

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 12, 2011

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the high school classroom #2113.

Members present: Drumm, Freeman, McNerney, Palmer, Van Sickler, Keyes – arr. at 7:25 p.m., Ryckman – arr. at 7:30 p.m.

Members absent: none

Administrators present: Beal, Hubbard, Weaver

Administrators absent: none

Visitors present: Mary Lu Throop, Bonnie Walker, Jessica Wawersik, Larry Koutz, Dianne Wilson, Connie Marshall, Jody Johnston, Carol Herman, Dianne Mitchell, Brian Zinn, Karen Gostomski

Approval of Agenda

Van Sickler amended the agenda as follows:

Consent Agenda

Move B and C to New Business A and B.

New Business

Add. C. Approve Tax Levies and move everything down one.

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

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Recognition of Guests - none

Questions on Building Reports - none

Communications - none

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of Regular meeting held August 8, 2011 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held August 19, 2011 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

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Treasurer's Report- September

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

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve Rhonda McNerney as the Drama Club Advisor.

Roll call: Drumm – yes, Freeman – yes, McNerney – abstained, Palmer – yes, Van Sickler – yes.

Motion CARRIED 4-0 1 abstained

New Business

Approve Jessica Wawersik as our PAC Representative to the ISD.

Superintendent Beal explained to the board this is voluntary position at the MAISD. Jessica Wawersik will represent Vestaburg at the ISD and be a voice for our school district and children with special needs.

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to approve Jessica Wawersik as the PAC Representative.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Hearing Interpreter for the 2011-2012 school year.

Beal explained to the board that for the 2011-2012 school year this will be a temporary parapro position through PESG. Beal and Mrs. Weaver will be interviewing two candidates for this position.

Approve Tax Levies for Isabella, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties.

This is a formality for the tax levy vote in November. This covers the three counties that are in the school district.

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the tax levy.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to enter executive session at 7:15 p.m.

Roll call: Drumm – yes, Freeman – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to return to regular session at 7:50 p.m.

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

Motion CARRIED 7-0

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Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the tentative agreement between Administration and the VEA.

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

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to enter executive session at 7:52 p.m.

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

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion McNerney, support by Keyes to reenter regular session at 7:59 p.m.

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to accept the tentative agreement between Administration and the VESPA.

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

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Van Sickler thanked the VEA and VESPA for the contract negotiations and working with the administration in these hard times.

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to enter executive session at 8:01 p.m.

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

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to re enter regular session at 8:19 p.m.

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

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Old Business

Tabled Phase II cuts

Beal is recommending that we table the cuts until the next meeting. Beal will present an amended budget at the October meeting based on the pupil count in September.

Items for Discussion:

Freeman shared with the board his concerns over the cuts that were made to the athletic program. Freeman would like the board to re-look at those cuts.

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Works in Progress

Beal stated that the district is still working on the Fuel Tank System.

Beal stated that he and Bill are supposed to meet with a company tomorrow.

Beal stated that the student information system that the district uses through Gratiot Isabella is going to dis-continue this service. The district will need to update the student software next summer. Currently the other districts in the ISD are using Power School.

Recognition of Guests

Karen Gostomski – 10359 N. Waldron Rd., Vestaburg, she wanted to thank the board for their support along with Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Beal on the preschool program. This year the district will be servicing 32 preschool students.

Gostomski stated that we are part of a collaborative agreement.

Beal invited the board to visit the preschool and kindergarten programs. The programs are a lot different from when we attended school.

Beal stated that Diane Mitchell is here tonight and she has done a phenomenal job with the food service program.

Diane Wilson – Kendaville Rd. Vestaburg. October 15th will be the ribbon cutting ceremony at 12:00 in Vestaburg for the Fred Meijer Trail.

Items for next Board Meeting October 10, 2011

Amended 2011-2012 Budget

Athletic recommendation on the previous cuts

Motion by Freeman, support by Ryckman to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary