

February 13, 2012

PROPOSED MINUTES

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The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Commons by President VanSickler.

Members Present: Drumm, Freeman, Keyes, McNerney, Palmer, Ryckman, VanSickler

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Hubbard, Weaver

Visitors Present: Sharon Davis, Audra Kuhn, Rhonda Freeman, Randy Marsh, Sharle Wilmot, Ione Keeler, Kristin Davenport, Bianca Marsh, Shelby Wilmot, Makenna Wilmot, Kayden Wilmot, Teresa Hammond, Jeremie Smith, Dianne Wilson, Larry C. Koutz, Kristy Drumm, Stephanie Smith, Connie Marshall, Kindra Wilson, Matt Walderzak

Approval of Agenda:

VanSicker asked to add

Consent Agenda

D: Resignation

1. Dan Palmer – JV Baseball Coach

Motion by Freeman

Support by McNerney to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion Carried 7-0

Recognition of Guests:

President VanSickler welcomed the visitors in attendance.

Nicole Gorsuch – 10596 N. Waldron Road, Vestaburg

Nicole handed out pictures to the board of her daughter's cuts she received from an assault on the playground. She stated this was her daughters 3rd assault this year. Nicole read a letter to the board expressing her concern on bullying, no steps are being taken, and lack of supervision during recess.

Brian Zinn – 4234 N. Pine Grove Road

Brian indicated his concern with the placing Matt Walderzak into the Elementary Principal position. Brian stated the board should A. Pick someone up as a substitute and no burden on Walderzak. This would add to Walderzak's workload, since he was given more time in the classroom. If the board doesn't want to look outside then: B. A former principal or the Superintendent substitute for Weaver while she is gone. Principal is someone that needs to be available.

Building Reports:

Freeman wanted to comment that there has been changes made to the playground personnel.

Weaver stated that she has conducted a recess meeting and mapped out where para-pro's should be standing and monitoring. Steps have been taken.

Communication:

Students from Kristen Davenport's 5th grade class presented to the board their marble run projects.

Superintendent Beal expressed his appreciation to principals Brandon Hubbard and Darby Weaver. He presented a certificate in honor of principal appreciation week.

Beal went over a letter that was written by Lapeer Board of Education – Peggy Bush on borrowing from the State.

VanSickler asked for a resolution to be brought back to the board in March.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Freeman to amend the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9th, 2012 on page 4 of 4 "Modern Woodmen would consider", support by Ryckman as amended.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Consent Agenda:

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to approve:

- A. Employ
 1. Teresa Hammond – Preschool Para-Pro
 2. Lori Avery – High School Teacher
 3. Randall Simmons- Bus Driver
- B. Maternity Leave
 1. Darby Weaver – Elementary Principal
- C. Leave
 1. Cheryl Irvin – Teacher
- D. Resignation
 1. Dan Palmer – JV Baseball Coach

Motion CARRIED 7-0

New Business:

Stephanie Smith addressed the board on the summer band camp. The camp would be for High School students and incoming freshman. The camp would be for bonding and serious work to be done. McNerney indicated that band camp goes along ways and is for a good group of students.

Motion by McNerney to approve the Summer Band Camp

Support by Keyes

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Beal went over the Special Education Millage Resolution with the board members. He indicated we are the lowest county in the area for the special education millage. The millage generates revenue for the special education programs. The District leans heavily on the ISD for Special Education support. The District sends students to the ISD programs due to the population in the District is not large with that challenge. The ISD has several students from different districts that have that challenge so one teacher can provide for all students.

Freeman read out loud to the board “The Special Education Millage Resolution.

Motion by Freeman to support “The Special Education Millage Resolution for the August 7, 2012”

Support by Keyes

Roll Call – Keyes- yes, Freeman-yes, Drumm-yes, VanSickler-yes, Palmer-yes, McNerney-yes, Ryckman-yes

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Other Business:

Principals' Hubbard and Weaver went over the information that was presented to the board on the "School Improvement Action Plan", reading, writing, math, social studies, science, behavior, elementary perception data plan and the MS/HS perception survey.

Dianne Mitchell, Food Service Director, discussed healthier food choices that students are receiving. The changes that are taking place in the lunchroom.

Items for Discussion:

Superintendent Beal reminded the board of the Board Retreat to go over the superintendent evaluation. The data portion has some changes. Beal also stated the state is coming out with new best practices. They also reset cut scores and reset standards for the Districts. He indicated that reading made a 5-point gain in grades 3rd-12th this year, and math made an 8-point gain.

Board Retreat is February 28th, 2012 at 5:30 p.m at the ISD in Stanton.

Board President VanSickler asked the board members to have their evaluation filled out, and any comments, questions and reasons ready for the retreat.

Beal has put Matt Walderzak's name before the board on substituting for Elementary Principal Darby Weaver, while she is on maternity leave from April to May. He said this makes financial sense. Matt is a viable alternative. It would cost the District to hire a temp close to \$200 per day. Beal indicated he would not be in the district as some points.

Discussion took place between the Board, principals, Beal and Walderzak on their concerns with placing Matt Walderzak in the position or hiring outside for a substitute.

VanSickler asked for a decision to be made at the next board meeting. He thanked everyone for his or her thoughts.

Matt Walderzak asked the board to approve middle school track and cross-country. Would like the approval from the board as a non-funded school sport. There still would be grade checks, certificates the whole nine yards. The High School track and cross country would raise money to fund it. This would be for the start of next year.

Motion by Freeman to move to an action item.

Support by Ryckman

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by McNerney to approve middle school track and cross-country.

Support by Keyes

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Audra Kuhn stated to the board that the application for the Bike Lane has been submitted to MDOT and they should hear from them on the approval in March. She will let the board know how the grant proceeds.

Works in Progress

Board Policy 3122.01 will be in progress until NEOLA looks over.

Recognition of Guests:

Brian Zinn stated that Walderzak does a great job. He would recommend to the board to look at someone strongly to do the principal job position as full time, and not flip flop back and forth. Allowing the person full time everyday is very important. The District has one less principal and then if the Superintendent is gone, Brandon Hubbard is busy and Matt Walderzak is trying to figure out a sporting event can cause concern. It would not do justice if we make them go back and forth and take away from their duties.

Walderzak asked the board on the softball trip and the team participating in activities while they are there. Beal and VanSickler talked to Katie Bissell earlier. The trip was approved already at a board meeting.

Items for next Board Meeting March 12, 2012:

- A. Superintendent's Evaluation Summary
- B. Administrative Contracts

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Bonnie G. Walker
Acting Board Secretary