

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes February 12, 2008

Pres. McLean called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. in the Media Center at the Charlevoix High School.

Present: Chris Michaud, Dean Spencley, Jeff Stevens (5:06), John McLean, Bo Boss, Larry Levengood (5:08)

Absent: Diane Kilkenny

Administrators present: Supt. Janik, Keith Haske, Dick Swenor, Suzanne Klinger, Shawn Biddle, and Kelly Yaroch

Guests present: Diane Priess, Kelly Wood, Jayne Bennett, Scott Mays, Carol Madison, Treasure Eggers

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Chris Michaud, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 4-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Bo Boss, that the items listed on the consent agenda which include the minutes of the regular and closed meetings of January 14, 2008, the General fund bills paid by check #17038 to check #17246, and the Treasurer's Report for January 2008 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried 4-0

Superintendent's comments/presentations

Supt. Janik informed the board about the common calendar legislation and PA 106 which requires schools to bid out health insurance. He reviewed the 2007-2008 athletic event attendance prepared by Doug Drenth. He then updated the board on several grievance settlements, and informed them that February is principal appreciation month.

Board President's comments

Pres. McLean explained to the board that he wants to split the negotiations and policy committee into two separate committees. The board policy committee will be made up of Pres. McLean, Kelly Yaroch and volunteers from the board. Chris Michaud volunteered to be on the committee.

Student, staff, coach achievement/presentations

Jayne Bennett presented a video of the high school band class's trip to Disneyworld.

Reports

Building principals gave reports to the board on current events in their buildings. Suzanne Klinger also reported on a recent visit her staff took to Adlai Stevenson High School in Illinois. Adlai Stevenson is recognized as high performing high school. The visit gave our staff a chance to see how other school's "best practices" are used. CHS student rep, Sam Balasz gave student updates.

Board Goals - Dean Spencley gave a progress report to the board on Goal #1, which is to "Strengthen the communication and dialogue between the ENTIRE school community (internal and external)."

The board is happy with the progress that has been made in this area. Jeff Stevens reported on goal #2, to “Finalize the plans and then the construction of a new central office and bus garage and proceed with the selling of the current office.” He asked for an exterior door to the mechanical room in the new administration building and for a list of subcontractors involved in the project. He indicated the board would like to explore other location options for the maintenance building and that they would prefer to continue to hold out for higher offers for the central office building that is for sale.

Building Projects Update - Bret Kronlein from Beta Designs presented the board with a plan for the new bus garage/maintenance facility.

Graduation Requirements and Honors Recognition Policy Revision (1st reading) - Suzanne Klinger gave the board the background on the high school's new honors recognition policy.

New business

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Audra Randall as the 7th grade Volleyball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Bo Boss, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the proposed language for a \$5.9 million dollar bond to be included on the May 6, 2008 election ballot for the purpose of partially remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping school district buildings, including educational technology improvements; acquiring school buses and developing and improving sites.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the soccer team's request for an overnight trip to Olivet College on March 22, 2008 as requested.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Chris Michaud, that the Charlevoix Board of Education enter into the proposed property agreement with Charlevoix Public Library as presented.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Jeff Stevens to adjourn to closed session at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of evaluating the superintendent

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Chris Michaud, supported by Larry Levensgood, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Motion Carried 6-0

Larry Levensgood, Secretary