

Brighton Area Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2009
7 PM - BECC

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Recognition**
 - A. Shining Stars**
 - B. Elementary Readers' Workshop**
- VI. Superintendent Search Presentation**
 - A. MASB at 7:15 p.m., Gunnard Johnson**
 - B. Michigan Leadership Institute at 8:30 p.m., Michael Wilmot**
- VII. Call to the Public**
 - A. Comment Card**

Time extended to provide individuals an opportunity to address the Board of Education. Time allotment is up to 30 minutes, individuals may speak for three minutes each. Individuals must identify themselves by name and address. The Board may hear issues, but is not required to answer questions or make statements and will refer most issues on to the Superintendent.
- VIII. Old Business**
- IX. Consent Agenda**
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 - B. Minutes of January 26 and 27, 2009**
- X. New Business**
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 - B. Finance**
 - 1. 2008/2009 General Fund Budget Amendment**
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This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item "Call to the Public."

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 7:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: William Anderson, Joe Carney, Jay Krause, Cheryl Leach, Beth Minert, Joyce Powers and Greg Rassel.

Also present: Interim Superintendent Riutta, Interim Assistant Superintendent Moyer, Chief Financial Officer Michael Hubert, Attorney William McCrie, staff, press and visitors.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Powers, supported by Minert to accept the agenda as amended (add Sinking Fund Legislation Resolution as item X.B.3.). Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

V. Recognition

A. Shining Stars

Shining Stars were presented to Maureen Ray, Kim Ladd, Chuck Fuhst and Bob Kozlowski.

B. Elementary Readers' Workshop

Kris Valade, Chris Darkowski, Christina Mitte and Laurie Yokie presented on the district's Literacy Initiatives.

VI. Superintendent Search Presentation

A. MASB at 7:15 p.m., Gunnard Johnson

Mr. Johnson presented the MASB proposal for conducting the superintendent search. The costs associated with the MASB proposal would not exceed \$8500. Each Trustee was given a proposal booklet outlining the services that MASB would provide in the search process.

B. Michigan Leadership Institute at 8:30 p.m., Michael Wilmot

The Board will hear the Michigan Leadership proposal later on the agenda as Mr. Wilmot is expected around 8:30 p.m.

VII. Call to the Public

Betty Clohosey thanked Bob Kozlowski and Chuck Fuhst for maintaining the bus fleet in such good condition.

Shannon Daul and other high school students addressed the Board requesting that Spanish V be offered at the high school instead of taking the class through the dual enrollment option.

Sandy Daul asked that the Board consider the students' request to add a Spanish V class.

John Conely addressed the Board regarding the budget deficit.

VIII. Old Business

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Bills of January 17-22, 2009

Moved by Leach, supported by Powers to approve the bills as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

B. Minutes of January 26 and 27, 2009

Moved by Powers, supported by Krause to approve the January 26, 2009 minutes as corrected (Cheryl Leach in attendance) and to approve the January 27, 2009 minutes as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

X. New Business

A. Curriculum

1. French Club Trip Request, First Reading - Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to approve the French Club trip request as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

B. Finance

1. 2008/2009 General Fund Budget Amendment - Due to changes in revenues and expenditures, the amendment to the 2008/2009 General Fund budget was presented for Board consideration.

The budget will have a \$3.4 million deficit. The district will voluntarily submit reports to the state addressing the deficit and plans to reduce the deficit. There will be another amendment submitted to the Board later in the year.

Moved by Leach, supported by Carney to amend the 2008/2009 General Fund Budget as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

2. Resolution, Cash Flow Borrowing - Due to the budget deficit and the schedule of the state aid payments to the local school districts, it is anticipated that the Brighton school district will need to participate in cash flow borrowing. The Cash Flow Borrowing Resolution was presented to the Board for consideration which would be for an amount not to exceed \$9.2 million and include a maximum interest rate of 7%.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Carney to adopt the State Aid Operating Loan Resolution as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

3. Resolution, Sinking Fund Legislation - Trustee Carney presented a resolution for the Board's consideration concerning support of legislation that would increase types of purchases that sinking fund dollars could be used to support. It is understood that legislation regarding the use of sinking fund dollars will be reintroduced in the State House and Senate this session.

Board discussion took place regarding the resolution.

Moved by Carney, supported by Powers that the board of Education approve the Sinking Fund Resolution and further, that it be forwarded to our State Senator and Representatives. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

C. Human Resources

D. Other

XI. Superintendent Search

A. Michigan Leadership Institute, Presentation

Mr. Mike Wilmot gave an overview of the superintendent search proposal submitted by the Michigan Leadership Institute. The cost of the search would be \$6800 and would include all components discussed in the presentation and included in the packets distributed to the Trustees. This cost would exclude direct copy costs.

XII. Communications and Reports

A. From Superintendent

1. Mrs. Riutta indicated that she would reconvene the Budget Task Force that was convened in May 2008.

B. From Board

1. Secretary Minert indicated that the Board Human Resources Committee met and discussed a preliminary superintendent search calendar. Please review the calendar and provide feedback to her.
2. Secretary Minert asked Mrs. Riutta for additional information/data concerning the Elementary Research Team's work i.e. redistricting plans, number of staff layoffs, re-utilization of the school that will be recommended to close, transportation, class sizes for the configuration, and the potential loss of Schools of Choice students and where would this revenue loss be assumed in the budget. Mrs. Riutta requested a copy of the email sent to President Anderson regarding this request.
3. Trustee Krause reported that the Choir Concert raised over \$4,000 toward the purchase of a piano for the High School vocal music program.

C. Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.