



Board of Education
January 10, 2011
7 PM

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

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Board of Education
Brighton Area Schools
Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2011
7 PM - BECC

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Gray. Dr. Gray conducted the meeting until the election of the President of the Board of Education.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Oath of Office

Dr. Gray administered the Oath of Office to John Conely.

IV. Election of Officers

Office of President

Moved by Rassel to nominate Cheryl Leach for the office of President.

Moved by Anderson, supported by Rassel to close nominations for office of President. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Roll call vote to elect Cheryl Leach as President of the Board of Education. 7 ayes: Anderson, Conely, Krause, Leach, Minert, Rassel, and Vieau. Motion carried.

Office of Vice President

Moved by Krause to nominate Greg Rassel for the office of Vice President.

Moved by Anderson, supported by Rassel to closed nominations for office of Vice President. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Roll call vote to elect Greg Rassel as Vice President of the Board of Education. 7 ayes: Anderson, Conely, Krause, Leach, Minert, Rassel, and Vieau. Motion carried.

Office of Secretary

Moved by Rassel to nominate Beth Minert for the office of Secretary.

Moved by Krause, supported by Rassel to close nominations for office of Secretary. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 nay-Conely. Motion carried.

Roll call vote to elect Beth Minert as Secretary of the Board of Education. 6 ayes: Anderson, Krause, Leach, Minert, Rassel and Vieau. 1 nay: Conely. Motion carried.

Office of Treasurer

Moved by Rassel to nominate Krause for the office of Treasurer.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to closed nomination for office of Treasurer. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Roll call vote to elect Jay Krause as Treasurer of the Board of Education: 7 ayes: Anderson, Conely, Krause, Leach, Minert, Rassel, and Vieau. Motion carried.

V. Roll Call

Present: Bill Anderson, John Conely, Jay Krause, Cheryl Leach, Beth Minert, Greg Rassel and Miles Vieau.

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

VI. Approval of Agenda

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

VII. Shining Stars

Shining Star certificates were presented to Hilton Students—Elizabeth Brent, Madelynn Coppola, Morgan Goodrich, Emma Notaro, Marlena Pulice, Molly Rieves, Grace Starchelski, Leah Tarnacki and Anna Vergith—for planning and hosting a bake sale for the Hilton School Community to raise funds for cancer research in honor of classmate Ellie Murphy.

Fall athletes were honored as Shining Star recipients for: Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Equestrian, and Girls Swim.

VIII. Public Participation

No comments.

IX. Board Reports

Dr. Gray announced that January is School Board Recognition Month and thanked the Trustees for their service on behalf of the Brighton community.

X. Organizational Matters

- A. Setting Dates, Times and Location of Board of Education Meetings -
Moved by Vieau, supported by Minert to call for regular Board meetings on the following dates at 7 PM in the Board Room at BECC, 125 S. Church Street, Brighton MI: January 24, 2011, February 14 and 28, 2011, March 14 and 28, 2011, April 11 and 25, 2011, May 9 and 23, 2011, June

13 and 27, 2011, July 18, 2011, August 8 and 22, 2011, September 12 and 26, 2011, October 10 and 24, 2011, November 14 and 28, 2011 and December 12, 2011. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- B. Depositories - Moved by Vieau, supported by Krause to designate Comerica Bank, Michigan Commerce Bank, Michigan Investment Liquid Asset Fund, and Fifth Third Bank as depositories for funds for Brighton Area Schools. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Signatories - Moved by Vieau, supported by Rassel that in accordance with the Michigan General School Laws for General Powers School Districts, the Secretary is authorized draw and sign orders upon the Treasurer for all monies to be distributed from the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, all Debt Retirement Funds, Building and Site, Agency Funds and further that such order by countersigned by the president of the Board of Education. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert that the following personnel be designated signatories for the following funds: Gregory B. Gray, Superintendent of Schools and/or Maria Gistingier, Assistant Superintendent for Finance—Certificates of Deposit, Savings Accounts, Imprest Funds, All Internal Accounts, Payroll/Accounts Payable Accounts, Money Market Accounts, Wire Transfer of Funds and Automated Clearing House Transfer of Funds: John Thompson, Athletic Director—Athletic Officials/Entry Fee Accounts; and Janice Ramirez and Tammy Monroe—Tot Spot Field Trip Accounts. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. Authorization to Transfer Funds - Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause that the following employees are authorized to transfers (Automated Clearing House) funds subject to the listed limitations: All funds (unlimited authority)—Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and all funds (\$3,000,000 limit)—Assistant Superintendent for Finance designee. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. Treasurer Bond - Moved by Minert, supported by Anderson whereby the authority for money matters rests with school district employees, be it resolved that the Board of Education shall not provide a Treasurer Bond. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Legal Matters - Moved by Minert, supported by Krause to retain the services of Thrun Law Firm. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

XI. For Action

- A. Consent Agenda - Moved by Krause, supported by Rassel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention-Conely. Motion carried.

