



Board of Education
May 10, 2010
7 PM

BECC Building, Board Room
125 S. Church Street
Brighton MI 48116

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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 "Public Participation."

Board of Education
Brighton Area Schools
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2010
7 PM - BECC

Minutes

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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

Also present: Superintendent Gray, Assistant Superintendents Gisting, Schwager, and Surrey, staff, press, and visitors.

IV. Shining Stars

Shining Stars were presented to the cast and crew of Footloose along with teachers Michele Holowicki and Matt Brady.

Michele Holowicki was honored as a "Shining Star" as the 2010 James Madison memorial Fellowship Recipient for Michigan. Only one social studies teacher in each state receives this award.

V. Acceptance of Agenda

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

VI. Public Participation

Kathryn Hyde, student at Brighton High School, addressed the Board concerning accessibility issues at the high school and presented petitions requesting that the Board and administration address BHS accessibility issues.

Julie Hines addressed the Board concerning placement of highly qualified and certified staff members related to the High School vocal music position.

Sherry McKinty addressed the Board concerning the vocal music program and the staffing of this position.

Keith VanHentenryck addressed the Board concerning budget issues and restoring funding to programs.

Arnella Park addressed the Board concerning the Life Skills 7 course for Scranton Middle School.

Nora McClear, student at Brighton High School, also addressed accessibility issues at the High School for students who have different needs.

VII. Board Reports/Correspondence

No Board reports

Dr. Gray reported that the Livingston County Collaborative Committee will reschedule the next meeting for June. The county will notify the members of the June date in the near future.

VIII. For Action

- A. Consent Agenda - Moved by Powers, supported by Krause to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice: 6 ayes, 1 present-Rassel. Motion carried.
- B. Apple Computers, Elementary - Moved by Krause, supported by Minert to approve the purchase of 50 Mac mini-computers for a total of \$26,901 as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Resignations/Retirements - Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to accept the resignations of Lois Baranski, Gail Bohner, David Bone, Bruce Graenser, Nancy Green, James Hagler, Michele Kendzior, Joseph Pawloski, Jean Petersburg, Andrea Strieter and Virginia Weingate for the purposes of retirement with appreciation for the many years of service to the district. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Course Approval, Scranton Middle School Life Skills 7 - this item will be placed on the May 24, 2010 agenda for Board consideration.
- E. Appointment to LESA PAC - Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to approve the appointment of Anja Geyer as the alternate representative to the LESA PAC for a term that expires June 30, 2013. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

IX. For Future Action

- A. LESA Budget 2010/11 - Staff will request that Mike Hubert attend the May 24, 2010 meeting to review the 2010/11 LESA budget. Actual budget detail will be included in Superintendent Gray's Friday correspondence to the Board.
- B. RFP, Food Service - Bids will be opened on Friday, May 14, 2010 and presented to the Board at the May 24, 2010 meeting.
- C. Property Tax Levy, L-4029 - Dr. Gisting reported on the 2010/11 property tax levy. The 2010/11 Levy will be presented to the Board on May 24, 2010 for approval.

X. For Information

- A. Curriculum/Instruction
 - 1. NCA Update - Dr. Surrey reviewed the NCA Accreditation report from the site visit of May 3-5, 2010. On behalf of the Board of Education President Leach thanked everyone for their preparation and work completed for the NCA visit and process.
 - 2. Social Studies Textbooks - Last year the board approved funds for the purchase of social studies textbooks.
 - 3. Curriculum Crafters - Curriculum Crafters was developed by Kent County ISD and contains a variety of information on the core curriculum content areas. The feedback from Brighton's teachers is that this would be a very useful tool to have available. The purchase price is \$14,566 and would be supported by AARA money which LESA agreed to provide. However, there is an annual maintenance fee of \$2,185 which the district would be responsible for. Dr. Surrey will share a power point presentation on this program at the May 24, 2010 Board meeting.
- B. Finance
 - 1. Dr. Gistingier reviewed the progress to date on the Deficit Elimination Plan. The district is nearing the end of implementing items that are not negotiable under the Collective Bargaining Agreements.
- C. Human Resources
 - 1. Mr. Schwager reported that representatives were on site to interview Brighton employees for custodial positions available through D.M. Burr.
- D. Other
 - 1. Dr. Gray reported that he will conduct the final Community Forum for the school year on May 20, 2010 at 7 PM in the BCPA. Items to be discussed will be an update on the Deficit Elimination Plan, NCA Visit findings, staffing, strategic planning and time will be provided for audience questions.

XI. Closed Session, Approval of April 26, 2010 Closed Minutes

Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to enter closed session for the purpose of approving the April 26, 2010 closed minutes. Roll call vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Board entered closed session at 7:58 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 7:58 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

Board entered open session at 8:03 p.m.

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Moved by Anderson, supported by Minert to adjourn. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Date Approved:

Approved by:

Cheryl Leach, President

Beth Minert, Secretary

(Sheri Lohmiller, Recorder)