

Proposed Minutes of the Organizational Meeting
July 11, 2011

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the high school classroom 2113.

Members present: Drumm, Freeman, Keyes, Palmer, Van Sickler, McNerney arr. At 6:31 p.m.

Members absent: Ryckman

Administrators present: Beal

Administrators absent: Hubbard, Weaver

Visitors present: Sharon Davis, Bonnie Walker, Larry Koutz, Matt Walderzak, Connie Marshall, Mary Lu Throop

Van Sickler amended the agenda:

Under VIII Old Business

add A. softball trip itinerary

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

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Communications

Mr. Beal thanked Jamie Fockler for her years of service as President of the Elementary PTO. The PTO purchased a plaque to present to Mrs. Fockler.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 13, 2011.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve the minutes of the Executive Session at the Regular Meeting held June 13, 2011.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held June 27, 2011.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Executive Session at the Special Meeting held June 27, 2011.

McNerney corrected the minutes stating that the board should appoint someone that does understand school issues.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing Meeting held June 27, 2011

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Keyes, support by Freeman to approve the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held June 27, 2011

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Treasurer's Report

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

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda Items

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to approve the consent agenda

- A. Resignation
 - 1. Kate Rogers – MS Volleyball and Basketball Coach
- B. Employ
 - 1. Ryan Dove – Part time Maintenance
 - 2. Chris Watkins – Part time Maintenance
 - 3. Joe Gostomski – Junior Varsity Football

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Mr. Beal welcomed Ryan Dove, Chris Watkins and Joe Gostomski to the district.

Organizational Business

Dates, Time and Location for Regular Meetings

Beal suggested to the board that the June meeting be moved to the 25th of June and combine the budget meeting and the regular meeting.

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to approve the board meeting dates as the second Monday of the month, with the exception of June. That meeting will be on June 25, 2012.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Designate Primary Depositories for 2011-12

- 1. Firstbank
- 2. Chemical Bank
- 3. Michigan Liquid Asset Fund

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve the primary depositories for 2011-2012.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Authorization to Sign Checks

Motion by McNerney, support by Keyes to approve the authorization to sign checks for the 2011-2012 school year.

1. Payroll Acct -- Superintendent Beal, Administrative Assistant Grover
2. General Fund -- Board President, Treasurer, Secretary (2 of 3)
3. Activity Account -- Bookkeeper Walker, Administrative Assistant Grover
4. 2005 Debt Retirement -- Superintendent Beal, Board President
5. Lunch Fund -- Bookkeeper Walker, Administrative Assistant Grover
6. 2009 Debt Retirement -- Superintendent Beal, Board President
7. 2009 Refunding Debt -- Superintendent Beal, Board President

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Publication of Official Notice

Motion by Keyes, support by Freeman to use The Daily News for notice of official publication.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Designation of Legal Council

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve Thrun Law Firm P.C. for legal counsel.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Designation of Audit

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve Yeo and Yeo for the 2011-2012 audit.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Designation of Election Duties

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the Superintendent and his staff to take care of the election duties.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approval of Organizational Memberships

1. Michigan Association of School Boards
2. Michigan High School Athletic Association
3. Montcalm County School Board Association
4. MASB Legislative Network

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve the organizational memberships for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Establish Board Committees and Members

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to approve Palmer as the representative and Van Sickler as the alternate for the Montcalm County School Board Association.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Keyes to approve Keyes as the representative and Freeman as the alternate for the MASB Delegate Assembly.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Keyes, support by Freeman to approve the entire board as a whole for the personnel review committee.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve the entire board for the salary committee.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve Mr. Beal as the representative for the Vestaburg Foundation Committee.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to appoint Drumm as the representative and McNerney as the alternate for the District School Improvement Team.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve the MAISD Schools of Choice.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve the legal reference note

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the CIPA Compliance for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve the school bond loan fund

Motion by Freeman to rescind, support by Keyes.

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve participation in the school bond loan fund.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

New Business

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the 2011-2012 Student Handbook.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve Cedar Crest Dairy/Dean for the Milk bid and Sara Lee for the Bread bid for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll Call: Drumm – no, Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNerney – no, Palmer – no, Van Sickler - no

Motion denied 2-4

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to accept the Milk bid and table the Bread bid until the August meeting.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve August 19th at 5:00 at Cheers for the Board Workshop.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to approve the Montcalm Personnel Cooperative Policy Manual.

Beal explained to the board that Vestaburg is already participating in shared services with other districts.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Budget Discussion (Proposed Cuts – Phase 2)

Beal explained to the board the proposed cuts for phase 2. Beal explained to the board a best practice grant that he is working on that school districts could qualify for if they have shared services, are the policy holder on the schools insurance. One of the qualifying factors is that employees must pay toward their insurance premium. Potential phase 2 cuts that the district is looking at include transportation, athletics, etc. These are ideas for the board to look at. The board would vote on this next month. Some of the other items to look at would be shared superintendent with another district. One option would be shared business services with another district. As far as athletics, some of the programs will need to be scaled back.

Mr. Walderzak stated that the board needs to look at a participation fee. Possibly a 50.00 per year per student/athlete participation fee. This would be a \$5000.00 increase in revenue. Raise the price of the season passes. Raise the price of the middle school games from 2.00 to 3.00. Walderzak also stated that the district will also have 3 home middle school football games added to the revenue.

Van Sickler stated that \$50.00 is not outrageous. McNerney stated that his son does not play sports, but feels that they still use the transportation for Model UN and Quiz Bowl and should pay a transportation fee. Walderzak stated that potentially cut side line cheerleading. It is the districts only non-competitive sport and they do not generate any money. There would still be the same amount of sports for boys and girls. The girls could form a club group to side line cheer for all of the home games with a volunteer coach.

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Transportation cuts. It would be Mr. Beal's recommendation to not cut transportation all together but possibly cut a.m. transportation only. It is not ideal but the district would still provide transportation home after school. Satellite transportation has been discussed but is not ideal. Beal would not recommend any staffing reductions in transportation.

Beal discussed staffing reductions with the professional staff, possibly high school tech, K-12 Art, possibly 4/5 teacher for Spanish. Shared services with speech. These are possible reductions that the board will be asked to vote on at the August board meeting. If the district does not lose 20 students the district would not need to make as deep of cuts in October.

Keyes is concerned that if you take away am transportation the district will lose some of the schools of choice kids that meet the bus on the border of the district. Palmer questioned the new tenure law. Will the district target the higher up teachers? Beal stated that this is based on the evaluation process and the performance of the teacher. Beal stated that he is still working with Thrum on the language of this bill.

McNerney told Mr. Beal to get numbers on shared superintendent and shared business services for the board to look at. McNerney also stated he is concerned about conflict of interest if you are sharing services with another district.

Old Business

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve the softball team's itinerary for their spring break trip.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Works in Progress

Substitute Bus Driver Pay

Beal will have this at the next meeting

Recognition of Guests

Bonnie Walker 181 Michigan Ave., Vestaburg, Bonnie stated that the school district is having a garage sale this Saturday, July 16th, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the high school gym and bus area. Items are sold "as is", cash sales only and must be removed by 3:00 p.m. that day. Walker asked the board members to spread the word.

Mary Lu Throop – 7020 N. Crystal Rd. Vestaburg, Mary Lu suggested that maybe charging senior citizens have price for games. This could be a little extra income.

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary