

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
April 11, 2011

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Freeman, Keyes, McNerney, Palmer, Peglow, Ryckman, Van Sickler

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Beal, Hubbard, Weaver

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Marcie Peglow, Jody Johnston, Brent McQueen, Doug Vaughn, Dianne Wilson, Larry Koutz, Bonnie Walker, Matt Walderzak, Mary Lu Throop, Hollie Carter

Approval of Agenda

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion CARRIED 7-0

Recognition of Guests

Brent McQueen 6884 E. Schmeid Rd., Vestaburg – Mr. McQueen stated that he brought a recommendation letter from Amanda Hallock for the mowing bid. He stated that he has done the lawn care for the last 6 years and has volunteered his time to help with the t-ball fields. McQueen stated he is a community member and hopes that the board takes that into consideration when choosing a lawn care company.

Questions on Building Reports: Peglow commented that he liked the “Jammies for Japan”.

Communications: None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 14, 2011 as presented.  
Motion CARRIED 7-0

Treasurer’s Report- April

Motion by Peglow, support by Freeman to approve the bills as monies become available.  
Motion CARRIED 7-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to separate the consent agenda.  
Motion CARRIED 7-0

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A. Personnel

1. Recommendation for Tenure
  - a. Peggy Throop
2. Recommendation for Continued Probationary Status
  - a. Heather Dawe 4th Year
  - b. Rob Cook 2<sup>nd</sup> Year
3. Recommendation for Contract Extension
  - a. Barbra Alexander
  - b. Susan Hansen
  - c. William Bloomfield
  - d. Anna Spindler

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve Consent Agenda, A. Personnel 1, 2, 3.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

B. Hire

1. Dan Ryckman – Varsity Football Coach
2. Rob Cook – Assistant Track Coach

Motion by Peglow, support by McNerney to approve Consent Agenda, B. Hire 1, 2.

Roll Call: Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – abstained, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0, 1 abstained

C. Retirement

1. Dawn Humphrey
2. Evelyn Grace Shaffer

Motion by Freeman, support by Ryckman to approve Consent Agenda

C. Retirement 1, 2.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

D. Resignation

1. Jodi Fessenden

Motion by Ryckman, support by Keyes to approve the Consent Agenda,

D. Resignation

Motion CARRIED 7-0

New Business

Certificate of Achievement

Superintendent Beal discussed the reasoning for the Certificate of Achievement. The Special Education department went through the courses step by step to come up with the curriculum that would qualify for the Certificate of Achievement.

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Under the new state law those students do not qualify for a diploma but would continue to walk at graduation.

Motion by McNerney, support by Peglow to adopt the Certificate of Achievement.

Motion CARRIED: 7-0

Representative from Board for Shared Services Committee

Beal stated that this is going to be a common group working on what programs would work as shared services with other districts. Beal believes they will meet quarterly. Mr. Palmer volunteered to be on the committee. Peglow stated that he would be an alternate.

RFP for Mowing Contract

Superintendent Beal discussed the bid process. Beal stated that at this time he is not going to announce numbers, he will go over the bids to make sure that all bids were submitted according to the RFP. The bids will be available in Central Office for anyone to look at that has an interest in the mowing bids.

Bids received from:

Dependable Mowing - Alma

Premier Property Maintenance – St. Louis

Wilson Lawn Care – Mt. Pleasant

The Cutting Edge Lawn Care Services – Cedar Lake

McQueen Landscaping and Lawn Care - Vestaburg

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to table the mowing contract until May.

At that time the board will make a decision.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Contract for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football

Mr. Walderzak stated to the board that the committee believes this will be a benefit to the program running it through the school. Most of the expenses will be paid through the Youth League Program like equipment, coaches, and officials. The school will take care of the transportation. Mr. Walderzak will do grade checks and collect physicals. Ryckman asked if information could be published about the free physicals to make sure the parents are aware.

Motion by McNerney, support by Peglow to approve the contract with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade football with the Youth Football Program.

Roll call: Freeman – abstained, Keyes – abstained, McNerney – yes,

Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – abstained, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 4-0, 3 abstained

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Other Business

First Reading of Neola Policies #1420, 2112, 2260, 2260.01, 3122, 3215, 3220, 4122, 4215, 5111, 5111.01, 5111.02, 5460, 5512, 6850, 7434, 8330, 9160

First Reading of Neola Bylaws #8453.01, 0150, 0160, 1241, 1420, 1613, 3213, 3215, 3220, 4213, 4215, 5512, 6520, 7434, 7540, 7540.03, 7540.04, 8470, 8500, 8540, 9150, 9160

Beal stated to please look through the policies and bylaws, if you have any questions please be sure to ask Mr. Beal.

McNerney asked about genetics. Ryckman questioned the new changes on the open meetings act. To him it looks like it changes how a closed session is handled.

Executive Session

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to enter executive session Negotiations (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph c.) at 7:59 p.m.

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

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to reenter regular session at 9:06.

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

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Old Business: None

Recognition of Guests

Brent McQueen stated the companies were all given the same bid proposal. If they did not complete the bid proposal that is there own fault. The other point he would like to bring up is that the bid proposal stated the contract was from April – November. Now you are not going to vote until May. So you will need to deduct that amount from the bid or it is the schools loss. Beal stated that the bids will be available for anyone to look at. Beal invited Mr. McQueen to come and meet with him to discuss the bids.

Bonnie Walker thanked everyone for their participation in helping raise 1500.00 for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

Works in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule  
Bid Process for Auditor

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Karen S. Grover  
Recording Secretary