



**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008**

Board Members Present: Ginny Burley, Chair; Mark Berry, Vice-Chair; Conrad Smith, Clerk; Allen Gilbert, Emily Goyette, Adrienne Magida (arrived at 6:40), and Mike Stridsberg (left at 6:30, returned later.)

Administrators Present: Keith Gerritt, Principal; Tom McKone, HS Assistant Principal; Robbe Brook, Superintendent.

Student Representative Present: Benjamin Daut.

Also Present: Janey Malloy and Emily Smith.

1.0. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.

1.1. All guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

1.2. Agenda Revisions – None.

1.3. Public Comments and Correspondence – Ginny Burley shared a conversation she had with a community member regarding technical center governance and budgeting decisions.

2.0. Allen Gilbert moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2008 school board meeting. Seconded by Mark Berry: some edits were suggested. The minutes were approved unanimously as edited.

3.0. Reports to the Board

3.1. Finance: Allen Gilbert reported that U-32 should end the year with a healthy fund balance.

3.2. Curriculum: The committee will meet on April 2nd.

3.3. VSBA: Ginny Burley reported on the recent discussions at VSBA.

3.4. Facilities: No recent meeting; however Conrad Smith suggested putting tennis court funding proposal on the next school board agenda so that the board can formally consider and possibly take action on this.

3.5. Negotiations: Ginny Burley reported that the committee continues to meet and make progress.

3.6. Student Representative's Report: No report.

3.7. Administrator's Report: Keith Gerritt shared news from last Friday's teacher in-service day. Some discussion followed regarding the recent NECAP results. Keith Gerritt reported that trimester three is underway; this is the last "trimester," as next year U-32 will begin with a semester schedule. Keith Gerritt reported on the supervisory-union-wide Strategic Planning process and shared the enthusiasm that is being generated.

Robbe Brook reminded the board about next week's WCSU Full Board meeting and annual reorganization.

Conrad Smith asked whether the "Drop Out Rate" agenda item that was dropped from this agenda will be presented at the next board meeting. Keith Gerritt stated that it would.

4.0. Discussion Agenda

4.1. Internet Safety: Keith Gerritt reported that, following the "Face Book Incident," he has taken steps to further awareness in the school around the issues of internet safety and internet savvy. A committee was formed and Keith described the approach the committee has taken to address these issues. He also shared with the board an "Internet Safety Survey" which will be given to students on Friday. Conrad Smith suggested that students be encouraged to write, on the back of the survey, additional questions, concerns or information.

Some conversation followed regarding "blogs" and cell phone policies.

Emily Goyette suggested having a community forum on an evening to present internet-related issues.

Ginny Burley asked whether some of the material is appropriate for younger students, and she suggested perhaps having some U-32 students present to elementary students.

4.2. Policy First Reading

4.2.1. Student Conduct and Discipline Policy – F1: Allen Gilbert reported on the first draft of this policy, for board review and input. The board suggested a few changes to the wording; Allen Gilbert invited board members to email comments or further input. This policy will have its second reading at the April 2nd board meeting.

5.0. Action Agenda

5.1. Finance Actions: None

5.2. Approve Spring Athletics Coaches: Adrienne Magida moved to approve the revised Spring Athletics Coaches list. Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.

5.3. Resignations: None

5.4. Appointments: None

6.0. Adrienne Magida moved to approve the following board orders:

March 19, 2008 \$151,969.93 General

March 19, 2008 \$20,133.57 Food Services

March 19, 2008 \$235.00 Athletic Officials

Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.



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7.0. Ideas for Future Agenda: Discussion of “virtual high school.”

8.0. Board Comments: None

9.0. Executive Session: Upon motion of Allen Gilbert, seconded by Adrienne Magida, and approved unanimously, the board went into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Then, at 8:50 p.m., again upon motion of Allen Gilbert, seconded by Adrienne Magida, and approved unanimously, the board came out of Executive Session.

In open session, Conrad Smith, seconded by Mark Berry, moved to accept the administration's recommendation to deny the request for a change to part-time status. The board expressed regret at not feeling able to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

10.0. Adjournment: At 8:54 p.m., without taking further action and without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt
Board Recording Secretary