

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
November 9, 2009

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President Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the high school media center.

Members present: Butler, Freeman, Keyes, Palmer, Peglow

Members absent: Ryckman, Van Sickler

Administrators present: Myers, Beal, Kelly

Administrators absent: Hubbard

Visitors present: James Hodges, Larry Koutz, Richelle Davis, Betsy Snyder, Darlene Dehate, Connie Marshall, Stephanie Winter, Marcie Peglow, William Walker

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Palmer, support by Butler to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion CARRIED 5-0

Recognition of Guests

Betsy Snyder addressed the board about the possible route cut in transportation.

Stephanie Winter addressed the board about the athletic due process procedure. She has not been contacted by anyone and wanted to make sure something is being done about the procedure.

Questions on Building Reports

None

Communications

Mr. George Showers sent a thank you letter to the board, thanking them for the honor of serving the school as the grand marshals for homecoming and for the dedication of the Administration Building in his name.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Butler, support by Palmer to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer's Report- November

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to approve the bills as monies become available.
Motion CARRIED 5-0

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Consent Agenda

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to approve the consent agenda.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

A. Resignation

1. Bridget LaMarre – JV Girls' Softball Coach

B. Employ

1. Preschool Teacher Halftime – Richelle Davis

New Business

Budget Discussion – Lansing

Superintendent Myers let the board know about the budget cuts from the state. Myers let the board know the official pupil count from 4th Friday. Governor Granholm cut per pupil 165.00 then added another cut of 127.00 per pupil. Myers is going down to the capital tomorrow to talk to the legislatures about how damaging this is to the students and the community.

Myers stated that the state is still talking about another 600.00 per pupil cut for next year.

Reinstatement of Preschool

Myers stated that the preschool was put on hold until the district knew what the funding would be. The state is giving the district half of the grant to fund preschool. Mr. Myers believes that our preschools are at risk and we need to run the program. With that said the district would be able to have a half time preschool program.

Motion by Palmer, support by Butler to reinstate Preschool for the 2009-2010 school year and Resolution for Great Start Readiness Program

Roll call: Butler – yes, Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes,

Peglow - abstained

Motion CARRIED 4-0, 1 abstained

Transportation

Myers stated that 50 less students are riding the buses at this time. Myers is recommending that we drop one route and take the oldest bus off of the route at this time. This will save the district money for repairs, layoff one driver, and possibly sell the bus if the numbers do not come back up next fall.

Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to cut one route on the transportation.

Roll call: Butler – yes, Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, Palmer – no, Peglow – yes

Motion CARRIED 4-1

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Motion by Butler, support by Peglow to eliminate a bus route and layoff bus driver, Betsy Snyder, as of 11-16-09.

Roll call: Butler- yes, Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, Palmer – no, Peglow – yes
Motion CARRIED 4-1

Myers stated that the buses would start loading in the south parking lot after school starting Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Fifth Street will become one way starting November 25, 2009 from Avenue C to Avenue A from west to east.

Other Business

None

Old Business

Athletic Handbook – due process procedure

Mr. Walderzak formed a committee to work on the due process procedures.

Peglow stated that what was presented to the board was very vague and Peglow stated this is not acceptable. Peglow stated that the athletic due process procedure needs to stay on the agenda; he does not want this issue dropped. The committee's next meeting is in January.

Phase II - Energy Improvements for the high school

Myers put in a RFP to the state. Right now the heating system for the high school in the millage is just basic. Myers stated this is a way of trying to get funds for a better heating system so that the district would not have to cut from somewhere else in the millage budget.

Myers would like to hold a Special Board meeting on November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. to open bids for the Phase II Energy Improvements.

Superintendent's Progress Report

Myers stated that the board gave Mr. Myers goals. One is facility. He feels like he has been doing a good job keeping the board informed about the progress of the building project.

Myers stated with the budget, he has been keeping a tight lid on spending. Myers has also been working on grants and other ways to save money for the school district.

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Myers stated that the district has had to use some of the fund equity to make payroll because of the state cuts. The administration and supervisors have taken a pay freeze saving the district 15,000.00. Myers also stated that the district is not taking any field trips unless transportation is paid from some other fund for example PTO. Athletic and Academic trips are still going as planned. Myers talked about other ways to save money for the district. Myers also had examples the state should look into in generating revenue for the state. Myers stated with the cuts from the state and possible cuts next year, no school will be able to survive.

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to approve the resolution in support of funding for education

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Millage/Construction Progress

Myers reported to the board that Stauder Barch has been working with our millage money and is working with Flagstar bank.

The football field is really coming along. The fencing should be done soon. The construction company will seed and do the final grading in the spring. They will be using special fertilizer to help the growth.

Work in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule

Athletic Handbook – due process vs student handbook

Recognition of Guests

Mr. Hodges as a teacher and NHS advisor would like to invite the board members to attend the blood drive on November 25th from 12:30-6:15 p.m.

Items for next Board Meeting December 14, 2009

Motion by Keyes, support by Peglow to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Karen Grover
Recording Secretary