



Board of Education
April 25, 2011
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, April 25, 2011
7 PM - BECC

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Leach at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members present: John Conely, Jay Krause, Cheryl Leach, Beth Minert, Greg Rassel and Miles Vieau. Member absent: William Anderson. Also present: Superintendent Gray, Assistant Superintendents Gisting and Surrey, staff, press, and visitors.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Minert, supported by Rassel to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

V. Recognition

Mrs. Debbie Kirk, presenting the BASE Foundation, presented SPARK awards to the following: Sandy Scobie for her work with the local food pantry and Sheri Lohmiller for her contribution to the Brighton School District.

VI. Public Participation

John Gillis addressed the Board concerning public comments made by some Trustees of the Board of Education.

VII. Board Reports/Correspondence

Superintendent Gray shared information on the evaluation of school districts concerning educational productivity based on performance and per pupil funding.

VIII. For Action

- A. Consent Agenda, Bills of April 7-14, 2011 and Minutes of April 11, 2011 - Moved by Krause, supported by Minert. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 1 abstention-Rassel, and 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.
- B. Policies, Second Reading - Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to approve Policies 5512-Use of Tobacco by Students, 6520-Payroll Deductions, and 7434-Use of Tobacco on School Premises. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

C. Handbooks

1. Maltby Intermediate School - Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to approve the 2011/2012 Maltby Handbook as presented. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.
2. Brighton High School Handbook - The policy concerning weighted grades for Advanced Placement courses will be addressed in the High School curriculum guide and handbook.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to approve the 2011/2012 Brighton High School Handbook as presented and will include the policy of weighted grades for AP courses. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

D. Non-Renewal of Contract, Certified Staff

Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to enter closed session to consider the dismissal of an employee inasmuch as the staff member has requested a closed session. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

Board entered closed session at 7:23 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 7:23 p.m. to clear the room.

Meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

Board entered open session at 7:26 p.m.

Moved by Minert, supported by Krause to adopt the Non-Renewal Resolution concerning Diane Crang as presented. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

- E. Staff Layoffs, Certified - Superintendent Gray recommended that the Board approve the layoff of certified staff as presented with the removal of Diane Crang's name from the list.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to approve the recommendation to layoff certified staff with the deletion of Diane Crang's name from the list as presented. Voice vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay - Conely, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

- F. Resignation - Moved by Rassel, supported by Krause to accept the resignation of Amy VanderMeer with appreciation. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.
- G. Schools of Choice Program, 2011/2012 - Dr. Gray recommended that the SOC Program for 2011/2012 be modified to an unlimited program for students in grades kindergarten through twelfth. The revision is due to further review of roll-ups and projected enrollment for next school year.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to approve the 2011/2012 unlimited Schools of Choice Program for students K-12 as presented. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

- H. Board Negotiation Team, BEA - President Leach reported that this item was placed on the agenda due to discussions held at the April 11, 2011 Board meeting.

Trustee Conely shared that he would like to have more Board representation on the district's negotiation team as observers. Currently, President Leach serves as the Board liaison to the district's BEA negotiation team. The Board Trustees discussed the pros and cons of increasing representation on the team. Trustee Anderson shared his thoughts in a letter written to President Leach as he was unable to attend the board meeting.

Superintendent Gray stated that he would serve as the District's Chief Negotiator. The Board will receive continuous updates throughout the process and a contract would have to be presented for Board consideration.

Moved by Conely, supported by Vieau to appoint three Board members to serve on the negotiation teams for all bargaining contracts. A roll call vote was requested. 2 ayes - Conely and Vieau, 4 nays - Krause, Leach, Minert and Rassel, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion defeated.

- I. Monthly Financial Statements, March 2011 - Moved by Krause, supported by Rassel to accept the March 2011 Financial Statements as presented. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.
- J. Deficit Reconciliation Report - Moved by Rassel, supported by Minert to approve the March 2011 Deficit Reconciliation Report as presented. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

IX. For Future Action

- A. Policies, First Reading - Policies 7540 - Computer Technology Networks, 7540.03 - Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety, and 7540.04 - Staff Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety were presented for a first reading. The policies will be placed on the May 9 agenda for Board consideration.
- B. Acceptable Use Policy Forms - Forms 7540.03-Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement and 7540.04-Staff

Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement were presented as a first reading. The forms will be placed on the May 9 agenda for Board consideration.

X. For Information

A. Curriculum/Instruction

1. Presentation, Tobacco Free Grant - Mrs. Barb Williams and Mrs. Barb McCleary presented information on the 24/7/365 Tobacco Free Grant that was awarded by the Michigan Department of Education in the amount of \$5,000. Brighton will use the funds to purchase new Tobacco Free 24/7/365 signs that will be displayed throughout the district and to purchase tobacco prevention materials for students K-12.
2. Focus Program - High School teachers Kim Davis and Bill Murray and Henry Vecchioni, 9th Grade Principal shared information on the high school focus program that was instituted to help students in the areas of English, social studies, science and math. Staff thanked the board members for making arrangements to observe the Focus classes at Brighton High School.
3. Technology, Printer Use - Elson Liu, Director of Technology, reviewed the printer audit recently conducted in the school district. It was determined that the majority of printing was being done on the copy machines and a much smaller volume was being done on laser and color printers. It was noted that 90% of the district's copy volume was occurring in the most efficient manner available. Mr. Liu will be presenting a proposal in the near future to award the repair of printers and purchase of supplies.

B. Finance

1. Dr. Gisting reported that the 2011/12 budget process was nearly completed and that budget discussions were held with the principals and department heads. Dr. Gray discussed the school aid fund and the governor's K-12 budget proposals.

C. Human Resources

D. Superintendent

E. Other

1. James Conwell reported that "Bye, Bye Birdie" is opening this weekend at Brighton High School.

XI. Committee of the Whole

- A. Shared Time Program** - Mr. Jack Pellon presented a proposal concerning revenue that could be generated by providing teachers for non-core courses to private schools. The Board asked that a formal proposal be presented to the Board that includes wages for BEA teachers and wages

for teachers not affiliated with the BEA that would provide a more accurate revenue picture for the district. Dr. Gistingier will meet with Mr. Pellon to develop a proposal that will be presented to the board at a future meeting.

- B. Advertising, District Web Site - Joe Holt and Glenn Sutherland of Alternative Revenue Development discussed revenue generating ideas with the board including advertisement opportunities on the district's web site and corporate/business signage at buildings/fields. The Board requested that Dr. Gistingier meet with the representatives from Alternative Revenue Development to bring a formal proposal to the board in the near future.

XII. Closed Session, BEA Negotiations

Moved by Rassel, supported by Conely to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies connected with the BEA bargaining unit inasmuch as the administration has requested a closed session. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

Board entered closed session at 9:44 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 9:44 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

Board entered open session at 11:23 p.m.

Miles Vieau shared with the Board a document from 2004 that indicated what the public and outside organizations were being charged to use district facilities.

Moved by Rassel, supported by Vieau to adjourn. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent-Anderson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Date Approved:

Approved by:

Cheryl Leach, President

Elizabeth Minert, Secretary

(Sheri Lohmiller, Recorder)