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September 14, 2015

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Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in high school classroom 2203.

Members present: Davis, Drumm, Herman, McNerney, Van Sickler, Zinn

Members absent: Palmer

Administrators present: Hubbard, Walderzak, Weaver

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Sharon Davis, Dianne Wilson, Larry Koutz, Bonnie Walker, Connie Marshall, Austin Searfoss

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Audit Report – Yeo and Yeo

Ali from Yeo and Yeo presented to the board the draft findings from the 2014-2015 school audit on the General Fund, Athletics, Debt Retirement Funds and Food Service.

Ali reported 2 findings. The first one was in the lunch fund. The food service department needs to spend down their fund balance. This is something that the food service department needs to do every year.

The second issue was in Athletics. Money was left on desk and when the person returned to their office the money had been stolen. Ali stated that all money needs to be locked up immediately. The District contacted the police and filed a report and an investigation was conducted. The District also has addressed the issue and has implemented new procedures to prevent this from happening again. Ali stated that when the board receives their final report if the board has any questions please feel free to contact her. Ali also did a comparison with other school districts based on pupil count to see how our district is doing compared to other districts our size.

Questions on Building Reports: None

Communications: None

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Approval of Minutes

Motion by Zinn, support by Herman to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on August 10, 2015

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Zinn, support by McNerney to approve the minutes of the Executive Session I held during the August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Zinn, support by McNerney to approve the minutes of the Executive Session II held during the August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Zinn, support by Herman to approve the minutes of the Executive Session III held during the August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Treasurer's Report- August

A. \$ 145,166.65 Bills to be Allowed, Check#34562-34610

B. \$ 651,605.75 Bills to be Ratified, Check#34453-34462  
#34495-34522

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

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda

Resignation

1. Branden Bennett – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach
2. Jody Johnston Vissman – Elementary Student Council Advisor
3. Carissa Marshall – Teacher
4. Dave Freeman -- Maintenance

Hire

1. Karen Gostomski--Preschool Coordinator
2. Austin Searfoss - High School ELA Teacher
3. Stepheny Fouch - Middle School Math Teacher
4. Darlene Christle-Hoover - Food Service
5. Amber Mobley - Safety Patrol Advisor
6. Katie Bissell - NHS Advisor

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

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

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New Business

2015 Bond Refunding

Fredrick Heidman from Thrun Law Firm talked to the board about refinancing the bonds from 2005. Refinancing the bonds will save the taxpayers over 150,000. dollars throughout the next 11 years.

Motion by McNerney, support by Davis to approve the refunding of 2005 bonds.

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Motion by Zinn, support by McNerney to enter executive session at 7:29 p.m.

Roll Call: Davis - yes, Drumm - yes, Herman - yes, McNerney - yes,

Van Sickler - yes, Zinn - yes

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Expulsion Hearing-Executive Session (Student A Confidentiality) (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph b.)

Motion by Herman, support by Zinn to re-enter regular session at 7:37 p.m.

Roll Call: Davis - yes, Drumm - yes, Herman - yes, McNerney - yes,

Van Sickler - yes, Zinn - yes

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Davis to reinstate Student A for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by Zinn, support by McNerney to enter executive session at 7:39 p.m.

Roll Call: Davis - yes, Drumm - yes, Herman - yes, McNerney - yes,

Van Sickler - yes, Zinn - yes

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Negotiations--Executive Session (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph c.)

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to re-enter regular session at 7:52 p.m.

Roll Call: Davis - yes, Drumm - yes, Herman - yes, McNerney - yes,

Van Sickler - yes, Zinn - yes

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

VEA Tentative Agreement

Motion by McNerney, support by Davis to approve the VEA Tentative Agreement.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Hubbard thanked the VEA for all of their work and stated they more than deserve the 1% increase.

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VESPA Letter of Agreement

Motion by McNerney, support by Herman to approve VESPA Letter of Agreement.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

School Cardiac Emergency Response

Walderzak stated this is a state mandate. Walderzak has coordinated a team and they will have some practices. Walderzak stated first and foremost we are here to make sure the kids are safe. By December 100% of our complete staff will be trained in CPR in first aid.

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response program.

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Approval of 2015 Tax Levies

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to approve the tax levies for said townships.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

National Honor Society Trip

Hubbard stated that Mrs. Bissell has really stepped up to the plate to keep the NHS going. She has a blood drive this week. Mrs. Bissell would like to have board approval so they may begin to fundraise for this trip.

Motion by Zinn, support by Herman to approve the NHS trip.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Other Business: None

Old Business

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Approval of Neola Policies Volume 29, Number 2

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to approve Neola Policies Volume 29, number 2.

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Discussion Item

Power of One Award

Hubbard stated this person is the quiet assassin. As you could see tonight Ken Tiesworth was here to help the board with the chrome books. Ken is always right there when you have a problem. The administration appreciates everything Ken does for the school district.

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County Wide School Board Meeting – September 28<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00 p.m. at Central Montcalm Public School – Dinner at  
6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria  
Hubbard stated Lisa Swem from Thrun will be there with good information for  
the board.

Set Committee Meetings

1. Governance Committee  
Meeting set for 3:00 p.m. Wednesday,  
September 30th
2. Finance Committee  
Meeting set for the October 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Works in Progress

Balanced Calendar Update

Hubbard is in the process of putting together a committee of parents, teachers,  
staff members, community members etc. Herman and Davis will be on this  
committee.

Recognition of Guests: None

Items for next Board Meeting October 12, 2015

Proposal for removing tree that is dieing on the corner of the parking lot.

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Karen S. Grover  
Recording Secretary