

## **A G E N D A**

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- V. Recognition**
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  - 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.
- VII. Old Business**
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  - A. Middle School Research Team**
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- XII. Closed Session, Approval of January 12, 2009 Closed Minutes**

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 7:02 p.m.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Roll Call

Members present: William Anderson, Joe Carney, Jay Krause, Beth Minert, Joyce Powers and Greg Rassel.

Also present: Interim Superintendent Riutta, Interim Assistant Superintendent Peggy Moyer, Chief Financial Officer Michael Hubert, Executive Director of Instruction Baiba Jensen, Attorney William McCririe, staff, press, and visitors.

### IV. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Powers, supported by Carney to accept the agenda as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

### V. Recognition

### VI. Call to the Public

Don Bignall addressed the Board concerning building reconfigurations and if a building is used for another purpose what would be the costs, if any, for revamping it.

### VII. Old Business

### VIII. Consent Agenda

### IX. New Business

#### A. Curriculum

#### B. Finance

1. 2008/2009 Budget Revision, Update - Mrs. Riutta reported that the 2008/2009 general fund budget amendment will be placed on the February 9, 2009 agenda because of the Research Team reports that the Board will receive tonight.

#### C. Human Resources

#### D. Other

1. Bills of December 23, 2008 through January 16, 2009 - Moved by Leach, supported by Minert that the bills of December 23, 2008 through January 16, 2009 be approved as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
2. Minutes of January 12, 2009 - Moved by Leach, supported by Powers to approve the January 12, 2009 minutes as presented. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 abstention-Rassel. Motion carried.
3. Collaborative Consortium Agreement, County Wide Broadband - Mrs. Riutta presented the Collaborative Consortium Agreement for County Wide Broadband for the Board's consideration. The state is structuring a stimulus package in the area of information Technology/Broadband whereby establishing connectivity with all governmental agencies,

including schools within a given region in the state. The Livingston County School Districts have discussed the desire to be part this effort.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to adopt the Countywide Broadband Collaborative Consortium Arrangement as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

4. State of the District, Update - Mrs. Riutta reviewed the many activities, accomplishments, and on-going tasks that have occurred during the past fifty plus days as they related to the Board of Education goals.

**X. Communications and Reports**

**A. From Superintendent**

1. It was reported that in response to the state's economic stimulus plan survey, Mike Hubert submitted items that were connected with the failed November 2008 bond and sinking fund election.

**B. From Board**

**C. Announcements**

Meeting recessed at 7:32 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

**XI. Work Session**

**A. Middle School Research Team**

Members of the Middle School Research Team reported on the committee's work regarding a 5/6 and 7/8 grade configuration. Items reported on included site visitations to Novi, Dexter, Saline and Hartland, curriculum, logistics, special education, co-curriculars and electives, play grounds, and transportation. The Middle School Research Team asked that the Board authorize the committee's work to continue so that additional data can be collected and to further study the issues connected with the 5/6 and 7/8 model.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to authorize the Middle School Research Team to move forward with the 5/6 and 7/8 concept. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Riutta thanked the MS Research Team for sharing the committee's work with the Board and public.

On February 2 a parent forum will be held for the 5/6 concept and a parent forum will be held on February 3 for the 7/8 concept. Both forums will be held at 7 pm in the Board Room at BECC.

**B. High School Research Team**

Mr. Hamman, Principal of Brighton High School, reported on the High School Research Team's work to date. The committee is studying resource efficiencies, staffing efficiencies, copy machine costs, building usage and energy consumption, course electives, on-line classes, and other related issues.

Mrs. Riutta indicated that the HS Research Team began its meetings later than the other two research teams. She thanked the committee members for their work to date and for sharing the committee's progress with the Board and public.

**XII. Closed Session, Approval of January 12, 2009 Closed Minutes**

Moved by Russel, supported by Carney to enter closed session for the purpose of approving the January 12, 2009 closed minutes. Roll call vote: 7 ayes.  
Motion carried.

Board entered closed session at 9:01 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 9:01 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

Board entered open session at 9:13 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.