

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
August 10, 2009

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President Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the high school media center.

Members present: Butler, Freeman, Keyes, Palmer, Ryckman, VanSickler

Members absent: Peglow

Administrators present: Myers, Beal, Hubbard, Kelly

Administrators absent: none

Visitors present: Ryan Dove, Sharon Davis, Jim Hodges, Matt Walderzak,  
Connie Marshall

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Butler to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

#### Recognition of Guests

Ryan Dove presented to the board a drawing of the t-ball fields inside the nature trails. Mr. Dove stated that Wolverine Power approved the plans. Wolverine Power will move the trees that may contact the power lines and the district will need to dispose them. Wolverine Power did change the plans a little to make sure that people would not be standing directly under the lines in case of any unforeseen accidents.

Mr. Dove stated that he has several people that have volunteered to come in and take care of the wood so they can use the wood. Myers stated that the schools insurance company states it needs to be someone with liability insurance.

Ryckman asked about the old softball field at the end of the football practice field if it could be moved or eliminated.

#### Communications

Myers read a letter from the Department of Treasury accepting our qualification of bonds.

Myers also read a letter to the board from the Nike Foundation denying our request for a grant for the new track.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Butler, support by Van Sickler to approve the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting held July 13, 2009 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Treasurer's Report- August

Freeman presented the treasurers report

Motion by Palmer, support by Keyes to approve the bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda: None

New Business

Motion by Palmer, support by Van Sickler to enter executive session at 7:18 p.m. Student Re-instatements/Expulsion (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph b.)

Roll call: Butler – yes, Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler-yes

Motion by Butler, support by Van Sickler to re-enter regular session at 7:25 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Roll call: Butler – yes, Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler-yes

Motion by Butler, support by Van Sickler to allow student 1 to be reinstated with a behavior contract.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Butler, support by Palmer to approve the school bond loan fund resolution

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Keyes to approve the Basic Insurance Cafeteria Plan.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Palmer, support by Van Sickler to approve the 2009-2010 milk/bread bills as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Other Business

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Old Business

Mr. Walderzak went over a couple of the changes for the MSAC League Constitution. The league would like the JV ballgames to start at 5:30 rather than 6:00.

Motion by Butler, support by Van Sickler to approve the MSAC Constitution  
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Butler, support by Van Sickler to choose Option 3 by not hiring an Athletic Trainer at this time.

Van Sickler stated that it would be a nice thing to have but he does not see how the district can afford it at this time. Myers stated that he thought the board would support it, but it is a matter of how to fund it at this time.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Myers gave the board some example of board goals and what other districts have done.

Butler stated that they never get any feedback on how they did.

Butler asked about surveys. Myers stated that we have not been very successful with the surveys.

3 goals

Fund Equity

1. General fund equity will be between 22% to 25% of the general fund budget.
2. General fund expenses will equal revenue.

Community Standards

1. Community
  - a. 80% or better of the community surveyed will report they are satisfied with the facilities and feel the school is a safe place to be.
  - b. 80% or better of the community surveyed will report that the facilities are accessible to all people in the community including the elderly and the handicapped.
  - c. 90% of parents will attend school related events.
  - d. Community members will support and pass bond proposals.
2. Staff
  - a. 95% or better of the staff will report the facilities are safe and meet the needs of their students.
  - b. 95% of staff will be retained.

3. Students
  - a. 95% of the students surveyed will report the facilities are safe and they feel good about attending Vestaburg Community School.

Measures

1. Board Member participation
  - a. 100% of the Board Members will volunteer for 1 or more school activities.
  - b. 100% of the Board Members will attend 1 or more school functions.
  - c. 100% of the Board Members will participate in 1 or more school related committees.

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to accept the board goals as discussed.  
Motion CARRIED 6-0

The board discussed with Superintendent Myers his evaluation. Ryckman is concerned about the lack of comments on the evaluation. How does the Superintendent meet the standards or not meet the standards. Ryckman stated that he didn't think this was valuable to Mr. Myers because there are only checkmarks. There needs to be more comments. Ryckman stated that he didn't want the board or Mr. Myers to think he had a problem with the evaluation he would just like to see more comments. Freeman stated that next year they would do the evaluation together as a group instead of a committee.

Ryckman thanked the committee for the work that they did on the Athletic Eligibility Policy. Ryckman stated he loves our academic standards but likes the fact that the kids that really struggle will not be punished as long and have an earlier chance on getting back to playing.

Walderzak and Hubbard explained to the board the new policy.

Palmer questioned the probation period is only a one time deal. Walderzak stated that is correct.

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Ryckman to accept the new Athletic Eligibility Policy.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Walderzak discussed with the board Saturday busing.

Motion by Butler, support by Van Sickler to implement Saturday busing to and from the athletic event.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Motion by Ryckman, support by Keyes to accept Proposal 1 to eliminate current policy of charging a transportation fee.

Walderzak went over the proposals that he came up with to the board. Walderzak spoke with Coleman's A.D. and they are charging for each sport to cover expenses.

Freeman stated that this could be something that we revisit each year. Maybe this year we don't need it, so why charge the community members (parents). Maybe next year we will need to charge a participation fee.

Myers stated the board needs to realize that athletics are not self-supporting.

Hubbard stated that if you take it away and then need to bring it back next year.

That would be harder to do.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Butler, support by Palmer to accept proposal 3 with the exception of changing the fee for the free and reduced kids to pay 5.00.

Board discussed confidentiality of the free and reduced kids.

Motion by Keyes, to amend the motion by Butler to accept proposal 3 excluding the free and reduced section. All students would pay the same amount.

No support – motion dies.

Board voted on motion by Bulter, support by Palmer.

Roll call: Butler – yes, Freeman – no, Keyes – no, Palmer – yes, Ryckman – no, Van Sickler – yes

Tie – motion dies

Freeman stated that the board would need to revisit this May 2010 so it will be implemented in the June Budget.

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Butler to accept the increase in the family passes for 2009-2010.

Family \$135.00

Individual \$50.00 (stayed the same)

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Works in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule

Recognition of Guests: None

Items for next Board Meeting September 14, 2009: None

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Butler to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Karen Grover  
Recording Secretary