

Board of Education Minutes November 14, 2005

Pres. Halverson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the high school media center.

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

Absent: None

Administrators present: John Sturock, Gary Grundman, Dick Swenor

Guests present: Grant Newcomb, Scott Barta, Matt Teuscher, Daniel Elliott

Supt. Sturock shared the Elementary and Middle School calendars for November; letters of resignation from Don Potter as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' volleyball coach, Steve Carland as the Rayder boys' basketball coach, and Kelly Jones as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' cheerleading coach; a copy of the letter sent to the Public Library; and a congratulatory letter from the MHSAA for receiving no official reports of concern, ejection, or poor sportsmanship during the past school year.

Moved by Ardeth Wieland, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the items listed on the consent agenda which include the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2005, the minutes of the special meeting of October 19, 2005, the treasurer's report for October 2005, and the General Fund bills paid by check #11465 to check #11715, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried 7-0

Supt. Sturock asked the board for direction regarding the Budget Steering Committee. He asked them for discussion to formulate a charge for the group so that they know where they are going and what will be expected. Dennis Halverson asked Shawn to present the financial situation to the committee in a similar manner as to what she presents to the board. Supt. Sturock agreed and stated that a lot of the community members probably don't really realize the cuts that have been made thus far. The first meeting will be informational, the second a review of expenditures, the third a review of revenues, and the fourth at formulating suggestions. Larry Levensgood asked whether the board members should attend the meetings or not. The board agreed that it will be up to each member as to whether or not they want to attend but to not "steer" the steering committee.

Moved by Larry Levensgood, supported by Bill Trubilowicz, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve the family medical leave requested by Gretchen Rice for approximately seventeen weeks beginning in December 2005.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Ardeth Wieland, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve the family medical leave requested by Amy Pott from approximately January 20, 2006 to May 1, 2006.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Larry Levensgood, supported by Dean Spencley, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education approve the appointment of Allen Telgenhof as the Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2005-2006 school year as recommended by Jim Kanine.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Bill Trubilowicz, supported by Diane Kilkenny, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education resolve that \$13,270,225 of the total available to appropriate in the general fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth.

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Diane Kilkenny, supported by Dennis Halverson, that the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education allow our local county building inspectors to perform inspections of our building trades house.

Motion Carried 7-0

Supt. Sturock commented that there was an article in the Detroit News this weekend about where the state is going with new mandated curriculum requirements for high schools. High School Principal, Gary Grundman added that our state has been very lax on curriculum requirements in the past. He stated, however, that about 45% of our students are already meeting these new requirements. One thing that the new requirements will do is force students to take fewer electives which he doesn't feel is really a good idea and has voiced this opinion to the people that he knows on the committee. He feels that we do a lot of good things in our vocational programs and they shouldn't be ignored.

Dennis Halverson asked if there are any financial implications of this to which Supt. Sturock responded that these are areas that are already being offered; it's just going to be a matter of offering more of them because the focus will be on these core areas instead of electives. These changes will most likely be in effect by next school year. Supt. Sturock recapped that it will be a bit of a modification for us but we're already most of the way there.

#### Roundtable Discussion

Chuck Mason talked about the new pending requirements and the discussion that they had in Government class regarding the issue. Maybe it's a good idea to run high schools more like a high school and less like a college, which seems to have been the trend.

Gary Grundman reported that the first run of high school report cards out of Centerpointe is on their way to parents.

Dick Swenor reported that the K4 had conferences last week with well over 90% parents attending.

Larry Levensgood informed the other members that he had recently served on an assessment team for the Headstart program and one thing that was identified was that it should be more visible in the community.

Bill Trubilowicz reported back from the MASB conference that he attended on alternative insurance plans.

Meeting adjourned 6:56 p.m.

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Larry Levensgood, Secretary