

Charlevoix Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes May 11, 2009

Pres. McLean called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school large group room.

Present: Judith Ivan, Chris Michaud, John McLean, Jeff Stevens, Valerie Snyder, Bo Boss, Dean Spencley

Absent: None

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

Guests present: Diane Priess, Lisa Carlson, Stephanie Carey, Kevin Pearsall, Bryan Lindfors, Weston Bryan, Corey Loucks, Alex Buday, Steven Coen, Justin Friske, Cindy Whitley, Danielle Wager, Jordan McCarthy, Kristina A., Chantel Novotny, Debra Devitt, Kristin Sidlauskas, Margie Tamminga, John S., Jill Erskine, Brock Yenglin, Michael Pelon, KC McCary, Meredith, Patrick Conway, Amy Pott, Dennis VanGuilder, Dawn Hovie, Jill Baier, Scott Mays, Lisa Potter, Ann Gorney, Alicia Guidice

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Jeff Stevens, supported by Dean Spencley, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular and closed meetings of April 13, 2009, the special and closed meetings of April 27, 2009, the General Fund bills paid by check #19529 to check #19711, and the Treasurer's report for April 2009 as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

#### Superintendent's comments/presentations

Supt. Janik publicly thanked Diane Priess for all of the work she puts into the Peter Rabbit play each year. He also thanked Dean Spencley and Chris Michaud for their four years of service on the Board of Education and welcomed our newly elected members, Kevin Pearsall and Mike Pearsall, who will be taking office on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Danielle Wager introduced Suzie Johnson of the Young Americans who spoke to the Board regarding the performance they will put on at the High School this summer as well as the Young Americans Outreach program.

#### Board President comments

Pres. McLean addressed concerns regarding a note sent to a community members by the CEA which followed a community survey conducted by the MEA. The note indicated that the teachers had taken concessions to facilitate implementing trimesters. Pres. McLean clarified that there have been no concessions to date.

#### Student, staff, coach achievement/presentations

Performing Arts students performed a skit from their upcoming play, *Suzical, the Musical*.

#### Communication

Supt. Janik informed the Board of communication items in their packets which included the Middle School Calendar, Custodian Transfer (Barry Potter to K4), and an invitation to the retirement party.

#### Reports

Building Reports – Principals gave updates on current events in each of their buildings.

Strategic Plan Update - Shawn Biddle updated the board with work she's done with the food service program in the past year – establishing new menus, cooking techniques, pursuing grants for new equipment, partnering with local farmers, etc. as well as a new POS system.

Board Goal #2 “Be proactive with the budget challenges facing the district” – Judith Ivan reported progress on this goal through the reduction of the teaching staff by 2 positions for next year and continuing through mediation to seek a fair contract, as well as looking at all options to maintain our current staff.

School, State, and Federal Stimulus Update– Shawn Biddle gave an update on the economic state of the State of Michigan and the state’s school aid fund. The federal stimulus funds remain vague. There is an approximate deficit of \$420 million in the state aid fund. Charlevoix Schools are expecting about \$400k from the Federal Stimulus Stabilization funds that will be spent over two years.

High School Attendance Policy – Suzanne Klinger explained a new attendance policy that she will bring to the board in June for approval through the High School Handbook.

New business

Moved by Chris Michaud, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve Char-Em ISD’s 2009/2010 general fund budget as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Chris Michaud, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education award the bond projects to Integrity Construction for \$778,887 plus \$99,523 for bid alternatives.

Motion Carried 6-1  
Snyder opposed

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Judith Ivan, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the administrative group proposal to take a 0% increase on their salary schedules for the 2009-2010 school year as requested. This motion shall apply to the following employees: Shawn Biddle, Gail Cherry, Keith Haske, Chet Janik, Ken Rogers, Gordie Russell, Dick Swenor, Suzanne Klinger, Scott Mays, and Kelly Yaroch.

Motion Carried 7-0

Public comments/general

Mike Pearsall asked about the construction projects. He wonders if anyone is HazMat certified to tear down the wall/window area in the middle school.

Gwen Catt clarified her letter written to the board. She explained that she did not break the chain of the command. She also did not intend for the letter to go to every employee. She did write the letter herself. She asked the board what their plans are for going forward.

Boogie asked whether or not a process is currently in place for evaluating and documenting staff performance.

Pat Conway asked when the board began looking at trimesters whether it was a bargaining or budgeting strategy. John answered that it is an academic issue for the board.

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Bo Boss to adjourn to closed session for a negotiations update at 8:27p.m.

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Jeff Stevens to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:51p.m.

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Judith Ivan, Secretary