

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes March 12, 2007

Pres. Trubilowicz called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the high school media center

Present: Bill Trubilowicz, Diane Kilkenny, Larry Levengood, Dean Spencley, John McLean, Jr., Chris Michaud and Jeff Stevens

Absent: None

Administrators present: Keith Haske, Dick Swenor, Gary Grundman, Suzanne Klinger, Shawn Biddle

Guests present: Mia Matchett, Lindi Edger, Sasha, Bailey, Ashley Price, Kyle Shearer, Zack Lake, Mark and Vicky Greyerbiehl, Scott Plude, Phil Michaud, Maureen Themm, Riley Ernst, Patrick Russell, Emily Westenbroek, Trevor Mays, Ashlie Bradley, Roger Gowell, Lisa Carlson, Sue Miller, Brittney Lamb, Caitlin Taylor, Lauren Dupuis

Elementary Students - 3rd and 4th grade music students presented a few of the songs that they are working on for the upcoming spring musical.

Pres. Trubilowicz pointed out the Elementary and Middle school Calendars for March in the board packets.

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by John McLean, that the items listed on the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2007; the special meetings of January 29th; February 8th; and February 28, 2007; the general Fund bills paid by check #14834 to check #15063; and the Treasurer's report for February 2007 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Reports/Discussion

1. Superintendent Search Update – Mark Ekhardt, Char-Em ISD Superintendent, reported on the status of the search for a new superintendent. Staff and community input meetings were held last week with an outcome of six basic themes of what is desired in the new superintendent. These included good communication skills, a strong leader, a strong finance background, a personality like Jim Cooper, experience as a superintendent, and the ability to be visible in the community. Applications are due April 20th. Interviews will be held in May.

2. Advertising Committee – Dean Spencley reported on behalf of the committee that they have met several times to come up with different ways to sell advertising to generate revenue for athletics. The proposed idea is to sell banners with inspirational messages which will be sold with the business name as the sponsor.

3. Building and Grounds Committee – Bill Trubilowicz reported on behalf of the committee regarding the central office/bus garage options. Most likely we'll build on the existing bus garage property. A combined building would allow us to share resources. We're still in the phase of gathering information from the architects.

New business

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the appointment of Bret Erskine as the Varsity Girls' Basketball coach for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Jeff Stevens, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the use of the high school auditorium by the Community Reformed Church on Saturday, April 7, 2007 and Sunday, April 8, 2007 as requested.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by John McLean, supported by Larry Levensgood, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. May 1-5, 2007 as requested.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve Mary Lieberman's leave of absence request beginning March 19, 2007 for the remainder of the school year according to the terms set forth in the Letter of Agreement as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by John McLean, that the Charlevoix Board of Education allow the sale of sponsorships for banners carrying inspirational messages and quotes which will be hung at district athletic facilities.

Motion Carried 5-2

Further direction was given in regards to the motion to sell to advertising. The direction given was that the advertising committee will be responsible for determining the appropriateness of the message; the revenue will go to the athletic department; and the responsibility of maintaining the banner goes to the individual teams.

Public Comments

Mark Greyerbiehl supported the advertising sales initiative and suggested that stipulations be added to the contract on every sale to protect the district.

A high school student asked Dean whether or not he intended to make our school a private school due to his comment that we need to become a private/public school. He asked what programs will benefit from the "private" endeavors and what classes will be cut at the high school if we go to trimesters. Dean clarified that his comment was made in jest and that there is not intention of actually becoming a private school.

Roundtable discussion was held regarding seminar at the high school, security cameras, school safety, March into reading month, and the basketball team accomplishments and upcoming finals.

Meeting Adjourned 8:01 p.m.

Larry Levensgood, Secretary