

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Meeting
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Vice-President Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the high school classroom 2113.

Members present: Drumm, Freeman, Keyes, McNerney, Palmer, Ryckman

Members absent: Van Sickler

Administrators present: Beal

Administrators absent: Hubbard, Weaver

Visitors present: Sharon Davis, Charlotte Davis, Jackie Gostomski, Connie Marshall, Larry Koutz, Audra Kuhn – Planning Commission, Ron Braman – Planning Commission

Election of Officers

President

Vice-President Palmer asked for nominations for President.

Freeman nominated Van Sickler as President, support by McNerney. Van Sickler elected President by acclamation.

Vice President

McNerney nominated Palmer as Vice-President, support by Freeman. Palmer elected Vice-President by acclamation.

Treasurer

McNerney nominated Freeman as Treasurer, support by Drumm. Freeman elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Secretary

Freeman nominated Keyes for Secretary, support by Drumm. Keyes elected Secretary by acclamation.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

During communications Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to amend the agenda to add the ice cream bike lane to Items for Discussion.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests

Jacqueline Gostomski, 10359 Waldron Rd., Vestaburg. On behalf of the High School Student Council she would like to thank the board for their service and commitment to the students and staff.

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Audra Kuhn 631 S. Bass Lake Rd., Vestaburg – Richland Planning Commission – came to the board to talk about the bike lane. This would connect the school to the heartland trail then to the Farmer in the Dell. This is a safety issue. The road commission has already donated all of the engineering part of the trail. Tonight she is asking the board for approval of the bike trail and second to see if the school district would be willing to donate for the cause. Right now they need \$2000.00 to finish the project.

Questions on Building Reports: None

Communications

Superintendent Beal presented the board with certificates. Beal stated that this is an excellent board to work with. Beal asked Doris Johnson from the media center to come up with a list of books that the media center could use in the high school. These books will be purchased for the high school media center in the names of the Vestaburg School Board members. Beal thanked the board very much for the time and the work that they do for the students.

Katie Flynn is finishing up at Lakeview so we will add her in when she arrives.

Katie Flynn – MAISD presentation – Special Education Millage Proposal
Superintendent Beal welcomed Katie Flynn, Associate Superintendent for Special Education at the ISD. Ms. Flynn presented to the board the Special Education Millage Proposal for 2012.

Flynn went over the number of special education students per district in the county. Flynn also showed the board the special education expenses and revenue. Flynn spoke about some of the programs/services that are offered at the ISD from birth to the age of 26. The MAISD is in need for a restoration of their millage and an additional mill. If the millage passes the first year the 7 local school districts would receive 1 million in special education funds. A proposal for the Special Education Millage vote will be on Tuesday, August 7th, 2012. The ISD is running in a 1.7 million deficit. These programs are required so if the millage does not pass the individual school districts would have to pick up the costs. Ryckman stated it is a much needed program and he would back the vote. Beal stated that during the next month if the board has any questions please email him and he will forward them on to Katie Flynn.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held December 12, 2011 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held December 12, 2011 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Treasurer's Report- January

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

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda

A. Retirement

1. Beverly Stratton – Teacher

B. Maternity Leave

1. Amanda Slezak - Teacher

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

New Business

Board Retreat Date (February)

Beal would like the board to setup a board retreat to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. Beal suggested Tuesday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the MAISD.

Other Business: None

Items for Discussion

Superintendent's Evaluation Tool

Beal provided the board with the evaluation tool that the board used last year. Beal also included a guide book that gives the board examples of each question. The areas are administration, leadership, articulation, etc. The data part of the evaluation the board cannot do. The high school made huge gains this year. Ryckman stated that Beal attributes the gains in the elementary from the extra reading programs in the 1st grade. Beal stated that he believes the title program has good teacher running the program with a strong leader in the elementary that is really pushing for these gains.

Beal stated that if there are any questions on the rubric or guidebook, please do not hesitate to ask. Ryckman would like more definition for what a 1 stands for, a 2 etc.

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Board Terms and Election Dates

Beal stated that a year ago the board voted to go to odd year November elections. The state then mandated that all elections would be even year November elections. In November Van Sickler and Freeman's seats will be on the ballot. Motion by Freeman, support by Ryckman to amend the by-laws and elections according to the new law of Odd Year November Elections.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Ice Cream Bike Lane

Motion by Freeman, support by Drumm for a resolution of support for the bike trail connecting the school to the Heartland Trail and then to the Farmer in the Dell.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Freeman stated to Audra Kuhn that if the businesses fundraise his company would match funds for a community project.
Ryckman stated it would look better on the grant to have support from the school and local businesses. Beal recommended that the school would donate 1000.00 from the activity account. The local business would come up with the rest of the 2000.00 and Freeman's Modern Woodman could match the donations.

Work in Progress

Board Policy 3122.01

Beal stated that he is meeting with the Neola group next month. Beal will go over the change with them and bring this back to the board.

Recognition of Guests

Freeman would like to recognize Mr. Larry Koutz for receiving Teacher of the Year from the VFW District 9.

Items for next Board Meeting February 13, 2012

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary