

Draft Minutes of December 13, 2010 Regular School Board Meeting – Beaver Island Community School

General - President Barb Schwartzfisher called to order the December 13, 2010 Regular School Board Meeting of the Beaver Island Community School Board at 7:30 p.m.

Present-Barb Schwartzfisher; Dawn Marsh; Karen Johnson; Dana Hodgson; Nancy Tritsch and Jessica Anderson.

Absent –none

Others - Kitty McNamara; Alice Belfy; Connie Boyle; Anna Martell; Adam Richards, Kimberly Read, Deborah Harwood; Jordan Marsh

Announced vacancy due to the untimely death of board member Gail Weede. Board will adopt a resolution in memory of Gail for Mike at the January board meeting

Public Comment –Student presentation & request by Jordan Marsh on behalf of the 7th & 8th grades to request the purchase of locker shelves i.e. 16 shelves @ \$16.99/each. The shelves essentially double the locker space. The Board will forward the request to the finance committee. Motion Schwartzfisher approve spending up to \$300 when purchased or built, second Hodgson: Motion Carried – unanimous decision.

Lead Teacher Report & Teacher Report- Connie Boyle, Lead Teacher; Beth Croswhite-college visitations, pulling advisory board together to review sex-ed curriculum, also teaching bullying and peanut allergies lessons; Deb Robert- working w/ assessment profile w/ ELA & Math, ISD on Pearson Inform, and school improvement w/Kitty. Learner support- All teams met with their teams; first senior presentations begin in January.

Probationary teachers Adam Richards, Anna Martell & Kimberly Read each presented educational background, training and courses taught.

Additions to Agenda – None

Approval of Minutes – Moved by Hodgson, second by Anderson to approve regular minutes from November 8, 2010 School Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Karen Johnson reported on December 13th finance committee meeting. The district ended the 2009-10 school year with a healthy Fund Balance. The finance committee met today to discuss items that will impact future budgets. The committee is working on a 2-4 year budget to get a better idea of what we can commit to on projects. Overall, the district is strong financially and needs to start looking at best ways to enhance programs and provide best experiences for students.

The following motions were put forward:

1. Motion Tritsch, second Marsh to close the 1992 Debt Fund and transfer its money (last statement \$9,220.32) to the 2007 Debt fund under advice of the district's auditor. Motion carried – unanimous decision.
2. Motion Marsh, second Hodgson to authorize the superintendent to enter into an agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for a *Commercial Card Classic System* establishing a Purchasing Card program to more efficiently process small purchases and to reduce the need to process vendor invoices and issue checks. Motion carried – unanimous decision.
3. Motion Hodgson, second Anderson to grant the superintendent approval to hire support staff personnel through PCMI Professional Contract Management (or another board approved vendor) on an individual basis, when it is in the best interest of the employee or district and when it is legally allowable. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Culinary Arts Elective - The board reviewed a proposal for a one semester culinary arts elective class for high school teachers. Motion Tritsch, second Johnson to approve spending up to \$11,000.00 to provide a high school culinary arts elective for the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Motion to approve Chef Deborah Harwood as the instructor for that course. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Administrative Update- Culinary arts –host a grand buffet at the end of the semester; Snow Plow bid- 1 bid received from Adam Anderson, this is the 3rd year Adam has plowed for the school district.

Round Robin

Each board member had a chance to make a comment or bring up a concern.

Adjournment

Moved by Tritsch, second Marsh to adjourn into closed session for purposes of executive session to discuss teacher contract negotiations. Motion carried. Motion by Tritsch, second by Hodgson to move out of closed session.

Motion Tritsch to adjourn meeting at 9:42pm

Alice Belfy, Recording Secretary