

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
January 11, 2016

Superintendent Hubbard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the board room.

Members present: Davis, Herman, McNerney, Van Sickler, Zinn, Palmer arr. at 7:08 p.m.

Members absent: Drumm

Administrators present: Hubbard

Administrators absent: Walderzak, Weaver

Visitors present: Larry Koutz

Election of Officers

President

Superintendent Hubbard asked the board for nominations for President.

McNerney nominated Van Sickler for President. Motion by McNerney, support by Herman to close the nominations.

Van Sickler elected President by acclamation.

VicePresident

McNerney nominated Palmer for VicePresident.

Motion by Herman, support by McNerney to close nominations.

Palmer elected VicePresident by acclamation.

Secretary

Zinn nominated McNerney for Secretary.

Motion by Davis, support by Zinn to close nominations.

McNerney elected Secretary by acclamation.

Treasurer

McNerney nominated Drumm for Treasurer.

Motion by Herman, support by McNerney to close nominations.

Drumm elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Questions on Building Reports

Davis asked what the "Alice Training" is. Hubbard explained that it is training for intruders in school/lock down procedures.

Communications

Brandon Hubbard – School Board Recognition Month

Superintendent Hubbard thanked the Board for everything they do, the decisions they have to make in hard times. Administration appreciates the boards dedication to the students of Vestaburg. Hubbard is purchasing 7 books in honor of the board members for the media center.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Zinn, Support by McNerney to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held December 14, 2015 as presented.

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Treasurer's Report – January

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

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Consent Agenda: None

New Business

GSRP Update

Hubbard gave an overview of the Preschool audit. There were a few minor administrative policy updates to make. Otherwise everything was very organized, kids were well behaved.

Other Business

Virtual School Renovation Plans

Hubbard talked to the board about the structure changes made to the building. A few walls were taken down to open up the classroom area. They will be putting about 50,000 into the building with technology and renovations all at no expense to the district. Hubbard and the board discussed that the building is named after Mr. George Showers and if they would like that to stay that way or name the central offices after him. The board agreed that the building is still part of the school district and is an educational facility they would like it to stay the George Showers Educational Building.

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to approve the renovations to the central office building.

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Virtual School Talking Points

The board thanked Mr. Hubbard for the information on the building renovations.

Items for Discussion

Priority School Update

Hubbard talked to the board about current curriculum work that the staff has been doing. The district is still focusing on the reading with the close reading program.

Bus Cameras

Hubbard spoke to the board about what the district currently has for bus cameras.

Right now the district has two buses that are equipped with cameras. There are three cameras on each of those buses to cover every angle. Hubbard and Carll have talked about trying a Go-Pro to see how they work on a bus.

Set Date for Board Retreat

The Board set February 29th at 4:30PM at the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District.

Book Study – Good to Great

Hubbard talked to the board about doing a book study with the board as a kind of professional development. Hubbard is looking at a book that deals with being a board member. Hubbard talked about possibly having the meetings start at 6:15-6:30 before a regular board meeting where the board can have a dialog about the book.

Legislative Update

Superintendent Hubbard talked about Senate bill 571. This bill would not allow the school to promote a millage with any kind of school money, also that the school districts are not allowed to have community forums within 60 days of the vote

The other issue that is out there right now is “Public Choice”. This involves electric companies and being able to choose which one you want to use.

Power of One Award

Hubbard stated that there were 3 nominees this month. First was Ben Steele with his help with the middle school food drive during Christmas. Second was Candace Schilling with all of her work and organization of the preschool paperwork for the audit. The winner of the Power of One this month is Kathy Kates. Mrs. Gates is always willing to go above and beyond to keep everything running smooth. Mrs. Gates will frequently be seen here on weekends taking care of things including help with the Vestaburg Foundation and Tree of Lights.

Work in Progress: None

Recognition of Guests: None

Items for next Board Meeting February 8, 2016

Board Retreat February 29, 2016

Motion by Zinn, support by McNerney to adjourn at 7:50PM

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Karen S. Grover

Recording Secretary

January School Board Recognition Month

Lynn Van Sickler – President

Ivan Palmer – Vice President

Mick Drumm – Treasurer

Thomas McNerney - Secretary

Charlotte Davis – Trustee

Carol Herman – Trustee

Brian Zinn - Trustee