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XI. Closed Session, Approval of April 28, 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."

Brighton Area Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2009
7 PM - BECC

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

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

Also present: Interim Superintendent Riutta, Assistant Superintendent Bolen, Interim Assistant Superintendent Moyer, Executive Director of Instruction Jensen, Attorney William McCrie, staff, press and visitors.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Leach supported by Rassel to approve the agenda as amended (add items IX.D.7-Call for June 1 Committee of the Whole Meeting and IX.D.8. Superintendent Contract. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

V. Recognition/Reports

A. Brighton Ford, Recognition

Mr. Scott Spitler of Spitler Ford was recognized for the dealership's support of the Brighton Area Schools. For the past several years, Mr. Spitler has sponsored an annual window painting contest for the elementary schools. Each school was awarded \$1,000 for participating in the event and to date over \$25,000 has been donated to the participating schools. On behalf of the elementary schools, Principal Jack Yates presented a plaque to Mr. Spitler in recognition for his support and generous donations to Hawkins, Hilton, Hornung, Lindbom and Spencer Elementary Schools.

B. Teacher Tenure, Recognition

The following teachers were recognized for achieving tenure: Craig Benedict, Tanya Clark, Stephanie Rothenberg, Aaron Walter, Cassondra Wheeler-Hare, Nicole Cummings, Carolyn McNulty, Sarah Lemerand, Carly Miller, Ellen Moore, Jennifer Ziewacz, Corrine Shourds, and Korina Staruch.

C. Reading Apprenticeship Program, Middle and High School

Mrs. Jensen introduced Basha Kiehler and Diana Mason who reported on the Reading Apprenticeship Program at the middle and high schools.

VI. Call to the Public

Ellen Lafferty, Maltby Middle School teacher, addressed the Board about her concerns with the administrative reassignments.

Laura Lomik, high school student, addressed the Board concerning the teachers being placed on layoff.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. **Bills of April 17 - May 1, 2009**
- B. **Minutes of April 27, 2009**
- C. **Minutes of April 28, 2009**
- D. **Minutes of May 4, 2009**
- E. **Minutes of May 5, 2009**

Moved by Russel, supported by Powers to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

A. Curriculum

- 1. **British Literature, New Course** - Teacher Kim Christiansen reported on the on the British Literature course that was developed for students in the eleventh grade in order to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements. This item will be placed on the May 26, 2009 agenda for Board consideration.
- 2. **Civics, Realignment** - Teachers Michelle Holowicki and Becky Kraft presented the Civics course that was realigned to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements. This item will be placed on the May 26, 2009 agenda for Board consideration.
- 3. **Economics, New Course** - Ms. Holowicki and Ms. Kraft also presented information concerning the semester Economics course. The purchase of textbooks from TCI in the amount of \$18,748.80 was recommended. This item will be placed on the May 26, 2009 agenda for Board consideration.

B. Finance

- 1. **LESA Budget 2009/2010** - Mr. Mike Hubert, Assistant Superintendent-LESA, presented the 2009/2010 LESA budget for the Board's consideration. State law requires that local Boards of Education take action by June 1 to approve or disapprove the Intermediate General Fund Budget.

Moved by Carney, supported by Krause to adopt the Resolution approving the 2009/2010 LESA Budget. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

2. **Budget Update, 2009/10** - Assistant Superintendent Bolen reported that the budget meetings with individual administrators have been concluded. The zero based budgeting process was used in the development of building/department budgets.

It was recommended that the Board call for a Committee of the Whole meeting on June 1 to discuss the 2009/2010 budget and make further reductions necessary to present a balanced budget for the Board's consideration.

