this trip request for action on this item is being sought tonight to facilitate trip planning. Motion made by Mark Cook, second by Greg Engelstad to move item to an item for action. Motion made by Tracy Smithback-Travis, second by Tim Krueger to move to approve trip request as presented. Motion carried, trip request approved.

**Co-Curricular Swimming Program Development Planning Discussion.** At the behest of the Board, CAP Aquatics Coordinator Lesli Buehler came before the Board and provided information to the Board on the current swim program relative to the cooperative/potential swim team in Cambridge. Ms. Buehler is in full support of Cambridge engaging in and supporting its own swim team, especially in light of the timing and our outstanding facilities. Board entertained much discussion. Take item before the B.O.E. Finance Committee in March.

### **Conducting 2010 – 2011 Post-Prom Event Off-Site Request from Junior**

**Class – First Read.** Junior Class student representatives Macy Bolt, Margaret Johnson and Ian Frutiger came before the Board to submit their request from the Junior Class to hold Prom off-site in May of 2011. This request is similar to that for the Prom of 2010, which was held at Double Days in Cottage Grove. This event was very successful and enjoyed by the students. Bring item back as an item for action at the March Board Meeting.

**Board Policy Revision for Open Enrollment Policy – First Read.** Superintendent Dayton reviewed need for policy revision and the timeline in which Administration is under. Ms. Milsap presented the draft to the Board as reviewed by the Policy Committee and its recommendation for approval. Motion made by Tim Krueger, second by Mark Cook to move to make item and item for action. Motion made by Tim Krueger, second by Mark Cook to move to approve policy revisions as recommended. Motion carried, policy approved with revisions.

**Board Policy Revision for Student Acceptable Use of Technology –  
Presentation of Proposed Revision – First Read.**

The Student Council, working with their Advisor, Joy Borchardt and CHS Principal, Robert Rosen presented a draft policy to the B.O.E. Policy Committee proposing consideration for adjustments to the existing policy that would allow for expansion of the use of technology in classrooms, to include the use of cell phones during school day hours and in classrooms as implemented by Faculty, for the purpose of enhancing instruction. Policy Committee Members reviewed, edited and are bringing forth the proposed “draft” for consideration of approval and implementation, during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this school year as a “trial run” for the practice. Bring back to March meeting as an item for action.

**WASB Convention Delegate Assembly Report from Board Representative**

**and General Reports from Other Attendees.** Board President, Joe Pleshek was this years WASB Delegate Representative for the Board. Joe shared briefly his experience and the key component to several of the resolutions. Others that attended Convention weighed in on the positive experience Convention is each year.

**SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.** None.

Motion made by Mark Cook, second by Tracy Smithback-Travis to move to **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION to consider planning for negotiations for salary, benefits concerning negotiated agreement language and possibly confer with legal counsel – State Statute open meeting law exemption 19.85 (1), (e), (g).** Role call vote taken: Pleshek – yes, Smithback-Travis – yes, Engelstad – yes, Cook – yes, Krueger – yes, Milsap – yes. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned to executive session.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Kay Raether, Recorder

Approved as Presented/With Changes as Noted:

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Joe Pleshek, BOE President

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Tracy Smithback-Travis, BOE Clerk