

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes November 12, 2007

In Pres. McLean's absence, vice president Spencley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at the Charlevoix High School.

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

Absent: John McLean

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

Guests present: Tom Sloan, Maureen Themm, Keith Mahoney, Kimber Wager, Rachel Bilmore, Courtney Chamberlain, Kaylee Wells, Sarah Ruhlman, Leah Kelly, Sarah Klooster, Justin Klooster, Nancy Beghein, Steve Kantola, Brooke Whittaker, Becca Madison, Pam Barnes, David Left, Kevin Greyerbiehl, Elizabeth Kerr, Alicia Drost, Brian Whitley, Stacey Stewart, Stephanie Carey, Cam Crain, Sarah Shepard, Laura School, Melissa Smith, Kacy Hoaglund, Emily Yager, Gail Cherry, Nate Golovich, Scott Haselschwardt, Alina Dhaseleer, Phil Green, Jill Tabaczka, Joel Curiel, Jon Boyko, Logan Nuttall, Chris Good

Moved by Chris Michaud, supported by Jeff Stevens, to add a closed session for the purpose of discussing student discipline to the end of the agenda.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Bo Boss, supported by Chris Michaud, that the Charlevoix Board of Education adopt the November 12, 2007 regular meeting agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Chris Michaud, supported by Bo Boss, that the items listed on the consent agenda which include the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2007, the special meeting of October 24, 2007, the General fund bills paid by check #16400 to check #16607, and the Treasurers Report for October 2007 be approved as presented."

Motion Carried 6-0

Superintendent Janik informed the board that the state has approved an education budget and we will receive an increase of \$71/student this year. With anticipated spending costs at \$121/student, we will still be looking at the need for a budget reduction. He also informed the board that bids are currently out for our new administration building.

Rachel Gilmore and Kimber Wager, AP Comparative Politics students, presented to the board on their new class. Taught by Mr. Hawkins, the class is designed to challenge upper level students. Criteria such as GPA, test performance, teacher referrals, and academic schedules were used to determine which students would be in the class.

The following communication items were shared with the board: resignation letters from Bret Erskine as JV boys' basketball coach and Bryan Hawkins as freshman boys' basketball coach

Reports

Pam Barnes, from the Charlevoix Schools Foundation talked about the history of the foundation which was created in 1987 by Gordon VanWieren. The foundation supports the schools each year but granting teachers grant requests for various field trips, textbooks, teaching supplies, multimedia projectors, etc. The foundation has given over \$200,000 to the schools. The foundation changed its name this year to take the foundation to the next level, expanding the grant areas and building an endowment fund (goal = \$1 mill). The fund is currently at \$150,000. The foundation is still in its beginning stages of creating the endowment fund.

Tom Sloan, Facilities Management Consultant, gave the board a report on the facilities/custodial study that he performed. The custodial group was lacking structure, accountability, documentation (MSDS), consistency, and expectations. At Tom's suggestion, we have begun a trial period with Mike Bartz as the custodial group leader to address some of these deficiencies.

Keith Mahoney from Britten Media presented the board with the program goals for their marketing partnership with Charlevoix Public Schools.

Each of the building principals gave an update on events happening in their building.

CHS student rep, Sam Balasz reported the student events in the last month. He also indicated that the senior girls are requesting to wear white gowns for graduation.

Supt. Janik presented the S.W.O.T. Parent Survey Results. 61 parents responded, with an average "rating" of the school district reported as 6.6.

New business

Moved by Chris Michuad, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Adam Wood as the Freshman boys' basketball coach for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Bo Boss, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Todd Klinger as the Freshman girls' basketball coach for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Steve Kantola as the Performing Arts co-coach for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Bo Boss, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Sherry Zipp as a Bright Beginnings Assistant for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Larry Levensgood, that the Charlevoix Board of Education appoint Guy Russell, Jr. as night custodian for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Larry Levensgood, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the contracted services agreement between Charlevoix Public Schools and Char-Em ISD to provide AP/AR and payroll services for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion Carried 5-1
Boss opposed

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education retain Hilltop, Inc. to provide snow removal for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Chris Michuad, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the Spanish IV overnight trip to Chicago November 30 – December 2, 2007 as requested.

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Bo Boss, supported by Jeff Stevens, that the Charlevoix Board of Education approve the Spanish class trip to Costa Rica in June 2008 as requested.

Motion Carried 6-0

Meeting location and frequency (Discussion Item)

Discussion Tabled

Public comments/general

Maureen Themm thanked the board for appointing Steve Kantola and for those that attended Connie Ford's memorial. Two students also spoke in favor of Steve Kantola, and fondly of Connie Ford. They asked that possibly a plaque be hung in the auditorium in her honor. Steve Kantola voiced one of Connie's last wishes that the plaques and trophies of her past students be displayed in the alcoves rather than a plaque in her own name.

Philip Greene thanked the board on behalf of the Bible Baptist church.

Moved by Bo Boss, supported by Chris Michaud to Meeting Adjourned to closed session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing student discipline.

Motion Carried 6-0

Larry Levensgood, Secretary