3. **Appointment of Trustee and Alternate to MCRMT** - Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to appoint Maria Bolen as Trustee and the Superintendent as alternate Trustee to the Middle Cities Risk Management Trust. Roll call vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

C. **Human Resources**

1. **Resignations, Retirement** - Mrs. Moyer reported that the district did not receive the minimum number of participants to implement the Staff Retention Plan incentive.
2. **Staff Reduction, Certified Staff** - Moved by Leach, supported by Powers to provide notice of layoff to Michelle Costa, 1.0 FTE as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Executive Director of Curriculum** - Moved by Powers, supported by Krause to appoint Dr. Laura Surrey as the Executive Director of Curriculum as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Recall, Administrative Staff** - Moved by Rassel, supported by Leach to recall Debra Higgins to the position of Assistant High School Principal as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
5. **Administrative Contract Extensions** - Moved by Krause, supported by Minert to approve the administrative contract extensions through June 30, 2010. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

D. **Other**

1. **Elementary Handbook Revisions, Second Reading** - Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to adopt the Elementary Handbook as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
2. **High School Handbook Revisions, Second Reading** - Moved by Leach, supported by Minert to approve the High School handbook as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

3. **Appointment to LESA Electoral Body, Representative and Alternate** - Moved by Rassel, supported Krause to appoint Joe Carney as Representative and Kay Krause as alternate to the LESA Electoral Body and further, designate Representative Carney to cast a vote for Julie Hill on the first ballot. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
4. **High School Research Team Recommendation** - Mr. Hamman reviewed the Research Team's recommendations to date that include the areas of site beautification, semester classes for subjects except English, staff FTE reductions, and Technology and On-Line Learning opportunities.

The Police Liaison Officer position will be discussed at the proposed June 1, 2009 Committee of the Whole regarding the 2009/2010 budget. Trustee Carney indicated that he would like to see a plan of deployment for campus security.

Mrs. Riutta and Mr. Hamman will discuss the High School parking lot fund and perhaps using those funds to reinstate the Police Liaison Officer in conjunction with savings from reductions in campus security personnel.

5. **SOC, Grades 9 - 10** - It was recommended that the Board approve a limited Schools of Choice Program at Brighton High School for the 2009/2010 school year. The program will include five (5) seats available for ninth grade students and one (1) seat available for tenth grade students.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to approve the limited High School Schools of Choice program as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

6. **Call for Board Meetings, July through December 2009** - Moved by Leach, supported by Carney to call for regular Board meetings on July 13, 2009, August 10 and 24, 2009, September 14 and 28, 2009, October 12 and 26, 2009, November 9 and 23, 2009 and December 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at BECC, 125 S. Church Street. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Superintendent Contract** - Moved by Carney, supported by Krause to appoint the Chairs of the Board Curriculum, Finance and Human Resources Committees to draft an employment contract for the Superintendent of Schools and to bring the draft contract to the full Board for discussion and approval. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The Chairs of the Board Committees will meet at 3:30 p.m. on May 20, 2009 at BECC, 125 S. Church Street to draft an employment contract for the Superintendent of Schools position. This meeting will be posted as per the Open Meetings Act.

8. **Call for Special Board Meeting** - Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to call for a Committee of the Whole meeting on June 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at BECC for the purpose of discussing the 2009/2010 budget. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Members of the Administrative Team and Leadership Team will be present at the June 1, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.

X. Communications and Reports

A. From Superintendent

1. MEAP Results - Brighton's MEAP scores are outstanding and Mrs. Riuttta congratulated the staff, students and parents for this achievement.
2. The Miller Open House will be held on May 13, 2009 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 p.m.
3. Interviews for superintendent candidates are May 12 for Bill Eis and May 13 for Greg Gray.
4. A retirement dinner is being planned to honor staff members who will be retiring. Employees will be asked to donate \$1.00 to help fund this activity.

B. From Board

C. Announcements

1. The Legislative Breakfast will be held May 18, 2009 at LESA.

XI. Closed Session, Approval of April 28, 2009 Closed Minutes

Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to enter closed session for the purpose of approving the April 28, 2009 closed minutes. Roll call vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 9:07 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 9:07 p.m.

Board reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

The Board entered open session at 9:22 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.