

Pewaukee High School Booster Club

Meeting Minutes- March 1, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Present: Board Members: Christine Baar, John Murray, Sandy Wysocki, Lori Pjevach, Patty Fleetwood, Mary Bacon, and Mary Pat Sutter. BC Chairmen: Amy Johnston, Mike Brown, and John Knepprath. Athletic Director: John Maltsch. Others in attendance: School Board Member Jeff Lewis, Superintendent JoAnn Sternke, and Football Coach Clay Iverson.

Minutes of February 3, 2010 meeting were approved with no amendment.

Referendum vote on April 6th, 2010:

JoAnn Sternke, Superintendent, spoke at the meeting about the facilities improvement referendum on the April 6th ballot. She stated that there were three major themes coming from the December survey that they sent out to voters: **1) *The facilities improvements are needed.*** The facilities plan 10 years ago stated that the high school would reach capacity at 750 students. It is now 10 years later and the high school is at capacity. Enrollment is growing 1 to 2 percent every year. **2) *People want more choice in the referendum questions.*** They are coming to the voters with 3 referendum questions: Permission to renovate and expand areas of the High School. Eight additional classrooms are needed. Improvements to the fine arts classrooms are needed because this hasn't been done since they were constructed in 1968. More art, band and choir rooms are needed. In order to replace and improve upon the existing 440 seat auditorium in a cost effective way, the current gym would then be reconfigured into a 700-seat auditorium. A replacement 3-station gym would then be built. The total cost would be \$16,450,000. Permission to construct a pool on campus. Pewaukee and Thomas Moore are the only schools in the Woodland Conference without a pool. This pool would be a community asset as are all the school facilities. The cost would be \$8,100,000. Permission to obtain \$300,000 for ongoing costs to operate and maintain facilities. **3) *There are concerns about cost.*** Costs were cut where possible, but they came to the voters in the fall with a fiscally responsible plan so there's only so much that could be cut. JoAnn Sternke explained why now is the time to do facility improvements: There is need. Space is tight and this isn't going to go away with enrollment growing 1 to 2 percent every year (a very good thing compared with school districts where enrollment is declining which is causing budget problems for these school districts). Federal stimulus 0% interest rates loans are available in 2010 and are unlikely to be available in the future. This opportunity has the potential to significantly reduce the impact of the referendum to all tax payers. Presuming all 3 ballot questions pass, the annual tax impact on a \$350,000 home could be reduced from \$150.50 to \$112 per year; a total savings of \$7,000,000 to the Pewaukee tax payers. There isn't as much work for contractors to

bid on at the current time and this will change. The school district wants to take advantage of this bid environment where contractors are hungry for work.

School Board member Jeff Lewis stated that the School Board is a fiscally responsible Board and they feel now is the time to approve all 3 ballot questions. The Board doesn't come to the public to ask them to update schools for such items as heating and air conditioning. The Board feels this is part of the operating budget for the schools and reiterated that they are a fiscally responsible Board.

JoAnn Sternke pointed out that only 23% of Pewaukee school parents voted in the Fall 2009 referendum, and it was voted down by only 226 votes. JoAnn Sternke would like Booster Club's help in getting out the word to vote. Because the vote is during spring break, she wants us to remind people to vote by absentee ballot which can be done easily in person or on-line. Information from the District will be sent to voters regarding the referendum.

Treasurer's Report:

Patty Fleetwood reports that: we have a good cash position, including accruals for dinner dance deposit (\$1,000) and scholarships (\$2,000). Year to date, BC has given out over \$44,000 in concessions and discretionary grants. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

Athletic Director's Report:

John Maltsch reports that:

