

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHETEK
CHETEK, WI

Minutes of Special Meeting

Joint Meeting with Chetek and Weyerhaeuser Board of Education Boards

March 9, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chetek Board of Education President Dave Peters at 6:03 p.m.

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

Others Present: Al Brown, Superintendent of Chetek; Chris Nelson, Superintendent of Weyerhaeuser and 35 staff and community members from Chetek and Weyerhaeuser.

Motion by Jost, seconded by Witthuhn to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Rouleau to form a joint task force consisting of 10 citizens from each district to study potential consolidation and make a recommendation for or against by June 30, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

How the Task Force would operate:

1. Establish the calendar
2. Reviewing the study – chapter by chapter
3. Roger Worner could visit group during one of their meetings or serve as a 3rd party consultant
4. Verify whether the consolidation is a good idea
5. Deciding on a name, mascot, etc., are not items this group would deal with
6. The meetings would be posted and be an open meeting
7. The Boards are not bound by the recommendations of the Task Force

Toby Paone, Northwest United Educators representative for both districts, talked of goals of the NUE:

1. Buying some time to understand the economics and psychology
2. To ensure all students are offered an excellent educational opportunity
3. Preserving as many full-time union jobs with benefits as possible.

Financial Impact of Consolidation:

- The taxpayers will want to know what the financial impact to them will be.
- Baird will analyze both districts and provide the financial data needed.
- Another Joint Board meeting will be scheduled for early April.

The Weyerhaeuser School District already has a committee established. The Chetek School District needs to compile names for a consolidation committee by Friday, March 13.

Motion by Burak, seconded by Witthuhn to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Natalie Springer, Clerk