

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
May 9, 2011

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Members absent: Keyes, Ryckman

Administrators present: Beal, Hubbard, Weaver

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Bonnie Walker, Mary Lu Throop, Phyllis Marshall, Dawn Perrien, Jeanne Denman, Peggy Throop, Eva Hacker, Brent McQueen, Kerry Krzymicki, Tracey Reed, Barbra Alexander, Dianne Wilson, Janell Kilmer, Nick Kilmer, Jody Johnston, Carol Herman, Robert Herman, Kathy Gates

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Questions on Building Reports

Mr. Van Sickler asked who the speaker is at graduation. Brandon Hubbard stated that it is Amy Foor Noland.

Dave Freeman stated that Mrs. Weaver mentioned Modern Woodman in the elementary building report. Freeman stated that Modern Woodman would supply free educational resources every year.

Communications

Letter from Kim Hansen

Letter from Peggy Throop

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held April 11, 2011

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to accept the Executive Minutes of the Regular meeting held April 11, 2011

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to accept the minutes of the Special meeting held April 18, 2011

Motion CARRIED 5-0

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Treasurer's Report- May

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

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Freeman to approve closing the energy bond checkbook.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Consent Agenda

A. Resignation

1. Rhonda McNerney - Paraprofessional
2. Danielle Wright – Drama Coach
3. Emilee Dove – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach

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

Motion CARRIED 5-0

New Business

Set Organizational Meeting date, time & place

Superintendent Beal stated to the board that this meeting would cover all of the school business except the election of officers. The board would have election of officers after the November elections.

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to set the Organizational board meeting as July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Approve Montcalm Area ISD General Fund Budget

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to accept the MAISD budget.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Approve GASB 54

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve the adoption of the GASB 54.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Approve Auditor RFP

Superintendent Beal stated that Bonnie put a lot of work into this RFP. Superintendent Beal and Bonnie interviewed the 2 of the 3 candidates that submitted an RFP. Beal stated the Yeo and Yeo put in the most competitive bid. Beal recommended that the board approve Yeo and Yeo as the district auditor for the next three years.

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Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve Yeo and Yeo as the auditing firm for three years  
Motion CARRIED 5-0

2011-2012 Projected Revenue/Expenses

Possible Staff Reductions

Superintendent Beal went over the proposed state cuts and how those cuts affect our district.

Beal stated there would be three phases to the budget cuts. The first step will be personnel cuts. This gives those people an opportunity to seek other employment. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will be in August when the district knows exactly what the state is giving us. The last phase will be in October after the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday pupil count. Superintendent Beal recommends the following cuts to the board:

Reduction of the Elementary CI position. This position is currently vacant.

Reduction of one elementary teacher.

Reduction of one music teacher.

Elimination the high school life skills course.

Elimination of the maintenance director position.

Elimination of 1.5 paraprofessional positions.

Make all paraprofessional positions no more than 5 hours.

Motion by McNerney, support by Peglow to eliminate the elementary CI position.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer for the reduction of 1 elementary teacher.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Freeman for the reduction of 1 music teacher.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer for the elimination of the Life Skills class.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to table the Athletic Director position until more information on at-risk funds is available.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to eliminate the maintenance director position.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

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Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney for the reduction of 1.5 paraprofessional positions.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to reduce all Para pros to no more than 5 hours.

Motion CARREID 5-0

Director of Food Service

Superintendent Beal talked about shared services with other districts. One of our neighboring districts needs to make 1.5 in budget cuts and would like to look at sharing the food service director responsibility. Beal recommended that we look at a one-year contract with Central Montcalm and hire Diane Mitchell as a shared service director. Beal stated that he has looked at their program and believes that this will help our program grow. Beal stated that the district is offering a summer school program. We can offer a free breakfast and free lunch and be reimbursed for those meals.

Superintendent Beal and the board members discussed the pros and cons of this decision. McNerney would like to see this as only a 1 year contract to train someone on our staff in our community.

Motion by McNerney, support by Peglow to approve the 1-year contract with Central Montcalm to hire Diane Mitchell as a shared Food Service Director, also to train one of our current employees on all of the rules and regulations of the department.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Other Business

Budget Meeting Reminder – June 27, 2011

Special Board Meeting – ISD Elections

Beal stated that this needs to be 2 meetings. They can be back to back and very short. The board will nominate one of our board members to represent Vestaburg.

The meeting will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with the second meeting following.

Old Business

Mowing Bids

Beal discussed the mowing bids with the board. The contractors submitted two different options. Beal also discussed the option of having our maintenance staff take care of the mowing. Beal recommends to the board that the district hire McQueen Landscaping bid option B.

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Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve McQueen Landscaping's bid option B for the contracted services.  
Motion CARRIED 5-0

Second 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

Second 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 that in June the board will approve the Neola Policies and Bylaws

Recognition of Guests

Jeanne Denman, 8438 Blackmer Rd., Vestaburg - If the district would not have turned CI kids away, the district would not have to make cuts right now.

Jeannette Vaughn, 8015 E. Sanders Rd., Vestaburg - She came tonight to let the board know her opinion of hiring DM Burr for the custodial services. Back in November she was very upset at the board's decision to privatize the custodial services. She would like to let the board know that she is very impressed with DM Burr. The school is so nice and clean. The custodians have received numerous compliments on how nice the school looks and smells.

Brent McQueen, 6884 E. Schmied Rd., Vestaburg – thanked that board for contracting him for the mowing services.

Jeanette Vaughn, 8015 E. Sanders Rd., Vestaburg – thanked the board for their hard work. Mrs. Vaughn stated that her husband was on the school board for many years and that she and her husband sympathize with the board members on having to make these tough decisions.

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.  
Motion CARRIED 5-0

Karen S. Grover  
Recording Secretary