

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes October 13, 2008

Pres. McLean called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the middle school large group room.

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

Absent: Jeff Stevens

Administrators present: Supt. Janik, Dick Swenor, Shawn Biddle, Kelly Yaroch

Guests Present: Brian Rockafellow, Scott Veurink, Kevin Pearsall, Angie Roeloffs, Gus Bishop, Jenny Glass, Scott Mays, Michelle Keegan, Bill Herriman, Lonnie Bullion, Caroline Smith, Jodi Thompson, Margie Culver, Diane Priess, Katelyn Lobert

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Chris Michaud, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular and closed meetings of September 8, 2008, the special and closed meetings of September 29, 2008, the General fund bills paid by check #18380 to check #18574, and the Treasurer's reports for August and September 2008 as presented.

Motion Carried 6-0

Superintendent's comments/presentations

Supt. Janik reviewed current events, gave an update on the bus garage, enrollment numbers, and informed the board of completion of the bleacher project.

Board President comments

Pres. McLean spoke about traveling to the Beaver Island Lighthouse School and notified the board that a couple students will be here next month to give a presentation.

Communication

Supt. Janik informed board members that the October 2008 elementary calendar was included in their packets.

Reports

**2007.08 Audit Report** – Angie Roeloffs of Baird, Cotter, and Bishop gave a brief overview of the 07.08 audit results. The year ended with a \$116,000 surplus; however, she pointed out that we would have been deficit spending if we had not had the sale of the library. She recommended that the board increase the designated liability of sick day payouts to reflect the true liability which has increased from \$900,000 to slightly over \$1 million.

**Personal Curriculum** – Gus Bishop and Jennifer Sabsook from Char-Em ISD presented to the board on the new Michigan Merit Curriculum. Jennifer reviewed the origination of the curriculum and outlined the new requirements. The new curriculum contains new requirements which are of philosophical difference from how graduation status has been achieved in the past. It's no longer about "seat time" but about demonstration of proficiency in state identified core content expectations. The proficiency levels are district decisions but we are working with the ISD to develop regional standards. Personal Curriculum is a program that allows the board to grant diplomas when a student requests that a modification be made to allow them to graduate.

Dick Swenor reported to the board from the elementary school.

Student Rep, Jessica Bills updated the board with high school current events.

**Strategic Plan Update** – Scott Mays gave an update on the technology needs which was one of the goals of the strategic plan. We are planning to replace about 400 computers in the summer of 2009. He reviewed the contents of smart classrooms that are going to be implemented district-wide through the bond funds. Each classroom will contain interactive whiteboards, data projectors, interactive response systems, etc. This is also a summer 2009 project. We will be the first district in northern Michigan to implement this district wide.

Valerie Snyder and Judith Ivan gave an update on the status of the board goal to maintain high academic standards at all levels.

New business

Moved by Valerie Snyder, supported by Dean Spencley, that the Charlevoix Board of Education award the Fiber Optics bid to Amcomm Telecommunications, Inc .for \$120,414 as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Bo Boss, supported by Dean Spencley, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the contract with Energy Systems Group  
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for \$1.1 million of retrofit projects pending Final Review by the Superintendent as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

2008-2009 Calendar - Supt. Janik informed the board that the CEA and administration have agreed on a calendar for the November 2008 – January 2009 three month period.

District Steering Committee Chairperson - Supt. Janik informed the board that he had reached an agreement with the CEA to fill the Curriculum Coordinator position on a one year trial basis. The selected employee will be chair the district steering committee.

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Valerie Snyder, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the physics class trip to Chicago May 5-7, 2009 as requested.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Valerie Snyder, supported by Chris Michaud, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the Spanish club trip to New York City November 19-23, 2008 as requested.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Judith Ivan, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the baseball team trip to Nashville, TN March 28-April 2, 2009 as requested.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Dean Spencley, supported by Valerie Snyder, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Rosemary Dixon as a Bright Beginnings assistant for the 2008-2009 school year through the contract with PMP Personnel Services as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Chris Michaud, supported by Judith Ivan, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Mark DeKorne, Chris Sarasin, Rene Demanaeus, and Marjorie Tamminga as regular drivers for the 2008-2009 school year through the contract with PMP Personnel Services as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Valerie Snyder, supported by Chris Michaud, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve Jenny Glass's unpaid leave request for a portion of the 2008-2009 school year as requested.

Motion Carried 6-0

#### Board member comments

Roundtable discussion included praise for the Beaver Island Lighthouse School program, thanks to Mike and Chris Way for organizing a workshop for CHS athletes, coaches, and parents with speaker Rob Miller. The Ways also provided t-shirts to all students that attended the event. Congrats to the equestrian club, thanks to Pat Miller for help with the junior class sponsorship/float building, sports booster tailgate after the parade, 50 year reunion info, and more.

Moved by Bo Boss, supported by Dean Spencley to adjourn to closed session to discuss labor contract negotiations at 9:01p.m.

Moved by Valerie Snyder, supported by Bo Boss, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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Judith Ivan, Secretary

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