

Brighton Area Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2009
7 PM - BECC

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Recognition**
 - A. Michelle Madden**
 - B. Student Athletes, Winter Season**
 - C. Scranton Middle School "Morning Show" - Tom Nisbet**
- VI. 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.
- VII. Old Business**
- VIII. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Bills of February 28-March 12, 2009**
 - B. Bills of March 19, 2009**
 - C. Minutes of March 9, 2009**
 - D. Minutes of March 12, 2009**
- IX. New Business**
 - A. Curriculum**
 - 1. K-5 Science Curriculum**
 - B. Finance**
 - 1. Director of Finance Position**
 - C. Human Resources**
 - D. Other**
 - 1. High School Research Team Report, Special Education**
 - 2. Resolution to Dissolve Renaissance Alternative School**
 - 3. Schools of Choice 2009/2010**
 - 4. Resolution, LESA Consortium for Copier Equipment**
 - 5. Acceptance of Donation**
- X. Communications and Reports**
 - A. From Superintendent**
 - B. From Board**
 - C. Announcements**

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, Cheryl Leach, Beth Minert, Joyce Powers and Greg Rassel.

Also present: Interim Superintendent Riutta, Assistant Superintendent Finance Maria Bolen, Interim Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Peggy Moyer, Executive Director of Instruction Baiba Jensen, Attorney William McCrie, staff, press and visitors.

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to amend the agenda to include item IX.D.6. Call for Special Board Meetings

V. **Recognition**

A. Michelle Madden - Michelle Madden, Scranton teacher and Girl's Assistant Softball Coach was honored as a "Shining Star" recipient. Mrs. Madden was inducted into the Michigan Softball coaches Association as Assistant Coach of the Year. She has been an assistant coach for twenty years under Coach Pam Lee Campbell.

B. Student Athletes, Winter Season

The following Winter Athletes were honored as "Shining Stars":

James Koss - Bowling, 3rd Place State Competition

Girl's Ski Team Placed 9th in State Competition - Carrie Fisher, Chrissy Fisher, Louise Gentner, Stephanie Haselhuhn, Sophia Shinsky, Margaret Smith and Ashton Street.

Cameron McCrie - State Qualifier Boy's Ski

Girl's Gymnastics, 12 Place in State Competition - Alexandra Geddis-McCrie, Kendra Hardy, Marina Moretti, Meredith Robinson, Emily Rose, April Szuma, and Tiffeny Wysocki.

Boy's Swimming, Qualified for States: Ryan Buck, John Childers, Andrew Graetzel, Michael Griffith, Matt Lloyd, Jacob Lunau, and Jared Price

Boy's Wrestling, Qualified for States: Travis Hernandez, Kenneth Richmond, and Grant Pizzo.

C. Scranton Middle School "Morning Show" - Scranton Middle School students and Tom Nisbet presented a video of the school's "Morning Show" which is produced and aired each morning at Scranton. The show featured news and announcements, sporting competitions, and the weather.

VI. Call to the Public

Courtney Bellanti addressed the Board concerning the budget deficit, employee raises, the closing of a school, and made a request that Trustees resign from their positions.

Carol Wilcox addressed the Board concerning the closing of Miller and Trustees' votes on approving employee contracts.

John Conely addressed the Board concerning employee compensation and the percentage it is of the total budget and the budgeted line item for books and materials.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Consent Agenda

Moved by Leach, supported by Powers to approve the bills of February 28-March 12 and March 19, 2009. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Powers, supported by Rassel to approve the march 9, 2009 minutes as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Carney to approve the March 12, 2009 minutes as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

A. Curriculum

1. **K-5 Science Curriculum** - The K-5 Science Curriculum was presented for Board discussion. The curriculum has been reviewed by the district's Curriculum Council and the Board Curriculum Committee. This item will be placed on the April 16 agenda for Board consideration.

B. Finance

1. **Director of Finance Position** - Ms. Bolen presented the recommendation to approve the Director of Finance position as presented. The filling of this position will provide cross training for business office employees, reduce overtime costs, and eliminate the sub costs for the eliminated accounts payable clerk's position.

Moved by Krause, supported by Leach to approve the Director of Finance position as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

C. Human Resources

D. Other

1. **High School Research Team Report, Special Education** - The High School Research Team Special Education Report was presented to the Board. The committee, consisting of teachers, administrators and support personnel, was formed at the beginning of the year to research best practice for the delivery of special

education services. Marci Moloney, Director of Special Education Services, received a grant to support the work of the committee. The committee will continue its work and create drafts for the following: (1) Structure and curriculum of integrated basic and resource support classes, (2) Structure and procedures for TC content classes, (3) Examine and restructure para-pro support, (4) Investigation of general education classes reinforced with more support and (5) Consideration of a accelerating implementation of Special Education delivery model.

2. **Resolution to Dissolve Renaissance Alternative School -** Moved by Powers, supported by Leach to adopt the Resolution to Dissolve the Renaissance Alternative Program as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Schools of Choice 2009/2010 -** Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to approve a K-4 Schools of Choice Program for Fall 2009 as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution, LESA Consortium for Copier Equipment -** Moved by Leach, supported by Minert to approve the LESA Photocopier Consortium Agreement as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
5. **Acceptance of Donation -** Moved by Carney, supported by Rassel to accept the donation of office furniture from the Livingston Educational Service Agency with appreciation. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Board of Education and district, Ms. Bolen will send a letter of appreciation to the LESA Board of Education, Superintendent Scott Menzel and Assistant Superintendent Mike Hubert for the generous donation of office equipment and for providing staff to move and assemble the furniture for the business office.

6. **Call for Special Board of Education Meetings -** Moved by Minert, supported by Carney to call for special board meetings on the following dates: April 28, 2009 at 7 PM in the Board Room at BECC for the purpose of conducting a Superintendent Search worksession for interviewing and selection of finalists, May 4, 5, and 6, 2009 at 7 PM in the Board Room at BECC for the purpose of conducting first round interviews with superintendent candidates, and May 12 and 13, 2009 at 7 PM in the Board Room at BECC for the purpose of conducting second round interviews with superintendent candidates. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

X. Communications and Reports

A. From Superintendent

1. Mrs. Riutta reminded the Trustees of the LCSBA Dinner scheduled for March 25, 2009 at 6:45 p.m.

B. From Board

1. Secretary Minert spoke about the Miller program/curriculum, MEAP testing in the fall of third grade instead of spring testing in third grade, and the importance of motor rooms for early childhood education.

2. Trustee Powers spoke about the 5/6 building and the art, music and physical education programs at this level.

C. Announcements

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.