- B. 2010/2011 Budget Amendment - Moved by Rassel, supported by Anderson to amend the 2010/2011 budget as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Leave of Absence - Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to approve the unpaid leave of absence for Margaret Goodhue as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Gray stated that the Office of Human Resources will notify Ms. Goodhue that additional leaves will not be granted.

XII. For Future Action

- A. Brighton High School Handbook Revision, Final Exams for Seniors-2nd Semester - Ninth grade Principal Henry Vecchioni and Senior Class President James Conwell presented a revision to the High School Handbook for Board discussion. The proposal to opt out of final exams (second semester only) was to recognize academic and behavioral performance for senior students and create an incentive for seniors to sustain academic, behavior and attendance until through the last day of school. Two options were presented linking letter grades of B+ and B with the following: excused absences of less than three, less than 3 tardies, and no suspensions or documented referrals. After Board discussion, the proposed handbook language will be revised. This item will be placed on the January 24, 2011 Board agenda.

Mr. Vecchioni also reported that over thirty upperclassmen tutored over 180 freshmen students for final exams in a newly instituted program "Sip 'n Study". The BEA provided the cocoa and teachers also stopped in to offer tutorial assistance as well.

- B. E-Rate Bids, Cellular Service - Director of Technology reviewed the e-rate bids for cellular service. It was recommended that the district contract with Verizon for these services. This item will be placed on the January 24, 2011 Board agenda.
- C. E-Rate Bids, Web Posting - Mr. Liu recommended that School World provide web posting services for Brighton Area Schools. This item will also be placed on the January 24 agenda for Board consideration.

XIII. For Information

- A. Curriculum/Instruction
 - 1. The Special Education Delivery Model will be deferred for another Board meeting.
 - 2. Monday, January 17, 2011 is Professional Development. Activities have been planned for staff development.

3. Several district committees have met recently. Those include the K-2 early childhood committee, the kindergarten round-up committee, K-4 ELA and the report card committee. Dr. Surrey stated that curriculum including benchmarks will be posted on the district's web site as soon as possible. At the January 24, 2011 Board Committee of the Whole, the IB program will be placed on the agenda for Board discussion.
- B. Finance
 1. Dr. Gisting spoke with representatives from MDE who were asking for additional clarification on the district's Deficit Elimination Plan that was submitted to the state in December 2010.
 2. The general ledger accounts have been reviewed and they are tracking as anticipated.
- C. Human Resources
 1. Dr. Gray has been working closely with the BEA Grievance Chair to address issues before they become grievances. He also stated that Mrs. Kennedy is doing an outstanding job of helping to keep the department running.
- D. Superintendent
 1. Dr. Gray provided notification to the Board concerning evaluation time lines. President Leach indicated that the Board will use the same evaluation tool as last year and Dr. Gray will prepare a summary of goals and benchmarks for the Board.
- E. Other
 1. Student Representative Nolan McNulty reported that James Conwell, Senior Class President, will serve as the student representative to the Board of Education beginning the second semester. Nolan thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the Student Representative saying that he enjoyed his experience. The Sophomore Class is planning for Winterfest which will culminate with a dance on Saturday night February 5, 2011 at Cleary University. The theme for Winterfest is "Under the Sea".

XIV. Closed Session

Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to enter closed session to approve the December 13, 2010 closed minutes. Roll call vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Board entered closed session at 7:55 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Board entered open session at 8:05 p.m.

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Moved by Anderson, supported by Rassel to adjourn. Voice vote: 7 ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Date Approved:

Approved by:

Cheryl Leach, President

Beth Minert, Secretary

(Sheri Lohmiller, Recorder)

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XV. Next Meeting, January 24, 2011		
XVI. Adjournment		

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."