

Meeting Minutes June 29, 2009

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President, Terry Hutchinson. Present: Terry Hutchinson, Frank Fox, Rod Cole, Kari Rojas, Denise McBride, Ed VanAvery and Bob Pasch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2009. Motion carried 7/0.

William Chilman reported that the board received an article from the Kalamazoo Gazette addressing the importance of holding on to a small school environment, an article from the School Equity Caucus and the Winds of Change newsletter.

Terry Hutchinson reported for the Business/Finance Committee. The committee reviewed the 2008/2009 proposed budget amendments and the 2009/2010 proposed budget.

Denise McBride reported for the District School Improvement Team. The committee was informed that the MME/ACT scores were similar to year's past. Mr. Lowe and Mr. Leppert brought a textbook request before the committee. The elementary computer lab was discussed with particulars on how it would be set up and how it may be funded. Enrollment projections were shared. The Special Ed CMIS II report Level 1 indicated that we are in full compliance with State and Federal law in regards to special education. The elementary is planning to host an open house on September 2nd in lieu of the 1st day of school celebration. Elementary handbook revisions were reviewed.

Aarron Butkovich reported that the Baseball team won the MHSAA state championship. This is the 2nd state baseball championship in school history with the 1st being in 1993. The community will be celebrating the accomplishment on Wednesday with a parade and dinner banquet. Our baseball and softball teams both won the honor of academic all state team. Several individual athletes also received academic all state honors. We were also awarded the Highland conference all sports trophy for the 4th consecutive year. The summer is going well with many students participating in weight room, summer ball leagues, and open gyms. This dedication of coaches and athletics contributes to the success of our teams during the regular season.

Diane Saltarelli reported that the great start school readiness report has been modified and submitted. She has been working on the School Infrastructure Database, the Title Consolidated Application, the LEA planning cycle and the School Improvement Plan. We have an autistic student who is eligible for extended school year services and that individual is meeting with a social worker here on site this summer. Five of our staff members have received subpoenas to testify in a custody hearing for a family in our district.

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Marci Faber reported that menus are completed for next year. The meal magic nutrition conference will be offered on line later this summer. Marci will be working with Julie in July on lunch prices for next year.

Jerry ward reported that he anticipates good participation numbers in the fall. He turned students away at the end of last year because they would not have had time to complete credits. They were all encouraged to return this fall and begin working towards credit at that time. Jerry will be trying a new parent night this fall to help clear up any misconceptions about how the alternative program is designed and what the purpose of the program includes.

Julie Freeze reported that the Title 1 application is ready to submit. The auditors were here today to do the preliminary audit and they will return on the 3rd week in July to complete the audit.

Joe Judge reported that he's had a busy start to the summer. The vocational education report went in today. He is waiting for the tile dust to clear before entering the classrooms to do summer maintenance on the computers. He has been working on acquiring quotes for hardware and software for the elementary computer lab. He was able to locate used furniture to equip the lab at a significant cost savings. Joe and Bill have been working on the Beal City Education Foundation.

Jeff Jackson thanked Joe Judge for his help with the graduation dropout rate. Jeff has completed the information for the K-12 area of the annual report. He has been working on the school improvement plan in the four core areas. He also thanked Jerry Ward and Joe Judge for their help in designing and promoting the credit recovery program. Mrs. Miller's special education position has been posted. After the required 15 days of posting Jeff will begin contacting potential candidates for interviews. Scheduling for next year is pretty much done. Jeff anticipates 342 students 7-12 which is an increase of 35 students from last year. They have been able to schedule those 35 students with no additional staff.

John Graham reported that Gary Hauck has started building the trophy showcase. He plans to start installing heaters tomorrow morning. He will be attending a mass transportation meeting at the fairgrounds tomorrow at 11:45 a.m. He has not received an agenda for the meeting, but has been informed that the meeting will address homeland security and we may be receiving additional safety items from the homeland security grant. We have a bus driver retiring and John will be examining the routes to see if we can decrease our total number of regular routes by one. John asked the board members to take a walk through the hallways to check out the new tile and the flooring that was underneath the carpet that has been torn up. The custodians did a great job of cleaning and waxing the old floor.

Bill Chilman reported that he is currently taking a graduate class that meets in the mornings but will be working most afternoons in July. Bill and Julie will continue to monitor the budget and may be hosting community meetings around November or December to look at potential budget cuts. Bill asked the administrators today to look at their own areas to see if there is a more economical way to get their job done.

Terry Hutchinson read the Financial Report.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the General Fund payments of \$251,942.78, Hot Lunch payments of \$10,558.97, Athletic Fund payments of \$16,571.71, Debt Retirement 2002 payments of \$500.00 and Debt Retirement 2004 payments of \$498.00. Motion carried 7/0.

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The Middle School Youth-in-Government program will be tabled until this fall when it can be determined how many students are interested and if the program will be able to operate without financial support from the district.

Motion by Ed VanAvery, seconded by Bob Pasch to recall Jennifer Courtright for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill reported that the Beal City Education Foundation has received over \$7,700 in contributions and is well on the way to meeting the original goal of \$10,000. Bill and Joe have developed a thank you letter to send to all donors. There will be a meeting on July 14th with interested participants to discuss bylaws for the foundation, securing a donor board, discussing fund raising ideas as well as other business of the foundation.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the 2008-2009 Budget Amendments as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Ed VanAvery, seconded by Frank Fox to approve the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Kari Rojas to authorize the millage levies to support the 2009-2010 budget. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Rod Cole to extend the approved organizational designations from July 2008 & January 2009 organizational meetings through December 2009. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Ed VanAvery to approve the board meeting dates and times through December 2009 as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the 1st reading of the elementary student handbook as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Kari Rojas to accept the coaching resignations of Maureen Sheridan as 7th grade girls basketball coach, Jason Byrne as varsity boys track coach and 8th grade boys basketball coach and Gail Miller as varsity girls track coach. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Bob Pasch to accept the coaching recommendations of Dennis Lorenz as ½ time football assistant coach, Chelsie Hall as fall sideline cheer coach and Emma Schafer as JV volleyball coach. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to accept the bus driver resignation/retirement of John Haupt. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to accept the resignation/retirement of special education teacher Gail Miller. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the band trip request as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Bob Pasch to authorize Bill Chilman and John Graham to purchase a driver's education car for up to \$18,000 after working through the RFP process. Motion carried 7/0.

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Motion by Denise McBride, seconded by Ed VanAvery to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Recording Secretary
Julie Freeze

Terry Hutchinson, President

Kari Rojas, Secretary