

Learning for Life



Board of Education
Special Meeting
March 21, 2013
6:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of Agenda

V. Public Participation

VI. For Action

A. Revised 2013/14, Deficit Elimination Plan

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VII. Public Participation, Second Call

VIII. Next Regular Meeting, March 25, 2013

IX. 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."

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Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Vieau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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

Also present Superintendent Gray, Assistant Superintendent's Surrey and Gisting, staff, press, and visitors.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Anderson, supported Trombley to change the order of the agenda to go into discussion regarding the deficit elimination plan, followed by public participation, followed by final discussion, followed by action item, concluding public participation, second call. Voice Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The district is currently required to file a deficit elimination plan with the State of Michigan by March 22, 2013. Superintendent Gray and Dr. Gisting presented the revised plan for the 2012-13 and the 2013-14 school year along with the strategies to accomplish this goal. The results of Board trustee's votes on the 33 reduction items were presented and discussed. These 33 reduction items are included in the Revised 2013/14, Deficit Elimination Plan.

Superintendent Greg Gray announced that band, choir Schedule B and C programs were never going to be eliminated, but were included on the list of reductions to find alternative sources of funding.

V. Public Participation

Marie Fritz addressed the board in support of teachers, and para professionals. Mrs. Fritz made a verbal Freedom of information Act request for a list held up by Trustee Conely at the Board of Education Meeting held on March 11, 2013. Mrs. Fritz was directed to make a written request for this information.

Maureen Strachan asked the board to consider moving the Board of Education meetings to a larger venue.

Jennifer Schaibley addressed the board concerning comments regarding incompetent teachers and reduced compensation. Also sharing, she is considering not sending her own child to Brighton Area Schools under the direction of the current board.

Dawn Lukins addressed the board in support of the teachers and support staff.

Jan Francis asked the board to address outsourcing of secretaries.

Judy Ford addressed the board regarding secretarial outsourcing and asked that this item be reconsider.

Joellen Parzarchi thanked the board for taking the districts financial issues seriously and being fiscally responsible.

Joe Vollmer comment addressed the board regarding outsourcing of secretaries.

Ken Stahl asked Dr. Gray to explain the difference between running a school budget versus a home budget.

Marie Fritz addressed the board.

Ellen Lafferty thanked the board members for supporting the students through their votes on the deficit elimination plan. She also, addressed the lack student funding for the district.

Julie Hine addressed the board and proposed the community and citizen's work together to create and educational foundation for Brighton Area Schools.

Keith VanHentenryck addressed the board regarding reductions of wages for all BAS employees.

VI. For Action

- A.** Revised 2013/14, Deficit Elimination Plan - Moved by Anderson, supported by Trombley to approve the deficit elimination plan as presented. Roll call vote: 6 ayes. 1 nay – Fiani. Motion carried.

Board discussion took place to approve the deficit elimination plan that is required to be submitted to the State of Michigan. The plan includes more than \$3.4 million in reductions for the 2013-14 school year.

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President Vieau and Trustee Conely commented that the Michigan Department of Education required that the sale of Lindbom only be in the budget when the sale occurs. Assistant Superintendent Gistingier reminded the board that the sale of Lindbom was part of the board approved budget and that the Department of Education would not comment on ways to improve the district's financial standing when pressed to provide some input in meetings that have occurred between the district and the department.

Secretary Fiani stated that the revised Deficit Elimination Plan presented may not sufficiently address the entire projected deficit.

VII. Public Participation, Second Call

The Board received no public comments.

President Vieau adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Date Approved:

Approved by:

Miles Vieau, President

Nick Fiani, Secretary

(Starr Acromite, Recorder)