

Board of Education Minutes June 12, 2006

Shawn Biddle held a public hearing on the proposed 2006-2007 budget from 6:30-6:52 p.m.

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

Present: Dennis Halverson, Diane Kilkenny, Larry Levengood, Chris Michaud, Dean Spencley, Ardeth Wieland, Bill Trubilowicz

Absent: None

Administrators present: Keith Haske, Dick Swenor, Gary Grundman

Guests present: Nancy Beghein, Mary Lieberman, Marina LaBlance, Yvonne, Wendt, Cynthia Postmus, Roger Postmus, Tim Barnes, MaryAnn Chew, Betty Henne, Jeff Stevens, Val Meyerson, Steve Hansen, Anne Hansen, John McLean, Deb Devitt, Kay Heise, Marilyn Novak, Mary Snider, Karen Giudice, Treasure Eggers, Vince Chew, Nichole Zawisza, Marell Staffel, Mark Greyerbiehl, Vicky Greyerbiehl, Cindy Whitley, Coreen Henry, Kristen Beach, Barb Sheets, Carole Huebotter, Glenda Wilhelm, Jeff Wilhelm, Sue Miller, D. Schmidt, Ann Gorney, Toni Felter, Gail Cherry, Karen Pierce, Barry Pierce, Sandra Novotny, Steven Voci, Julie Voci, Gordon Russell, Connie Drury, Scott Veurink, Mary Siegart, Beth Teuscher, Carolyn Klooster, Stephanie Carey, Shannon Smith

In John Sturock's absence, Acting Superintendent, Dick Swenor, shared the following communication with the board: MASB Summer Seminar information, a letter of intent to retire from Gary Grundman, a notice of Pat Ricks' transfer to 6th grade English position, a letter of resignation from Steve Seelye, block scheduling and staffing reports, and the Michigan School Report Card grades for the elementary and middle schools (the high school grade is not released yet).

**Public Comments or questions specific to the agenda**

Val Meyerson thanked the board in advance for reappointing MaryAnn Chew to another term on the library board.

Barb Sheets presented the board with a petition regarding the disciplinary action against Steve Seelye and Jane Garver. The petition states that the board's disciplinary action against these two employees was too lenient.

Nichole Zawisza, a parent of a 5th grade student read a letter to the board which stated that she is upset about the way Steve Seelye was removed from her daughter's life. She feels the fact that he wasn't allowed to say goodbye to his students was wrong. She asked the board to consider coming up with a policy to handle situations like this in the future.

Tom Barnes commented that he feels it has been very difficult to get accurate information concerning the issue with the middle school staff members. He asked whether or not Dr. Sturock's statement about the emails not containing distasteful content was true or if it isn't if it

will be retracted. He also asked whether or not our financial status played into the decision to terminate the teachers or not. If it did in fact influence that decision, he feels it is fiscally irresponsible to approve a budget that puts us in that predicament.

Nancy Beghien announced that the PA program has initiated 2 fundraisers to continue the program. She asked if PA is going to be in the curriculum next year and urged the board to appoint Connie Ford as the extra-curricular coach.

A high school parent stated that she doesn't think the 14 students that vandalized the high school should have been able to walk at graduation.

Dennis Halverson responded to the public comments by explaining the difficult issues that the board has been facing in the last couple of weeks. He thanked the public for their concern and admitted that we may have stumbled a little over these issues but that our intentions were good and we will look at this as an opportunity to become stronger and to deal with issues like these better in the future.

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Dean Spencley, that the items listed on the consent agenda which include the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2006, the special meeting of May 15, 2006, the special meeting of May 26, 2006, the closed meeting of April 10, 2006, the closed meeting of May 8, 2006, the General Fund bills paid by check #12961 to check #13172, and the Treasurer's report for May 2006 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

## **Reports**

MaryAnn Chew gave a report to the board on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library. She thanked the board for selling the old middle school property to the library to build their new library on. She explained the process the library went through to begin their building process. She reported that representatives from the library board and the school board have met several times recently to discuss the future of the current library building. She indicated that her board feels that these meetings have been productive and are close to a resolution. She informed that board that the library would like to host an in-service for teachers to introduce them to the new library and to familiarize them with the resources available. She invited the board to a time capsule ceremony on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Halverson responded to MaryAnn's report that he doesn't feel we are any closer to a resolution on the current library building issue than we were a year ago. He recapped the issue that has come about in the last several years, pointing out that the school and the city both made financial concessions to help the library purchase the building/property that they are moving into this fall. He stated that now the school is in a financial crisis and desperately in need of a new administration office yet the library has not made any efforts at helping the school district to get the old library building back. The deed on file for that property is inaccurate and has not been corrected. He asked MaryAnn to facilitate that correction to the deed, which would allow the school district to use that building for an administration office and keep this situation from going to court. MaryAnn responded that their board is also feeling an upcoming budget pinch but she feels that a resolution to matter is close. Dennis asked if the library board intends to make the deed right and she indicated that yes, once a resolution is reached by the subcommittees. Dennis

asked Bill Trubilowicz (a school board member on the subcommittee) if he feels that a resolution is close and Bill indicated that yes, he feels that they are getting closer, but that process has not gone as quickly as he would like.

Shawn Biddle, Business Manager, gave the 2005-2006 Budget Amendment Report to the board. She outlined the changes to the 2005-2006 budget for its final amendment. The ending fund balance for 2005-06 school year is projected to be \$985,822.

### **New business**

Moved by Larry Levensgood, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve the reappointment of Mary Ann Chew as representative to the Charlevoix District Library for another term of three years.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Bill Trubilowicz, supported by Chris Michaud, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve this resolution for the general appropriations of Charlevoix Public Schools for the fiscal year 2005/2006: A resolution to amend appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by Charlevoix Public Schools.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve appropriations to the General Fund, Sinking/Capital Project Funds, 1999 Debt Retirement Fund, Athletic Fund, and Food Service Fund for fiscal year 2006-2007 as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Chris Michaud, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve a 90 day unpaid leave of absence as requested by Karrie Gaffney.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Ardeth Wieland, supported by Bill Trubilowicz, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve the Char-Em ISD School of Choice section 105 cooperative program resolution as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Bill Trubilowicz, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve the Char-Em ISD School of Choice section 105c cooperative program resolution as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Larry Levensgood, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve the MHSAA membership resolution as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Bill Trubilowicz, supported by Dean Spencley, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education award the middle school concrete project to A&E Concrete of Kentwood.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education award the middle roof project to Great Lakes Roofing & Insulation Inc. of Sault Ste. Marie.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Chris Michaud, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education adopt the wellness policy as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Bill Trubilowicz, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education adopts the Legend 403(b)(7) governmental plan and authorizes the Business Manager to execute any and all measures to carry out this resolution.

Motion Carried 7-0

Dick Swenor requested that the board set the date for the July organizational meeting. The meeting was set for July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the high school media center. Dick presented Ardeth Wieland and Dennis Halverson with lifetime athletic passes for their years of service on the Board of Education.

There was roundtable discussion regarding graduation, many thanks to Ardeth and Dennis, goodbyes from Dennis and Ardeth, an announcement that Supt. John Sturock has been offered a job by Allen Park and that a Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss filling his position.

Meeting Adjourned 8:13 p.m.

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Larry Levensgood, Secretary