- The Poms recently brought home a WACPC State Championship in Division 2 Hip Hop (Funk) and a 5th place finish in the Pom Division 3 category.
- Our Wrestling team recently won the Woodland Conference tournament, the WIAA Team Regional, the WIAA Team Sectional and advanced 8 individuals to Individual State. The Pirates brought home a 3rd (Mitch Teeters), two 5th (Max Nonnamaker, Mike Dusel) and a 6th (Kent Girmscheid). Pewaukee will be gunning for their first ever Team State Championship this Saturday as they host Lodi at 1:00 PM on Saturday in the UW-Field house. After they take care of Lodi, the Pirates would take on the winner of the Ellsworth/Oconto Falls for the State Championship at 6:00 PM.
- The Cheerleaders recently brought home a 4th place trophy for their Cheer Dance at the WACPC State competition. The small stunt group placed 3rd in State, and Senior Megan Kanavas was named an all state cheerleader for her individual routine.
- The Woodland Conference North Division Champion girls basketball team (19-2) ranked 9th in the State in Division 2 recently received a #1 seed in WIAA tournament play. The Lady Pirates will host the winner of the Jefferson/Whitewater game on Thursday, March 11th. After taking care of the Whippets, the Lady Pirate would move on to Regional Final action 1:00 PM at Waukesha North on Saturday, March 13th.

- The 3-peat Woodland Conference boys basketball team is currently 19-3 and ranked 10th in the State. The guys received a #3 seed and will host Whitewater tomorrow night at 7:00 PM. The likelihood is the boys will advance on to play at 7:00 PM at East Troy on Thursday. From there the boys would face the winner of the CMH/St. John's game at 1:00 PM at Waukesha South on Saturday.
- Congratulations to Hannah Frett (Marquette) and Brad Kaatz (Northern Michigan) for signing National Letters of Intent.
- Track practice starts next week.
- On the activity front, the Pirate thespians will put on the musical "*You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*" this weekend, March 5-7. Adults are \$10 and Students are \$6.
- Our PHS bowlers recently finished their season. In District 1, the Varsity Boys finished 6th, the Varsity Girls finished 10th and the co-ed JV finished 6th.
- Academic Decathlon will be taking part in State Competition March 11th and 12th. The Quiz Bowl will take place at 1:00 PM at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.
- Robotics will be entering State Competition March 11th – 13th at the US Cellular Arena.

New Business:

Scholarships: Chairman Mike Brown submitted the new BC Scholarship selection sheet.

Scholarship scoring overview: Step 1: 3.0 and higher GPA, completed application and transcript received by due date which is 4-28-10. Step 2: 100 pt. maximum (school related activities); 100 pt. maximum (outside school activities such as work experience, awards, volunteer time, community involvement). Top 50% of high scores from step 2 move to step 3. Step 3: 70 pt. maximum (essay evaluation), 30 pt. maximum (overall involvement and positive impact within the school and community). The 4 highest combined scores from Step 2 and Step 3 are selected to receive awards. All decisions are final. The new scoring method was approved.

Head football Coach Clay Iverson : Clay Iverson spoke at the meeting and submitted a BC discretionary grant request for \$5,000 of improvements to the boy's locker room renovation project. Coach Iverson stated that the locker room renovation is badly needed and will improve the experience of 200- 300 PHS athletes. This locker room is used by multi-sport athletes. Currently there isn't a team room and coach's room. Coaches would appreciate a space to meet, share ideas and work together. The Football program already donated a large screen TV, Youth football donated a TV for the coach's room and administration is contributing financially as well. What they will do with the money: 1) Remove benches which are not a cohesive learning environment; they need 60 chairs as a replacement. 2) Install carpeting as an alternative to cement floor which is cold and uninviting. A suggestion was made to look at flooring type used in the wrestling area which may hold up better to mud etc. Clay commented that mud will not be dragged into locker room and it will be taken care of by all athletes and

coaches. 3) Locker room needs fresh coat of paint, and inspirational multi sport phrases will be painted on the walls to create a place of pride.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for a \$5,000 grant to improve the boys' locker room. John Maltch stated that he may come back to the BC asking for a grant to add carpet and paint for the girls' locker room this spring.

Jr. Class Grant Request:

Advisor Susie Taylor submitted a \$500 grant request for Jr. Post prom. Post prom provides a safe, alcohol and drug free evening for the Jr. Class following prom. This is the first time BC was asked to provide a grant to defray expenses for post prom. Motion was made, seconded and approved to grant \$500 for Jr. Post Prom. Suggestion was made to note the \$500 amount for future year Jr. Class post prom requests.

Next Booster Club meeting will be on Monday, April 12, at 7pm.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Bacon on 3/2/10.