

Draft Minutes of February 7, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting – Beaver Island Community School

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

Present- Barb Schwartzfisher; Karen Johnson via speakerphone; Dana Hodgson; Nancy Tritsch; Jessica Anderson; and Brian Cole.

Absent – Dawn Marsh

Others - Kitty McNamara; Alice Belfy; Beth Croswhite; Matt Ritchie; Dan Martell

Public Comment – None.

Approval of Minutes – Moved by Cole, seconded by Anderson, to approve the regular minutes of the January 10, 2011, School Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Lead Teacher Report - Beth Croswhite reported on the work of lead teachers. Connie Boyle is recruiting mentors for next year's program; using secondary student data to determine what additional help, if any, is necessary for any of our students; and traveling with students to a Junior Achievement competition in Grand Rapids which will include a visit to Davenport College. Beth's parenting class is meeting during the after school program; substance abuse prevention units are being covered in her guidance classes, and parents are receiving help completing the FAFSA (college financial aid form). Juniors will be taking the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) March 1-3. The last senior to present his senior project is Jake Drost, on March 15.

Probationary teachers Matt Ritchie & Dan Martell each gave a presentation to the board, including information such as their educational background, their assignments and roles at BICS and the benefits/disadvantages of teaching at Beaver Island Community School.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Hodgson, supported by Cole, to adopt the attached Resolution to Amend the 2010-2011 Budget as presented. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

McNamara will demonstrate a budget planning software program at the March meeting that projects expenditures for three years based on various revenue and expense assumptions.

A first draft of next year's budget is expected for review at the April board meeting.

Section 22d schools meet February 17 in Sault Sainte Marie, MI. McNamara has contacted our new legislators regarding section 22d funding.

Annual School Election – February 8, 2011, is the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the two open seats on the board. Jessica Anderson's seat is up for re-election as is the seat of newly appointed Brian Cole. The Annual School Election is Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Policy – The Second Reading of Policy IICA – Field Trips was held.

Anderson mentioned that an email survey was sent to parents for input on the athletic policy; results will be reviewed at the next policy committee meeting and presented to the board for a first reading at the March meeting.

Policy re: graduation requirements is still being reviewed by staff.

Proposed changes to Policy JKB – Student Fund Raising Activities – were distributed and reviewed for First Reading.

The committee is seeking information from other small area districts (Harbor Springs, Boyne City, and Boyne Falls) on “Use of Building” policies. The committee is curious whether other districts loan out equipment such as projectors, etc., and what usage fees are typically assessed (if any). A first reading of Use of Building policy will likely be presented at the March board meeting.

The following policies are schedule for review in the near future: Credit Card; Food Allergy; and Curriculum Development.

Technology – McNamara distributed minutes of the February 3, 2011, Technology Support Team Meeting (copy attached to original minutes). On-site times and monthly conference calls were established.

School Improvement Team Meeting – Brian Cole will find another parent to serve on the School Improvement Committee. Minutes of the last meeting are attached to these original minutes.

Administrative Update

Scheduled Senior Projects – February 24 Levi Connor; March 10 Doug Campbell; and March 15 Jake Drost. Fuel oil was topped off at the rate of \$3.67 per gallon. McNamara will follow-up on a board work session date; BICS had appointed a member to the NRETC for the purpose of providing extra educational opportunities to students – unsure what the status of that organization will be. McNamara recently replied to Beaver Island Association (BIA) President Paul Glendon regarding an article in their newsletter relative to school tax dollars. Paul will forward Kitty’s response to the BIA membership. School policy is being followed in the case of a student caught with alcohol at last weekend’s basketball games.

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

Adjournment- Moved by Hodgson, supported by Cole, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Alice Belfy, Recording Secretary

Attachments

Resolution to Amend FY10-11 Budget

Resolution Approving Language for May 3, 2011, Millage Renewal
Minutes of February 3, 2011, Technology Support Team Meeting
Minutes of January 24, 2011, School Improvement Team Meeting

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