

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes September 10, 2007

Pres. McLean called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Present: Larry Levensgood, Chris Michaud, Dean Spencley, Jeff Stevens, Diane Kilkenny, John McLean, Bo Boss

Absent: None

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

Guests present: Maureen Themm, Mac Ernst, Tom Eggers, Treasure Eggers, Michael Keegan, Diane Priess, Dennis Halverson, Mike Hinkle, Nate Golovich, Caitlin Mitchell, Megan Cross, Desi Faust, Cliff Jones, Kyle Jones, Woody Nitchman, William Morow, Nick Wimmer, Samantha Stebe, Dannielle Bergmann, Courtney Speer, Autumn Atkins, Laura Larsen, Alicia Drost, Kaleigh Blanchard, Kevin Greyerbiehl, Sam Balasz, Nic Williams, Courtney Chamberlain, Kasey Hoaglund, Emily Foster, Leah Kelly, Jake Hunt, Trevor Cole, Meighen Havens, Matt, Molly Braniecki, Emilee Colvin, David Left, Joel Curiel, Jill Tabaczka, Steve Kantola, Melissa Smith, Stephanie Milazzo, Margie Culver, Gail Cherry, Coreen Henry, Scott Mays, Bev Mays, Peter Valler, Colin Campbell, Logan Stachler, Shelby Goss, Katelyn Cole, Amelia Meier, Sarah Titus, Karen Peterson, John Guirey, Jennifer Glass, Toni Felter, Ann Gorney, Stacey Stewart, Cindy Whitley

Supt. Janik shared a board update, elementary and middle school calendars, MASB annual conference information, and letters of retirement/resignation from Betty Henne, Joannie Carlson, Leigh Anne Lovell, and Connie Ford as PA Coach.

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the items listed on the consent agenda which include the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2007, the General Fund bills paid by check #16004 to check #16186 and the Treasurers Report for August 2007 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

**The board heard reports on the following items:**

Dennis Halverson, on behalf of the Rotary's Reach for the Stars program, presented the board with a \$20,000 endowment fund for auditorium equipment needs.

Maureen Themm, on behalf of the performing arts parent group, reported to the board that they had started a scholarship fund in honor of Connie Ford. The high school staff raised \$500 to kick off the fund and presented the check to Maureen.

Steve Kantola spoke on behalf of Connie Ford, saying that she is very honored by the scholarship in her name but wants the focus to remain on the kids that will benefit from this scholarship program.

Jon Damhof of Bair, Cotter, and Bishop, gave the annual audit report to the board. He highlighted the 2006-2007 audit results. The ending general fund balance for 2006-07 was \$1.6 million.

Supt. Janik gave a Sinking Fund projects update to the board. The items not yet completed on the sinking fund list are the bus garage and the central office. He asked the board for direction to begin soliciting a real estate agent to sell the current central office building. The board granted Supt. Janik the direction to do so and to research alternative locations for the central office staff to be in the meantime.

Shawn Biddle, Business Manager, presented the board with an analysis of our transportation department. Gordie Russell, Transportation Supervisor, presented the board with an update on our bus fleet.

Pres. McLean presented the board with a draft of the proposed 2007-2008 board goals. Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Chris Michaud, to adopt the proposed goals as the board goals for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion Carried 7-0

#### **Old Business**

Moved by Chris Michaud, supported by Bo Boss, that the Charlevoix Board of Education elect John McLean as the MASB voting delegate and Dean Spencley as the voting alternate for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion Carried 7-0

#### **New business**

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Keith Carey as the JV football coach for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Tabatha Simpson as a part-time elementary school secretary for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Bo Boss, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Doug Drenth as athletic director for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Dean Spencley, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Marian DeNio as elementary school utility helper for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Chris Michaud, supported by Dean Spencley, that the Charlevoix Board of Education award the 1990 Dodge Pickup and the 1992 Thomas vehicle bids to Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers;

the 1995 Thomas and the 1990 Bluebird bids to Litzenger Landscape, and the 2002 Taurus bid be rejected and priced for sale at \$5000 as recommended.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the high school band's request to take an overnight trip to Disneyworld in January 2008 as requested.

Motion Carried 7-0

Public comments – Joel Curiel spoke about the starting times at the high school and the middle school; he thinks they are starting too early which is supported by research.

Nic Williams voiced his thoughts that the High School rep is lacking at our board meeting and asked whether we would be appointing a student to fill this need.

Ben Max, former performing arts student, asked for permission to dedicate the auditorium to Connie Ford. Supt. Janik asked him to set an appointment to meet with him to follow up.

Roundtable discussion was held on the following topics: thanks to Steve Kantola, Maureen Themm, and Jill Tabaczka for all their work with Connie and thanks to the HS staff for contributing to the scholarship fund; enrollment numbers; day of caring on 9/18; parent openhouses; Mike Pearsall's retirement; and meeting location.

Next month's meeting will be held in the Middle School large group room.

Meeting adjourned 8:31 p.m.

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Larry Levenson, Secretary