

Meeting Minutes May 17, 2010

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President, Terry Hutchinson. Present: Terry Hutchinson, Rod Cole, Denise McBride, Ed VanAvery, Bob Pasch, Frank Fox, and Kari Rojas.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Frank Fox to approve the agenda after moving New Business E. MMNet Presentation to Public Participation. Motion carried 7/0.

Three elementary students, Alli Peak, Ryan Powell, and Shelby Trevino gave a presentation about camp Hayo-went-ha.

Matt McMann from the GIRESD gave a presentation on MMNET.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2010. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman notified the board that there was information from the School Equity Caucus in their board packet. Bill also passed around thank you letters written by the 4th-6th graders thanking various individuals for helping with camp Hayo-went-ha.

Denise McBride reported for the District School Improvement team. They met prior to this evening's regular board meeting. They received a quick budget update from Bill. They discussed the high school student handbook and Jeff asked for all suggestions for changes to be turned into him before the end of school. There was discussion about bullying and whether it needs to be addressed more in the handbook. The committee discussed course syllabus, curriculum and assessment and stressed that we need to look at the data not the teacher. They also discussed having a third party evaluate these tools to identify any missing components.

Bill Chilman reported that we need to set an extra curricular committee meeting to look over Aarron Butkovich's proposals for revenue enhancements and budget cuts for next year.

Jerry Ward reported that he and Joan Gornicki have been trained on the new odyssey ware instructional tool that will be replacing plato next year. Jeff, Linda Heintz, Bill and Jerry have plans to meet and look at the vocational education center in Mt. Pleasant and to set some guidelines for alternative ed students who want to attend the vocational center. Alternative education graduation is Next Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Jerry expects atleast eight students to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Marci reported that she is working on the last food order for the year. The walk in freezer will be cleaned out before year end so it can be shut off during the summer months. There is no more charging in the cafeteria for the remainder of the year and Marci is trying to get all current student charges paid up. All of the end of year tasks are in motion. Bill reported that the Farm to School program is proving to be more complicated than it may look. While Marci is still working on it, it may be decided that it is too impractical for a school our size. Bill also reported that Marci looked into the possibility of providing lunch to the preschool program that may be renting space in our building next

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year. Marci was informed by the Department of Education that she is not allowed to offer meals to non students due to the use of commodities in our hot lunch program.

Diane Saltarelli reported that she and a group of elementary teachers have been working with Sonia Lark from the GIRESD on our school improvement plan which filters into a variety of state applications that must be completed by the district each school year. Diane also gave the dates of several upcoming events in the elementary.

Julie Freeze reported on the state retirement incentive legislation that has passed the House and Senate and is currently waiting for the Governor's signature. There is the possibility that we may have additional staff retiring due to the incentive. They have until June 11th to make their decision.

Jeff Jackson reported that his update was included in the board packet they received last week and asked if anyone had any questions for him.

John Graham reported the state police inspector has tentatively scheduled our bus inspection for June 10th and 14th. The used bus that we purchased should be available as soon as Holly schools have completed their school year. Since we were the first to commit to purchasing one of the ten busses they are selling we will have the first pick. At a region 6 meeting John received information about radios used at the Montcalm IDS that were purchased with stimulus money. The radios have GPS capability and interact with a transportation mapping system. John warned the board that the 10 year grant we had for the repeater will expire next year and we will then have to go back to renting the tower. John will be attending transportation supervisor training on June 21st at Central Montcalm. John reported that Betty was in a bus accident last week. She handled everything just right and was commended by the police officers that responded to the emergency call. We will be switching our fire alarm testing from simplex to Central Fire Protection and realizing a significant savings. The big gym floor will be refinished the week of June 28th. Summer projects include tile in the computer room and some office areas. Due to donations from Brad Malley, Thielen Turf and Hubscher's the warning track on the baseball field should be completed with the \$2,000 grant received by the Loons baseball organization.

Bill Chilman thanked the board for providing breakfast to the staff last week during staff appreciation week. Ms. Courtright's 2nd grade class was the first class to have every student met their individual A/R reading goal. We have placed a big emphasis on reading in the elementary and it seems to be paying off.

Terry Hutchinson read the Financial Report.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the General Fund payments of \$298,389.01, Hot Lunch payments of \$13,894.89, Athletic Fund payments of \$5,266.10, Debt Retirement 2002 payments of \$93,337.50, and Debt Retirement 2004 payments of \$338,868.75. Motion carried 7/0.

Terry Hutchinson commended Bill on his performance as superintendent. The Board appreciates all he does for the district and recognized that we are achieving district goals under his leadership. Bill's evaluation will be discussed during executive session.

Bill reported on the Beal City Area Foundation. The first scholarship will be awarded to a graduation senior this year. At the beginning of next school year the foundation will be accepting grant application from teachers for classroom projects.

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The board was reminded of the board elections scheduled for November 2, 2010. Three current board members, Terry, Kari, and Rod are up for reelection. The deadline to register to run for school board member is August 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the GIRESD Budget Resolution as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the 1st reading of the Bus Driver Handbook. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Frank Fox to approve the MHSAA 2010/2011 Membership Resolution. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the RTTT Memorandum of Understanding and the Thrun Resolution A. Motion carried 7/0.

The board was reminded of Alternative Ed Graduation May 26, 2010 @ 8:00 p.m. and High School Graduation May 27, 2010 @ 8:00 p.m.

The board was reminded of the annual budget hearing on June 28, 2010 @ 6:30 with the regular board meeting following @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Frank Fox to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Bob Pasch to come out of executive session at 10:28 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Ed VanAvery, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve Bill's Superintendent Evaluation. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Recording Secretary
Julie Freeze

Terry Hutchinson, President

Kari Rojas, Secretary