

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHETEK
CHETEK, WI

Minutes of Special Meeting

Joint Meeting with Chetek and Weyerhaeuser Board of Education Boards
February 16, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chetek Board of Education President Dave Peters at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Peters, Johnson, Reisner, Jost, Springer, Witthuhn were present from Chetek BOE. Ken Czekalski, Shirley Rouleau, Patricia Burak, Sandy Kastner and Jason Prorok were present from Weyerhaeuser BOE.

Others Present: Al Brown, Superintendent of Chetek; Chris Nelson, Superintendent of Weyerhaeuser and 55 citizens from Chetek and Weyerhaeuser.

Dr. Roger Worner from Worner Associates presented the major findings on enrollment, finances, facilities, educational programs and staffing.

Six recommendations were presented for the School Boards to consider that will provide the best long term solution for both schools.

Discussions from the audience focused on the use of the buildings, continued declining enrollment, the impact on property taxes, how the DPI will respond with guidance and how a consolidation will enhance the educational opportunities for the students. Dr. Worner concluded that ultimately, the Weyerhaeuser building most likely will need to be closed because of the cost of operation and declining enrollment.

The next step in the process is to analyze the financials of each district in greater depth to be certain that a consolidation will work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Natalie Springer, Clerk