Board of Education Meeting, School District of Oakfield

Town of Lamartine

February 28, 2011

Board Members – Present Administration – Present Others – Present Others – Present

Robert Panzer Joe Heinzelman John Barbeau Barbara Deer

Penny Kottke Jeff Mastin Frank Bartzen Jason Maurer

Paul Dercks Bernie Ritger Sam Kuik

Ervin Kraft Administration – Absent Julie Kautzer Randy Kuik

Angie Patterson Bruce McMurry Sue Johnson-Schieve

Meg Murphy-Steinke Kirk Tapp

John Nyhuis Board Secretary – Present Dan Heiser

Jackie Hungerford

Student Representative – Absent

Jenna Marcoe

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT

President Panzer called the meeting to order at 4:56 p.m. Roll was taken and is recorded above.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MINUTES

Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Kottke, moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, February 15, and February 22, 2011 school board meetings. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

DISCUSSION ON FINANCIAL REPORT

Administrator Heinzelman presented the financial report for February 28, 2011. The report is filed with the clerk.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON WARRANTS

Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Kottke, moved to approve the warrants through February 28, 2011 as presented. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

## OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Administrator Heinzelman shared the letter sent from the School Board to Governor Walker concerning the budget repair bill, information from School Administrators Alliance regarding the budget and changes in collective bargaining, and a WASB Legislative Update concerning the possible cuts in state aid.

President Panzer shared concerns with the rumors and misinformation regarding the state budget and Governor Walker’s repair bill.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON HIGH SCHOOL STUDY HALL AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Principal Mastin, Mrs. Julie Kautzer, and Mrs. Sue Johnson-Schieve presented their proposal to change the amount of study halls allowed and to increase the graduation requirements. After further discussion, Mrs. Murphy-Steinke, seconded by Mr. Nyhuis, moved to approve the maximum number of study halls to one per semester and to increase the graduation requirements from 24 credits to 26.5 credits which will include the half credit for Junior High health. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

UPDATE ON THE TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Administrator Heinzelman informed the board that Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Tyner were at a technology conference where they will be test many devices and discuss the various types of software available for our future pilot project. They will bring back these ideas for our technology plan to continue to move forward. Board discussion followed.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Administrator Heinzelman shared with the Board that the newsletter was going well and the next one will be electronic. The board shared positive feedback with both the electronic and the paper copy. A survey will go out in one of the next issues to get feedback regarding these changes.

UPDATE ON ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL/DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH

Discussion will follow in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON RURAL SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

President Panzer shared positive feedback from his attendance at the Rural School Conference. The conference was a positive experience and he encouraged other board members to attend next year.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE BUDGET SCENARIOS

Administrator Heinzelman reviewed budget scenarios to work with the possible cuts in our revenue limits and state aid. Board discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS

Administrator Heinzelman commented that the date has changed on the 2011 Effective Bargaining Seminar and he shared an article in the Review on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Principal Mastin provided updates on installation of new clocks, rekeying of the school, National Honor Society induction, WKCE test results, FFA Week, wrestling sectionals, boys and girl’s regional basketball, Booster Club banquet on March 21, 2011 and Junior Prom on April 16, 2011. Also Sarah Loughrin, our School Media Specialist, will be training staff members on using our new netbooks in the classroom.

MEETINGS

Next regular School Board meeting 3/14/2011, Oakfield Elementary Library, 5:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Boardsmanship presentation

Fund balance presentation

Co-curricular update

Open enrollment numbers

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SS 19.85(1)(c)(e)(f) TO DISCUSS NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL CONTRACT AND UPDATE ON TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS PERTAINING TO GOVERNOR WALKER’S BUDGET REPAIR BILL

Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Kottke, moved to adjourn at 5:59 p.m. to Executive Session under SS 19.85(1)(c)(e)(f) to discuss the new district administrator/elementary principal contract and update on teacher negotiations pertaining to Governor Walker’s Budget Repair Bill. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Ayes – Nyhuis, Patterson, Murphy-Steinke, Dercks, Kottke, Kraft, and Panzer. Noes – none. Absent – none.

ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

President Panzer called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL POSITION

Mr. Dercks, seconded by John Nyhuis, moved to employ Pam Yoder as the District Administrator/Elementary Principal beginning July 1, 2011. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

ADJOURN

Mr. Kraft, seconded by Angie Patterson, moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Hungerford, Board Secretary