

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 12, 2016

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:00 in the high school classroom 2203.

Members present: Davis, Herman, Palmer, Van Sickler, Zinn, Drumm (arr. at 7:07 p.m.)

Members absent: McNerney

Administrators present: Hubbard, Weaver, Walderzak

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Katie Bissell, Stephanie Smith, Larry Koutz, Dan Palmer, Valorie Palmer, Lori Wolfe, Barb Alexander, Sharon Davis, Connie Marshall

Approval of Agenda

Van Sickler amended the agenda by adding:

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Hire

3. Erin Bigelow - Parpro

4. Luann Borton - increase hours for preschool to 7

Motion by Palmer, support by Herman to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion CARRIED: 5-0

Recognition of Guest

Dan Palmer 11304 E. Lake Montcalm Rd., Riverdale, MI 48877 - Dan is here concerning the resignation of the junior varsity basketball coach. Dan's concern is that we hire quality coaches, that know that game, have a high standards, values that I uphold. Dan is asking the board to look at the letter they received today and please ask questions.

Questions on Building and Committee Reports:

Hubbard gave the board an overview of the committee meetings. Hubbard stated that the Teacher Leader group is going very well. Hubbard stated that the committee talked about the FOIA policy and procedures. The committee also talked about the coach's evaluations, drones at sporting events and if a policy is necessary. The group also talked about strategic planning for the district. Herman stated that we also talked about cameras for the buses. Hubbard stated that the district has purchased cameras for the other 3 buses and they should be installed this week.

Communications: None

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Approval of Minutes

Motion by Herman, support by Zinn to approve the Corrected Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held July 11, 2016.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Zinn, support by Palmer to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on August 8, 2016.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Zinn, support by Palmer to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session held on August 8, 2016

Motion by Davis, support by Zinn to approve the Minutes of the Board Retreat August 17, 2016

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Treasurer's Report- August

\$ 132,523.26 Bills to be Allowed, Check#35946-35997

\$1,140,635.21 Bills to be Ratified, Check#35845-35858
#35888-35936

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

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda

A. Hire

1. Megan Brown - Teacher
2. Ashtin Jacques - Paraprofessional
3. Erin Bigelow - Parapro
4. Luann Borton - increase to 7 hours for preschool

Motion by Zinn, support by Davis to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

New Business

FOIA Policy

Motion by Herman, support by Zinn to approve the FOIA Policy and Procedures.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Bond Investigation

Hubbard stated that the state attorney general's office is investigating the bank that purchased the Build America Bonds from our last building project.

Motion by Palmer, support by Zinn to approve the bond investigation.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Head Start Building Rental Agreement

Hubbard stated that the district is going to lease one of the empty classrooms to the Head Start program. This brings in money for the district and more children. Weaver stated that extra services like maintenance and DM Burr will be billed to Head Start. This will be the 3rd Preschool classroom.

Motion by Davis, support by Herman to approve the rental agreement.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approval of 2016 Tax Levies

Hubbard stated that this is something we do every year. Bonnie works with the townships. Equates to about \$400,000.00 of the 6 million budget.

Motion by Palmer, support by Zinn to approve the 2016 Tax Levies.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Band Trip - Stephanie Smith

Mrs. Smith stated that this is an incentive trip to keep more kids interested in band. It is a little retreat and a great experience for the kids.

Motion by Zinn, support by Herman to approve the overnight Band trip.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Bank Authorization

Hubbard stated that in just an initial investigation other local banks will give us more interest and less fees.

Motion by Davis, support by Palmer to approve the bank authorization.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Other Business

Palmer wanted to bring to the board's attention the Roberts Rules of Order and that a board member does not need to abstain from a vote.

Old Business

Approve Board Goals

Hubbard stated that the board had some good discussion at their board retreat and came up with good goals for the school year. Van Sickler stated that this was the best discussion at a board retreat he has had.

Motion by Davis, support by Zinn to approve the 2016-2017 Board Goals.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Discussion Item

Power of One Award

Nominees for this month: Jody Vissman, Sherri Busman, Austin Searfoss, Ken Tiesworth, Stephanie Smith, Kim Hansen, Matt Walderzak and Cindy Gunderman

This month's winners are Matt Walderzak and Cindy Gunderman for all of their work with the DALMAC. Because of the work they do, the district receives many compliments on how well organized everything is and how welcome they feel here at Vestaburg and that it is their favorite stop on the trip.

Priority School Dismissal

Hubbard announced that we were one of seven school out of 160 that were released from the Priority School status. Hubbard thanked everyone for all of their time and effort they put in and it shows with the improved test scores. The board would like to thank all of the staff and administration for all of their work they have done.

County Wide School Board Meeting - September 26, 2016 at MCC Doser Building

Hubbard stated that this meeting is different than other county wide board meetings. In order to use the new superintendent evaluation tool the board members need to be trained for the evaluation to be certified.

Works in Progress: None

Recognition of Guests: None

Items for next Board Meeting October 10, 2016

Motion by Zinn, support by Herman to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary