

Charlevoix Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes November 9, 2009

Pres. McLean called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Large Group Room.

Present: Kevin Pearsall, Mike Pearsall, Jeff Stevens, Valerie Snyder, John McLean, Bo Boss, Larry Levensgood

Absent: None

Administrators present: Supt. Janik, Shawn Biddle, Kelly Yaroach, Keith Haske, Dick Swenor

Guests present: Sue Miller, Jill Erskine, Scott Veurink, Lisa Potter, Barry Potter, Glenda Wilhelm, Jeff Wilhelm, Annemarie Conway, Jill Baier, Julie Voci, Nicole Sterrett

Moved by Jeff Stevens, supported by Valerie Snyder, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Bo Boss, supported by Mike Pearsall, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2009, the special meeting of November 3, 2009, the General fund bills paid by check #20542 to check #20746, and the Treasurer's Reports for October 2009 as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Board President comments

Pres. McLean reported back to the Board from the MASB conference that he attended. He also read a letter to be sent to parents urging them to write a note to the legislators to support school funding. Each letter will contain a postage paid note card for them to use for that purpose. He recapped the budget task force meeting that took place earlier in the day. The budget task force would like the board to set the parameters for student/teacher ratios and the minimum fund balance prior to the next meeting.

Communication

Supt Janik shared the middle school calendar for November and a letter of retirement from Marcy Murdick.

Reports

Dick Swenor and Keith Haske gave reports from each of their buildings.

Student Representative, Caitlin Bryant gave an update on behalf of the high school students. She updated the Board on the outstanding athletic season that just wrapped up. She also shared that some students are concerned about the flu outbreak and the impact of the attendance policy on the absences.

Bo Boss reported back to the board from the building & grounds committee meeting that was held in the last month. The meeting was at the elementary school to evaluate the condition of the countertops. They requested that we go out to bid to determine whether or not we can afford to have them replaced. The committee would also like to work towards eliminating the portable building which houses the Bright Beginnings program.

New business

Moved by Jeff Stevens, supported by Larry Levensgood, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the physics class trip to Chicago May 16-19, 2010 as requested.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Larry Levensgood, supported by Kevin Pearsall, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the resolution in support of Funding for Education as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Valerie Snyder, supported by Mike Pearsall, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the Resignation Incentive Plan for 2010 as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

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School Election Date Options (discussion)

Supt. Janik shared the pros and cons of changing from a May election to a November election date. If the Board opts to make the change, the decision needs to be made by December 31, 2009.

Moved by Larry Levensgood, supported by Bo Boss, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the resolution to set a public hearing on December 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a change in the election date.

Motion Carried 7-0

Public comments/general

Jacob Waterman, a local Boy Scout working towards becoming an Eagle Scout is building an outdoor classroom at the elementary school and rebuilding the nature trail. He asked the Board for any volunteer help on his project and needs assistance. Pres. McLean asked Jacob to send the plan to the board members as well as the "work day" that he schedules and he will disperse it to the other members.

Moved by Jeff Stevens, supported by Valerie Snyder, that the Charlevoix Board of Education Adjourn the meeting at 8:22p.m.

Larry Levensgood, Secretary