

## DRAFT Minutes of September 12, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting

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**General** - President Schwartzfisher called to order the September 12, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting of the Beaver Island Community School Board at 7:30 p.m.

**Present** – Barb Schwartzfisher; Dawn Marsh; Dana Hodgson; Karen Johnson; Jessica Anderson; Brian Cole.

**Absent** – Nancy Tritsch

**Others** - Kitty McNamara; Alice Belfy; Kimberly Read; Glenn Cashman.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

**Welcome New Teacher** – Glenn Cashman introduced himself to the entire board and shared his previous education and teaching experience as well as his interest at teaching Math at Beaver Island Community School.

**Approval of Minutes** – Moved by Johnson, supported by Marsh, to approve the August 8, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

**Lead Teacher Report by Kimberly Read (for Deb Robert)** – Nine independent studies were purchased for high school students, ranging from foreign languages to Ancient Civilizations, Greek Mythology, and College Psychology. The 11/12 World History class and Miranda Rooy's preschool and kindergarten students are working cooperatively on an archaeological dig. Social Studies teacher Adam Richards has incorporated service learning credit for students who volunteer time for the Historical Society and in his classroom library. Mr. Richards will be using an activity board for students to use following state-mandated instruction for "Constitution Day." Thirteen students are enrolled in the Health Occupations vocational course. Four students attended the Medical Science Investigation Camp last June in Petoskey. Juniors and Seniors have the opportunity of earning college credit by enrolling in the, advance Business Services Technology, Anatomy and Physiology or Medical Terminology. Elementary parent meetings are scheduled. Special Education Teacher Kimberly Read has varying levels of involvement with the eight designated special education students, and has a speech student using an iPad with the speech therapist much the same ways as one uses skype.

**Treasurer's Report** – Moved by Johnson, supported by Cole, to approve the attached resolution for the sale of tax anticipation notes. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

**Shared Spanish Teacher** – Moved by Hodgson, supported by Marsh, to allow McNamara to enter into a contract with Pellston Public Schools for shared Spanish services, in order to meet the state's two year foreign language requirement. In this solution, high school students are enrolled in a proven online component and supported by weekly remote interaction with a mainland Spanish instructor who is onsite 9 or 10 times during the school year. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

**Tim Elmore Presentation** – Students, parents, board and staff all had positive feedback on Tim Elmore's presentations. Karen Johnson recommends his "mentor" book.

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**Teacher Professional Development Needs & Monday Early Dismissal** – McNamara made a presentation to the board showing how Monday Professional Development time is used. Members agree to a February/March deadline for recommending changes to the early Monday dismissal time for the 2012-2013 school year if they feel the Monday early dismissals are not in the best interest of the students. This item will be discussed at the Board Work Session as a goal for this year, and may also be something the Curriculum and/or School Improvement Committee(s) look at this year.

**Administrative Update** – The first week of school has gone smoothly. The Booster Club has new officers: President Judy Boyle; Vice-President Deb Robert; Treasurer Sheri Richards; and Secretary Missy Williams. Strings class will be offered again this year and is required for all kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. The strings program is supported with funding from BICS's General Fund, Crooked Tree Arts Council, and a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians. The Early College program allows for area high school students to earn college credit while still in high school. Members interested in attending MASB's Fall Conference should contact Alice for registration and lodging. Policy Committee meetings will be scheduled the same time as last year. Kitty's departure and the board's timeline for hiring a replacement will be an agenda item for next week's work session. McNamara reported on violations of the Athletic Policy.

**Round Robin** – Each board member had a chance to bring up a compliment, question, or concern.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice Belfy, Recording Secretary

Attachments

1. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Tax Anticipation Notes