

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

February 8, 2016

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

Members present: Davis, Drumm, Herman, McNerney, Palmer, Van Sickler, Zinn arr. at 7:35 p.m.

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Hubbard, Walderzak, Weaver

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Connie Marshall, Larry Koutz

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Questions on Building Reports: McNerney suggested that they be changed to Department Reports.

Communications

Principals' Appreciation – Mr. Hubbard

Superintendent Hubbard talked to the board about everything that Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Walderzak do for the students and staff. Not many school districts have administrators that do so much for the district.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by McNerney, support by Herman to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 11, 2016 as presented.

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Treasurer's Report- February

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

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Consent Agenda

A. Hire

1. Martin Alvarado – Bus Driver

B. Resignation

2. Leah Hattis --- Bus Driver

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

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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New Business

Early College Presentation --- Shannon Tripp

Ms. Tripp explained to the board that Vestaburg will have 3 students graduating from MCC this year in May. The students will walk in our graduation but will wear the MCC colors and be honored for their achievement. This is Vestaburg's 3rd year in the Early College Program. Ms. Tripp stated to the board that the Vestaburg students have

been the strongest in the program. Ms. Tripp met with this years sophomores this morning and will meet with parents of students that are interested on February 17th.

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

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to enter executive session at 7:19 p.m.

Roll call: Davis - yes, Drumm - yes, Herman - yes, McNerney - yes, Palmer - yes,

Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Motion by Davis, support by McNerney to re-enter regular session at 7:35 p.m.

Roll call: Davis - yes, Drumm - yes, Herman - yes, McNerney - yes, Palmer - yes,

Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

FMLA Request

Motion by Herman, support by Davis to approve the FMLA request.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Other Business

School Scorecard Presentation and NWEA Data Presentation (Darby Weaver)

Weaver went over the results of the School Scorecard. Weaver talked about the scores, where the elementary was in the yellow for two years and have moved up to green showing improvement. The high school has gone from red (priority school) to yellow and now green. So a complete turn around. We are still listed as a priority school because you stay there for 4 years.

Weaver talked to the board about MStep. Weaver showed the board the scores from last year compared to the state and the ISD.

Weaver showed the board some nice growth in the NWEA scores. Weaver stated that hopefully the growth on the NWEA scores will also show up this year on the MStep.

Items for Discussion

Power of One Awards

Hubbard talked about the nominations for the month of February: Amanda Slezak, Lauren Bissell, Amanda Hallock, Jody Vissman, and Lori Wolfe were nominated by their peers. All deserve recognition for the extra work that they do, but the two that Hubbard is honoring is Lauren Bissell and Amanda Slezak. Bissell has worked hard putting together a program for the 3 year old preschool program for whoever takes the position next year. Lauren also works with the Elementary Student Council.

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Amanda Slezak is also being honored for her help with Leveled Literacy Program. Slezak has organized high school kids to work with elementary students on Literacy. Slezak did this on her own after seeing how well this program worked.

Legislative Update

Hubbard talked about PA 269. The judge issued an order granting school districts that are currently running a ballot to promote/educate the community until further action of the court is made.

Reminder: Special Meeting/Board Retreat February 29th at
Montcalm Area Intermediate School District

4:30 p.m. at the

Van Sickler reminded the board members to have their superintendent evaluation completed when they come to the special meeting.

McNerney brought up some discussion on the balanced calendar.

Works in Progress

Virtual School Update

Hubbard stated that the updates are running ahead of schedule.

Recognition of Guests: None

Items for next Board Meeting March 14, 2016

Zinn mentioned to the board the student athletes that attend school all day, attend practice for a couple of hours, and then go home to do their school work. Zinn stated the middle school teams alone had 19 to 20 students on the honor roll. The student athletes should be commended for their hard work.

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Karen S. Grover

Recording Secretary