

Draft Minutes of April 18, 2011, Regular (Rescheduled) School Board Meeting
Beaver Island Community School

General - President Barb Schwartzfisher called to order the April 18, 2011, Regular (Rescheduled) School Board Meeting of the Beaver Island Community School Board at 7:30 p.m.

Present- Barb Schwartzfisher; Dana Hodgson; Jessica Anderson; Brian Cole; Dawn Marsh; and Nancy Tritsch.

Absent – Karen Johnson

Others - Kitty McNamara; Mark Eckhardt; Alice Belfy; Beth Croswhite

Public Comment – None.

Approval of Minutes – Moved by Tritsch, supported by Cole, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Lead Teacher Report – Lead Teacher Beth Croswhite reported on last month's college visits. It was suggested that there be a future discussion on the benefits of having younger students becoming involved in the visits. Other areas reported on included the MCTI (Michigan Career Technical Institute) visit; sex education advisory board; state and national testing; and the Parenting Group. Connie Boyle and Deb Robert continue to do learner support and curriculum work, respectively.

Treasurer's Report

Current Year Budget – Approximately 3 months remain before we need to adopt next year's budget.

Update on 2011-2012 Budget Scenarios – McNamara distributed three 2011-2012 budgets, based on various assumptions.

Legislative Update – Legislative visitors to the school were well received. A formal thank you will be sent to Bill McDonough for organizing the visit and to Island Airways for underwriting the charter flight for the Grand Marais and Paradise school superintendents who traveled to the island for the opportunity to speak to the legislators on behalf of geographically isolated small schools.

Letter of Resignation – Motion by Dawn Marsh, second by Dana Hodgson to accept Matthew Ritchie's letter of resignation. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Annual School Election

Board members will participate in the district-wide effort to encourage voters to get to the polls for the May 3, 2011 annual school election.

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Policy

Third Reading – Moved by Tritsch, supported by Cole, to approve the final reading on **Policy JKB – Student Fundraising Activities**, which includes new language in section 4 “ . . . or encourages the use of alcohol.”
Motion carried – unanimous decision.

First Reading – Some updated language was recommended for **Policy KG - Community Use of School Facilities**.

First Reading – The biggest recommendation to **Policy IDFA – Interscholastic Athletics** will be the proposed athletic eligibility increase of a 1.67 GPA to a 2.0 GPA. Additional language clarifying where 7th and 8th graders “fit” on the teams; greater emphasis on sportsmanship; and, drug free schools language have been incorporated into the policy for discussion and review.

Administrative Update

The teacher tenure law was defined. Board members were given a document prepared by Michigan Association of School Boards which summarizes the details of the current teacher tenure law.

Adjournment

Moved by Marsh, supported by Hodgson, to adjourn the regular (rescheduled) meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Respectfully submitted

Alice Belfy, Recording Secretary