

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 20, 2009 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President, Terry Hutchinson. Present: Terry Hutchinson, Rod Cole, Bob Pasch, Frank Fox, Denise McBride, Kari Rojas. Ed VanAvery was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the agenda with an addition under Item X. Board Discussion and Action Items; New Business Item H. Teacher Layoff Notice. Motion carried 6/0.

Recognition of Guests – CMU Students and Deb Martin.

There was no Public Participation.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2009. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill reported that the Board received an anonymous letter, and some other newsletters that have been forwarded to the Board including School Equity Caucus and a letter from Set Seg regarding a refund on Insurance Pool Money.

Kari Rojas reported for the Personnel Committee. They discussed the Probationary Teacher Recommendations, the wage increases for non-union staff, and a recommendation for a teacher layoff.

Bill Chilman reported for the Building & Grounds Committee. They met to discuss the bids for the floor project. They accepted the bid from Assman's Floor Covering for \$27,252.27.

The District School Improvement Committee was cancelled.

Marci Faber reported that she and Melinda attended a Food Show the end of March and it went well. May's theme is Red Carpet Day. Julie and Marci are working on a Time Study/Food Cost Study. Marci will be attending a Food Allergy Conference on May 1st. Meal Magic is implementing a Nutrition Analysis System.

Jerry Ward reported that he is wrapping up the year and getting everything in order for graduation. He is seeing on the average of 18 – 23 kids a day with 31 still showing up on a regular basis. Jerry and Joan will be reviewing the handbook and will bring changes to the board for approval.

Aarron Butkovich reported on some MHSAA updates he received at a recent meeting he attended. 8 man football will be starting in 2010. There has not been a decision on Interscholastic 6th grade sports. MHSAA is considering seating Wrestling's Team Events in the Semi and Quarterfinal state tournaments. At a recent Highland Conference Meeting, they discussed the pros and cons of running double dual meets compared to single dual meets. They will be changing the Junior High Winter Athletic Schedules beginning in 2010. The Junior High Boys Basketball teams will play in the fall and will be done by November 11th, and the Girls Junior High season will start in early November and will be complete before the Holidays. Spring sports are up and running.

Diane Saltarelli reported that the PTO Garage Sale was cancelled last weekend due to lack of interest. Grades 4 – 6 will be at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha May 4 – 8th. The PTO will be having their half price book fair May 11 – 14th. The Field Day that we have with St Joes is scheduled for May 15th. A fundraiser is currently in the works for the family of a current 6th grader who is in ICU in Saginaw with Viral Meningitis. The money raised will help defray costs for the family.

Julie Freeze reported that she continues to receive information on the Stimulus Money and how it is to be used. Julie attended a MESSA luncheon where they reviewed a new rating system. Julie is continuing to work on getting the Retirement Plaque updated.

Jeff Jackson reported that the SSIT's next meeting is April 28th, where they will continue to work on scheduling for next year. Jeff thanked the Board for their input on the handbook changes. Jeff also reported on a 7th grade student who will be a Homebound Student for the rest of the year due to a sight problem. There is a dual enrollment meeting on April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Zach Titmus was one of the students honored at today's Rotary Luncheon. This Saturday is the Tempo Club's Swiss Steak Dinner. The School Play is May 7th and the Battle of the Classes is on May 8th. Prom is May 9th from 7:00 – 11:30 and if anyone would like to chaperone they are welcome to come. Jeff will be honoring two students from each class for their Good Character by taking them to a Lugnuts game on May 19th. There is a Cystic Fibrosis Walk-A-Thon on May 12th and the National Honor Society will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on May 13th. The Band Concert is on May 17th at 4:00 p.m. Baccalaureate is May 14th at 6:00 and Graduation is May 21st at 8:00 p.m. Junior High Awards are May 28th and 9 – 11 awards are May 29th.

Joe Judge reported that Tribal Grants were submitted the end of March. Shepherd and Mt. Pleasant are teaming up with us to submit a Clean Diesel Initiative Grant. A Morey Foundation Grant was submitted last week, for a Virtual Field Trip Program. The Mount Pleasant Area Community Foundation Grant applications are due April 29th. Joe, as well as other staff members, attended a Data for Success Conference which is an inquiry tool for Researching MEAP Data. Joe will present the information when our current information is available.

John Graham reported that Mr. Leppert's Shop Class is working on Picnic Tables for the Township Park. We signed a two year commitment with MISEC for our electric. The DEQ will be out here this week to do a Pond Site inspection.

Bill Chilman reported on projected student numbers for next year. The kindergarten numbers look good, but he is a little worried about the Preschool numbers. Spring is a busy time of year. Bill will be taking some time off in June. He will be back for the June Budget Hearing/Board Meeting and he warned that the budget that will be presented will be the worst case scenario. There has not been anything new on Consolidations of Schools.

Terry Hutchinson read the financial report

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the General Fund payments of \$273,640.41, Hot Lunch payments of \$14,232.24, Athletic Fund payments of \$5,262.66. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the 2nd reading of the Neola Policy for comping out of a class with the addition of requirements for Junior High Students advancing to High School Math classes. Motion carried 6/0.

Terry Hutchinson reported that the individual superintendent evaluations that were prepared by each board member have been collected and Julie or Carrie will type the comments to be added to his official evaluation, which will be acted on at the May board meeting.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Terry Hutchinson to approve the Probationary Teacher Recommendations as presented: Elementary: Jennifer Courtright – 2nd year, Scott Bloniarczyk – 3rd year. High School: Scott Leppert – 2nd year, Amanda Wilson – 2nd year, Kaleb House – 3rd year. There were no Tenure Teacher recommendations as this time. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the Support Staff/Administrative Wage Increase recommendations as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill passed out a letter that will be sent to prospective Foundation Committee Members inviting them to the first meeting of the committee. Bill also asked the members to look over the list of people and make recommendations on who could be added.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the 1st reading of the Secondary Student Handbook with the recommended changes as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the 1st reading of the Secretary Handbook as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the Schools of Choice 105 and 105C recommendations as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Bob Pasch to accept Paula Dewrock's resignation as Fall Cheer Coach as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Angela Murphy – Assistant Girls Varsity Track, and Stacy Parraghi – Assistant Boys Varsity Track. Motion carried 6/0.

The Board will be hosting a Staff Appreciation Breakfast on April 29th in honor of Staff Appreciation Week which is May 3 – 9th.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the teacher layoff recommendation as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Joe, Jeff and Diane gave a MEAP Presentation on the current MEAP scores.

Motion by Denise McBride, seconded by Rod Cole to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6/0.

Recording Secretary
Carrie Bleise

Terry Hutchinson, President

Kari Rojas, Secretary

