

DRAFT Minutes of August 8, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting

General - President Schwartzfisher called to order the August 8, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting of the Beaver Island Community School Board at 7:30 p.m.

Present – Nancy Tritsch, Dawn Marsh; Barb Schwartzfisher; Karen Johnson; Jessica Anderson.

Absent – Brian Cole; Dana Hodgson

Others - Kitty McNamara; Alice Belfy.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Recognition of BICS as an “A” School - Beaver Island Community School once again received an **‘A’ on the State of Michigan EducationYES! report card**. Maintaining this grade indicates that the district is doing a great job of meeting state learning standards and other indicators of a healthy school district.

Approval of Minutes – Moved by Johnson, supported by Marsh, to approve the July 11, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Treasurer’s Report - Tax Anticipation Notes – Moved by Tritsch, supported by Johnson, to authorize Kitty McNamara and Lisa Krosnicki to seek tax anticipation notes in the amount of \$300,000.00. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Fund Balance Policies(GASB) 54 Resolution – Moved by Tritsch, supported by Marsh, to adopt a resolution establishing fund balance policies as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”). The resolution includes a board desire to maintain a general fund **Fund Balance** of 15 percent. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Moved by Marsh, supported by Tritsch, to set aside the following amounts for Building Improvements and Land Improvements within the **Committed Fund Balance**:

1. \$61,000.00 Committed to Building Improvements; and
2. \$26,000.00 Committed to Land Improvements.

Motion carried - unanimous decision.

School Lunch Prices – Moved by Marsh, supported by Johnson, to set school lunch prices at \$3.50 for a full priced meal and 40 cents for a reduced meal. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Parent Mileage Reimbursement – Moved by Tritsch, supported by Marsh, to provide families pupil transportation stipends for the 2011-2012 school year under the following guidelines:

1. Family must live 1.5 miles from school.
2. Parent/s must apply for the stipend. Stipend eligibility is not based on the School Meals Free and Reduced Application, but is open to all households whose residence is 1.5 or more miles from school.

Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Staff Contracts

Support Staff Contract – Moved by Johnson, supported by Anderson, to approve the Support Staff Benefit Schedule for the years 2011-2015 with noted changes. The 2011-2015 Support Staff Salary Schedule is the same schedule used the previous three years continuing the normal step increases of 3%. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Superintendent and K-12 Principal Contracts – Moved by Marsh, supported by Tritsch to approve a continuation of existing contracts with McNamara for Superintendent and K-12 Principal. Such contracts to include a 2.5% salary increase.

Teacher Hiring – Moved by Tritsch, supported by Anderson, to hire Glenn Cashman at the BA+20, Step 4, of the salary schedule, as a Secondary Math and Electives Teacher. Motion Carried – unanimous decision. Glenn hires into the district with 5 years teaching experience -- including Lakeland, Florida; substitute teaching for Sault Area Public Schools; and most recently Detroit Kettering High School.

Student Handbooks – There are no changes proposed for the Elementary Handbook other than updated staff, board, and calendar information. The secondary handbook updates include: ACADEMICS: Add new requirements per board adoption; ATHLETICS AND LEVELS: Change to meet new policy requirements: 2.0 GPA; AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT: Add information re: new secondary awards; TESTING: Update to include ACT Explore and Plan and how results are used. Moved by Tritsch, supported by Johnson, to approve the 2011-2012 parent-student handbooks as board policy. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Tim Elmore Presentation – Two presentations by Tim Elmore, founder and president of GROWING LEADERS, a non-profit organization created to develop emerging leaders, will take place September 6-7, 2011, on the island. He is author of Generation iY, which addresses what could happen to our society if we don't change the way we related to today's teens and young adults. <http://timelmore.com/>

Monday Early Dismissal – A presentation on how teacher professional development time is used during early student dismissal on Mondays was made by McNamara to the board. There was much discussion about the need for common p.d. time and McNamara wants to ensure that adequate time is provided on a regular basis. There was board member concern that the Monday early dismissal time disrupts student and parent schedules and may not be the best time to carve out teacher p.d. time. McNamara will look into how and when other strong school districts provide ongoing teacher training.

Agenda for September 19 Board Work Session – The agenda for this meeting will consist of goal setting, administrator's evaluation, and planning for administrative transition. McNamara will serve the district until June 2013.

Administrative Update – McNamara is working with members of the Beaver Island Association for an annual Career Education Day. School nurse services are available to Beaver Island students through a grant Charlevoix Hospital received; the deadline for applying to the Leadership Charlevoix County program is August 19; the booster club will be selling refreshments at this weekend’s Homecoming Tournament; and Alice will be registering board members for the MASB Fall Conference at Grand Traverse Resort.

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

Submitted by _____
Alice Belfy, Recording Secretary

Attachments

1. Support Staff Contract – Salary & Benefit Schedule
2. Supt/Principal Contract

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