



Board of Education
May 24, 2010
7 PM

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

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III. Roll Call

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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 24, 2010
7 PM - BECC

Meeting 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**

Members present: William E. Anderson, Jay Krause, Cheryl Leach, Greg Rassel and Miles Vieau. Members absent: Beth Minert and Joyce Powers.

Also present: Superintendent Gray and Assistant Superintendents Gistingier, Schwager and Surrey.

IV. **Tenure Recognition**

Teachers who earned tenure this year were honored.

V. **Reports/Correspondence**

- A. Maltby Intermediate School - Principal Scott Brenner presented an overview of the 2009/10 school year for the new fifth/sixth grade configuration. Information was shared concerning test data, the RTI program, progress on the math and science curriculums, and the Maltby Pride Program.
- B. Scranton Middle School - Principal Henry Vecchioni gave an overview of the new 7th/8th grade building configuration. Items reviewed included curriculum and the academic teams, co-curricular activities, discipline data, Project Pride/community service and class schedules.

VI. **Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by Krause, supported by Rassel to accept the agenda as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent - Minert and Powers. Motion carried.

VII. **Public Participation**

Stan Brish addressed the Board concerning the facilities and grounds. He indicated his support for a bond and/or sinking fund proposal.

Carol Wilcox asked that contract issues be addressed prior to seeking a bond or sinking fund.

Maureen Strachan addressed the Board and expressed appreciation to retiring staff members for their years of service to the district.

Keith VanHentenryck addressed the board concerning financial issues, wages and bond/sinking funds.

VIII. Board Correspondence

Superintendent Gray announced that he attended the scholarship dinner sponsored by Citizens Insurance. Brighton had several students who received scholarships this year.

IX. For Action

- A. Consent Agenda - Moved by Anderson, supported by Krause to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent - Minert and Powers. Motion carried.
- B. Course Approval - Moved by Rassel, supported by Vieau to approve the Scranton Middle School Life Skills 7th grade elective as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent - Minert and Powers. Motion carried.
- C. LESA Budget 2010/11 - Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to approve the 2010/11 LESA Budget as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent- Minert and Powers. Motion carried.
- D. Property Tax Levy - Moved by Krause, supported by Rassel to approve the property tax levy as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent-Minert and Powers. Motion carried.
- E. Deficit Reconciliation Report - Moved by Rassel, supported by Anderson to approve the Deficit Reconciliation Report as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent-Minert and Powers. Motion carried.
- F. April Financial Statement - Moved by Krause, supported by Rassel to approve the April Financial Statement as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent-Minert and Powers. Motion carried.
- G. Leaves of Absence - Moved by Vieau, supported by Rassel to approve the leave of absence request of Tracey Flanigan for the 2010/11 school year as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent-Minert and Powers. Motion carried.

Moved by Vieau, supported by Rassel to approve the military leave of absence request of Adam Neuman as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent-Minert and Powers. Motion carried.

X. For Future Action

- A. Breakfast Program, 2010/11 - A Public Hearing will be held on June 14, 2010 regarding the proposed Breakfast Program for the 2010/11 school year.

- B. Curriculum Crafter - An overview of the Curriculum Crafter tool was presented. It was reported that the program would be purchased with AARA money and would be used for the four K-12 content areas along with physical education and world languages. This program was developed by Kent County ISD. The annual maintenance fee is \$2,185. This item will be placed on the June 14, 2010 agenda for Board consideration.
- C. LESA Resolution, Unfunded Mandates - LESA is asking the county school districts to adopt the Statutory Mandate Resolution. In 2009 unfunded mandates totaled approximately two (2) billion dollars. The resolution will be placed on the June 14, 2010 agenda.

XI. For Information

- A. Curriculum/Instruction
 - 1. Social Studies Textbooks - The district will delay the purchase of social studies textbooks until later in the summer.
- B. Finance
 - 1. Deficit Elimination Plan - The proposed 2009/10 amended budget will be presented at the June 14, 2010 board meeting. The proposed 2010/11 budget will also be presented on June 14. Dr. Gisting reviewed the assumptions used for the 2010/11 budget. It was also noted that twenty of the twenty-eight items on the Deficit Elimination Plan were completed.
 - 2. Food Service RFP - The results of the Food Service RFP were summarized. The \$90,000 in savings doesn't warrant outsourcing this service.
 - 3. Consolidating Business Department with LESA - One BAS position could be eliminated if the district elected to consolidate business services with LESA. The Board asked to see a proposal for consolidation.
- C. Human Resources
 - 1. Mr. Schwager reported that the district has concerns regarding individuals not meeting the deadline of completing the necessary course work for certification. In May 2009 the district issued a memo stating that extensions would no longer be granted and in January 2010 the district sent memos to fifty-four staff members regarding the status of their certificate. The district will accept paperwork until August 13, 2010 but nothing will be accepted past June 30 next year.
 - 2. The Board was updated on the successful outcome of the arbitration concerning credits for certification. An individual had requested a leave of absence to complete course work when they had no standing under the Michigan Tenure Act. Costs and fees were borne by the association.

3. Federal regulations require the district to place no smoking signs on every exit in buildings and to remove any type of ashtray receptacle.
- D. Other
 1. Leave Bank Pay - The district would extend the leave bank pay of \$20/day through June 4.
 2. Third Party Contracting is eliminated under the new law. In addition to the one exemption each district received, there could be more exemptions distributed by the state.
 3. ADA Compliance - Superintendent Gray met with Director of Operations Bill Blanchard and the district is ADA compliant and passes annual inspections. Dr. Gray toured the high school with the student who had ADA compliance concerns to learn what the challenges were facing the student. The Board asked that information be included in the Friday letter concerning ADA accommodations.

XII. Committee of the Whole

1. Staffing Update - Meetings with paraprofessionals and secretaries were held today. There is a transition plan in place for paraprofessionals. BEA staffing will take place after June 4.

XIII. Closed Session

1. BEA/BESPA Negotiations - Moved by Krause, supported by Russell to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies connected with the BEA and BESPA bargaining units inasmuch as the administration has requested a closed session. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 2 absent-Minert and Powers. Motion carried.

Board entered closed session at 9:18 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 9:18 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:22 p.m.

Board entered open session at 9:43 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Date Approved:

Approved by:

Cheryl Leach, President

Beth Minert, Secretary
(Sheri Lohmiller, Recorder)