



Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
January 7, 2012  
9:30 AM

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  
Special Meeting  
Monday, January 7, 2012  
7 PM - BECC

## **Minutes**

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am 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 Bill Trombley.

### **IV. Election of Officers**

#### **Office of President**

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

Moved by Conley, supported by Anderson 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, Trombley, and Vieau. Motion carried.

#### **Office of Vice President**

Moved by Minert to nominate Bill Anderson for the office of Vice President.

Roll call vote to elect Anderson as Vice President of the Board of Education. 4 ayes, 3 nays - Conely, Trombley and Vieau. Motion carried.

Moved by Conely to nominate Miles Vieau for the office of Vice President.

Roll call vote to elect Vieau as Vice President of the Board of Education. 3 ayes, 4 nays – Minert, Leach, Krause and Anderson. Motion defeated.

Moved by Krause, supported by Conely to close nominations for office of Vice President. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Office of Secretary**

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

Moved by Krause, supported by Vieau to close nominations for office of Secretary. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

**Office of Treasurer**

Moved by Vieau to nominate John Conely for the office of Treasurer.

Roll call vote to elect John Conely as Treasurer of the Board of Education. 2 ayes, 5 nays- Leach, Minert, Trombley, Anderson and Krause. Motion defeated.

Moved by Anderson to nominate Jay Krause for the office of Treasurer.

Roll call vote to elect Jay Krause as Treasurer of the Board of Education: 5 ayes, 2 nays - Conely and Vieau. Motion carried.

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

**V. Roll Call**

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

Also present: Superintendent Gray, Assistant Superintendents Gisting and Surrey (arrival 5:30 p.m.), staff, press and visitors.

**VI. Approval of Agenda**

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

**VII. Public Participation**

Jeff Minert, teacher addressed the board to consider moving forward with a bond. He distributed a football helmet from 1945 and also a brand new football helmet to demonstrate the need to update items in our district.

Tim Agner addressed the board in support of a Technology bond for Brighton students to stay competitive in higher education.

Stephaine Konkell, local business owner addressed the board in support of a bond/sinking fund to reinvest in the community.

Jessica Cardoni addressed the board in support of the bond issue.

Darci Dapsoto also addressed the board in support of the bond/sinking fund.

Gina Henig addressed the board in support for a May 2012 vote for the bond/sinking fund.

Lana Theis, Brighton Township Treasurer voiced her concern regarding the timeline of the vote.

Diane Keskitalo addressed the board by providing three numbers: 7, 6200 and 21 million. She stated there are 7 boards members, 6200 students and 21 million dollars that will be lost if a May 2012 vote does not take place.

#### **VIII. Organizational Matters**

- A. Setting Dates, Times and Location of Board of Education Meetings - Moved by Anderson, supported by Conely 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 23, 2012, February 13 and 27, 2012, March 12 and 26, 2012, April 23, 2012, May 7 and 21, 2012, June 11 and 25, 2012, July 16, 2012, August 13 and 27, 2012, September 10 and 24, 2012, October 8 and 22, 2012, November 12 and 26, 2012, December 10, 2012. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Depositories - Moved by Minert, 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 Conely 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 Krause, supported by Anderson 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

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 Anderson, supported by Conley 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 Anderson, supported by Krause 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 Anderson to retain the services of Thrun Law Firm. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Conely, supported by Anderson to recess until 5:30 p.m. Voice vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 5:32 p.m.  
Miles Vieau, trustee (arrival 8:40 p.m.)

**President Leach opened a second Call to the Public**

Wes Nakagiri, RetakeOurGov addressed the board by reading a letter of citizen involvement in support of holding the bond/sinking fund vote in November, 2012 during the Presidential Election.

Scott Sequin addressed the board in support of moving forward with a bond vote as soon as possible.

**IX. Bond/Sinking Fund**

Lee Andreas of SHW Architects, Jeff Hamilton of Auch and Michael Givler and Jesse Nelson of Umbaugh & Associates presented a preliminary bond assessment to the Board. A district summary of must do and should do items was provided for building improvements, facility renovations and technology updates.

Meeting recessed at 7:16 p.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

Technology Director, Elson Liu presented the Technology bond application for each building.

- \$725,000 from the District FF&E general bond line item into this technology budget for "Security technology" - ie surveillance cameras and some door swipe card systems. The remaining technology total stayed the same (\$15,390,000 + \$725,000 = \$16,115,000).
- This overview combines both Series into a total number. The actual breakdown is about 75% in Series 1, 25% in Series 2.
- Transportation is a separate entity in the bond application.
- The \$1.3 million "Network Infrastr/Equip" line (ie network switches, servers, cabling repairs, etc.) had previously combined everything into a single cost at BECC. The spreadsheet viewed displayed costs to the specific buildings where the equipment would be located. This reflects the dollars being invested in each building, and avoids confusion about how much is budgeted for the Bridge / BECC building itself.

President Leach requested that the technology bond summary being presented by Director Liu be emailed to the board.

Board discussions and questions took place regarding facility assessments and technology updates for each building in the district. Superintendent Gray's recommendation to the board was for a bond election to be proposed to taxpayers not a sinking fund at this time. The recommendations included submitting an application to the Michigan Department of Treasury for \$88,456,199 and hold a May 2012 election. Superintendent Gray stated the district would lose 20 million bond dollars if an election was held after May 8, 2012.

Moved by Krause, supported by Minert for the application of the bond proposal to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 2 nays – Conely and Vieau. Motion Carried.

Moved by Krause, supported by Minert to adjourn. Voice vote: 7 ayes.  
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Date Approved:

Approved by:

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Cheryl Leach, President

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Beth Minert, Secretary

(Starr Acromite, Recorder)