

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 22, 2010 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President, Terry Hutchinson. Present: Terry Hutchinson, Rod Cole, Frank Fox, Denise McBride, Ed VanAvery, and Kari Rojas. Bob Pasch was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Kari Rojas seconded by Frank Fox to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 6/0.

Recognition of guests: Jay Fields, Tracy Natzel, Jill Cotter, Patty Carrick, Kim Kile, Jessica Sting, Kelly Cook, Joseph Barberi, Joy Master, Neil Master, Rebecca Master, Neil Master Jr., Becky Bolles.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Kari Rojas to go into Executive Session under Open Meetings Act Article 8b – Student Discipline at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Frank Fox to come out of executive session at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Jay Fields spoke in support of the Preschool Program.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2010 as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill Chilman spoke about the School Equity Caucus newsletter as well as the Set Seg Insurance Property Casualty rebate check and flyer.

Bill Chilman reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They reviewed the budget update and heard about the MME Testing. They reviewed the MEAP scores which will be presented at the April Board Meeting. They discussed the Ed. Yes Reports and Sex Ed. Curriculum. They worked on some brainstorming ideas, and discussed secondary scheduling with advanced placement. They also discussed the Farm to School Concept.

Jerry Ward reported that MME Testing is almost complete with three more needing to do make ups. He ordered 11 caps & gowns but he is hoping to have 13 or 14 graduates. Jerry will be replacing Plato Learning software with Odyssey Ware.

Marci Faber reported that she is looking into making changes to her menu. She will be attending a Gordon Food Show, on Wednesday to get some new ideas. Marci's Time and Food Allocation will be given to Julie this week for the end of the year budget. The kitchen staff is planning a Luau on April 23rd.

Diane Saltarelli reported on the activities for March Reading Month. Spring Break is March 29 – April 2nd with a ½ day of school on Friday March 26 due to the end of semester. April 14th is Kindergarten Round Up. The 4 – 6th grade students will be at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha from May 3 – 7th.

Julie Freeze reported that spring count is down. Gary Allen was here last week and presented information on Retirement Incentives.

Jeff Jackson reported that spring sports are off and running. Carrie House, the part time Special Ed. Teacher, is doing a great job. The play has been postponed until April 10 & 11. Julie Christensen had her baby last Friday, and Jennifer Gross will be taking a medical leave of absence. The Secondary School Improvement Team is working on scheduling for next year. Brian Pruitt will be here March 23rd to do a motivational presentation for our 7 – 12 students. This presentation is sponsored by the Central Michigan Women's Pregnancy Clinic.

Joe Judge reported on the Tribal Grant applications.

John Graham reported that he made a presentation to the Science Classes for the Energy Audit.

Bill Chilman reported that he has given a bargaining request letter to the union. There will not be an update the next two weeks.

Terry Hutchinson read the financial report

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Ed VanAvery to approve the General Fund payments of \$261,307.74, Hot Lunch payments of \$14,165.89, Athletic Fund payments of \$7,022.47. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the following recommendation: Due to budget limitations we recommend to eliminate preschool for 2010-2011 with the plan to investigate more feasible ways of offering a preschool program in the future when possible. Motion carried 5/1.

Terry Hutchinson will be collecting evaluations from the board members. The superintendent evaluation will be discussed in executive session at the April Board Meeting.

Bill answered some of the questions about the upcoming election that had been asked at our previous board meeting, regarding the the length of Board seats and why they voted to have 6 year terms every two years.

We have sold 91 tickets for the Beal City Educational Foundation Fundraiser. The Advisory Board has set a goal of having \$20,000.00 in the Foundation balance by the end of the year and we are very close to that total. The Foundation will be giving a \$250.00 scholarship to a graduating senior and a grant to a teacher to do a special project with his/her class.

Motion by Ed VanAvery, seconded by Rod Cole to reinstate the student who had been suspended due to discipline issues. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the Tribal Grant Applications as presented. Ed VanAvery commended the staff on writing so many grants. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Korey Stevens – JV Baseball, Scott Barnes – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Boys Track, Dan McKisson – Voluntary Assistant Track, Michael Esch – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Boys Track, Dennis Bechtel – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Baseball, and Elisha Richards – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Girls Track. Motion carried 6/0.

A personnel committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the probationary teacher recommendations.

A presentation was given on the projects that the Outreach to Teach group from CMU will be working on here at the school. An Open House is scheduled from April 18th at 2:00 p.m. to show the

community the projects that will be completed by the Outreach to Teach group.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6/0.

Recording Secretary
Carrie Bleise

Terry Hutchinson, President

Kari Rojas, Secretary