



Board of Education
February 13, 2012
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, February 13, 2012
7 PM – BECC

Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Leach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members present: John Conely, Jay Krause, Cheryl Leach, Beth Minert, Bill Anderson, Bill Trombley and Miles Vieau.

Also present Superintendent Gray, Assistant Superintendents Gisting and Surrey, student representative Harrison Jones, staff, press, and visitors.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Shining Star

Gordon Steinke, owner of La Marsa was recognized for donating \$800.00 to Maltby's Fifth Grade Camp Scholarship fund for next school year. In addition La Marsa supported Brighton Area Schools by giving 10% of their Wednesday sales during the month of January.

VI. Public Hearing

Dr. Gray conducted the public hearing for Policy, 5517.01 – Bullying and other aggressive behavior toward students at 7:05. There were no public comments.

VII. Public Participation

Kacey Tulley, second grade magnet teacher and her students shared with the Board their most recent Learning adventure. The class conducted research about Brighton in the form of a brochure that encompasses Social Studies learning objectives. The class plans to take their brochure to the City Council in hopes that they may make it available to the Brighton public.

Margaret Adams, media specialist shared with the Board the hard work the students demonstrated assembling this project.

Joelle Karsharich addressed the board regarding the need for an IB Program.

Gail Krieger thanked the board for supporting the Magnet Program.

Mary Kovach addressed the board regarding the positive impact The Transition to Independence Program (TIP) has offered her daughter.

Scott Hefft addressed the board concerning the upcoming bond project and would like the board to consider using local vendors and local talent.

Kenneth Stahl addressed the Board regarding the May vote and the need to move forward with total Community involvement.

VIII. Board Reports/Correspondence

Secretary Minert reported on the Legislative breakfast she attended with Trustee Conely and Superintendent Gray on February 6, 2012. The items addressed at this meeting included, cyber schools, dual enrollment, 2012/13 school budget, personal property tax and retirement.

Dr. Gray announced that February 13 through February 17 was designated Michigan School Principals' Week. He thanked the building administrators for their service to the school district. On behalf of the Board of Education, President Leach expressed appreciation and thanks to the building principals. She asked Henry Vecchioni to stand and represent the group for their leadership and service to Brighton Area Schools.

IX. For Action

- A. Consent Agenda, Bills of January 9 – February 2, 2012 and Minutes of January 23, 2012. Moved by Anderson, supported by Conely to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote: 6 ayes. 1 abstention – Vieau. Motion carried.
- B. Call for Special Board Meeting - Moved by Krause, supported by Trombley to call for the annual joint meeting with SELCRA on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at BECC. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Resignations, Retirement– Moved by Minert, supported by Anderson to approve the resignations for retirement purposes with appreciation. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Architectural Services, RFP – Moved by Anderson, supported by Krause to approve SHWGroup as the district's architect and Barton Malowe as the technology consultant for the pending bond project. Voice Vote: 6 ayes, 1 nay – Conely. Motion carried.

X. For Future Action

- A. Policy, First Reading – Policy 5517.01-Bullying and other aggressive behavior toward students was presented as a first reading. This policy will be placed on the February 27, 2012 agenda for Board consideration.

XI. For Information

- A. Curriculum/Instruction – Dr. Surrey reported that 2011 Meap Results will be released February 14. Also, a meeting to analyze MEAP math data took place to begin to develop a long range Mathematics initiative similar to Reading Apprenticeship workshop models. Dr. Surrey announced a proposed project, Brighton Virtual Academy. The goal of this project is to expand online learning opportunities for resident and non-resident home schooled students by providing online MI Merit Core Curriculum via MI Virtual University/GenNet.

Secretary Minert requested a breakdown of costs versus revenue. Dr. Gisting reported a budget will be developed on February 21 and will be presented to the board at a later date.

- B. Finance – Dr. Gisting reported that Governor Snyder presented the budget for the school aid fund, which will help begin and develop the projected 2012/13 budget assumptions.
- C. Human Resources –Comment for closed session.
- D. Superintendent – Director of Special Education Marci Maloney, High School Principal Henry Vecchioni and High School teachers Kevin Prohaska, Lisa Johnson, Ann Henri and Melanie Walls presented programming results from the High School Special Education Transition Program that was implemented last year. The staff shared how this program is helping students achieve success and providing the tools in order to enhance their learning environment.

President Leach thanked the teachers for their presentation and dedication to their students.

- E. Other
 - 1. Student Representative – Harrison Jones reported that final exams have ended and students are pleased with the 5 point system. However, there are concerns regarding the attendance policy. also, Harrison announced that Leadership class is beginning a Wounded Warrior Project at the High School.

XII. Closed Session

- A. Moved by Anderson, supported by Krause go into closed session for the purpose of approving the January 23, 2012 closed minutes. Roll call vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Board entered closed session at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

- B. Superintendent Gray's Evaluation – Moved by Anderson, supported by Krause to enter closed session to conduct Dr. Gray's evaluation inasmuch as Dr. Gray requested a closed session. Roll call vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Board entered open session at 9:31 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Approved by:

Cheryl Leach, President

Beth Minert, Secretary

(Starr Acromite, Recorder)