



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008

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Board Members Present: Ginny Burley, Chair; Mark Berry, Vice-Chair; Conrad Smith, Clerk; Allen Gilbert, Emily Goyette, Adrienne Magida, Mike Stridsberg.

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

Student Representative: Ben Daut

Also Present: Wes Cate, Sandie Chaloux, Jeff Rubin, Cathy Swift

- 1.0. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.
 - 1.1. Reception of Guests: Ginny Burley welcomed those present.
 - 1.2. Agenda Revisions – None.
 - 1.3. Public Comments and Correspondence – A parent wanted to ask the board what was being done regarding a bussing issue. She had written a letter to the board and had talked to the superintendent previously. The board and administrators assured her that the matter was being acted upon.
- 2.0. High School Assistant Principal Candidate Interviews: The school board interviewed, in open session, the two finalists for the position of High School Assistant Principal: Stephanie C Taylor and Chanon Bernstein. Jeff Rubin provided input regarding the interviews that had taken place. Wes Cate provided input as well, and the board asked student representative Ben Daut for his input.
- 3.0. **Allen Gilbert moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2008 school board meeting. Seconded by Adrienne Magida. Some edits were suggested. These minutes were approved as edited.**
- 4.0. Reports to the Board
 - 4.1. W. C. S. U.: Adrienne Magida reported from the most recent meeting: various grants were reviewed, also insurance bids for the supervisory union, the subjects of the WCSU central office facility moving to U-32 and Early Childhood central offices moving to Berlin Elementary School. Some discussion followed of supervisory-union-wide policy work. The WCSU Strategic Plan has been adopted by the WCSU Executive Committee and will come to school boards.
 - 4.2. Policy: No report.
 - 4.3. Personnel: For discussion in executive session.
 - 4.4. Co-Curricular: No report.
 - 4.5. Curriculum: No report.
 - 4.6. Facilities Report: No report.
 - 4.7. Negotiations: No report.
 - 4.8. Student Representative's Report: Ben Daut reported that he had spoken to the Student Council about weighted grading and Advanced Placement classes, as requested by the board. Students have mixed feelings about weighted grading. He reported that an outcome of this discussion was that students are feeling like "kids in the middle" are being left out when it comes to delivery of services, for example, "The White Table."
 - 4.9. Administrator's Report: Keith Gerritt reported that the weighted grade issue and class ranking continues to be under discussion. Keith also reported on the Spring Art Show; sixth graders visited last week for Unity Day; and the Spring Sports Dessert was held last night. The 8th grade DC trip is underway. Keith reported that the candidates for HS Assistant Principal had visited the school; each spending one day – much interest has been generated around this.
Tom McKone reported on student and class council election results, on "Word of Mouth," and various other year-end student activities.
- 5.0. Discussion Agenda
 - 5.1. Department Review – Driver Education: Sandie Chaloux presented to the board the Driver Education Program Review, May 2008. Discussion followed regarding the subject of "pass/fail" for Driver Education. The Driver Education Department is in favor of a pass/fail in this subject. The board thanked Sandie Chaloux.
- 6.0. Action Agenda
 - 6.1. Approve 2008-2009 Non-Bargaining Unit Contracts – action to be taken following executive session.
 - 6.2. End of Year Resignations: Mark Berry moved to approve these resignations, with congratulations to Kathie Ball on her administrative appointment. Seconded by Michael Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously.
 - 6.2.1. Kathie Ball 0.8 FTE Living Arts
 - 6.2.2. Ralph Hunnewell 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor
 - 6.3. Appointments: None
- 7.0. **Mark Berry moved to approve the following board orders:**



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June 3, 2008	\$25,866.48	General
June 3, 2008	\$31,666.93	Food Services
June 3, 2008	\$3,065.00	Athletic Officials

Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.

8.0. Ideas for Future Agenda

9.0. Board Comments

10.0. Anticipated Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student discipline, legal and/or personnel matters.

First Executive Session: At 7:30 p.m., upon motion of Allen Gilbert (seconded by Adrienne Magida) and approved unanimously, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and confidential student issues.

At 8:05 p.m., upon motion of Adrienne Magida (seconded by Mark Berry) and again approved unanimously, the Board came out of Executive Session.

In open session, Mark Berry (seconded by Adrienne Magida) moved to offer Stephanie Taylor a contract as the High School Assistant Principal. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Second Executive Session: Later, upon motion of Adrienne Magida (seconded by Mark Barry) and approved unanimously, the Board again went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matters.

At 8:50 p.m., upon motion of Mark Berry (seconded by Mike Stridsberg) and approved unanimously, the Board came out of Executive Session.

In open session, Mark Berry (seconded by Adrienne Magida) moved to approve the recommended salaries for non-bargaining contract employees. The motion passed with Allen Gilbert opposed.

Third Executive Session: Again, upon motion of Adrienne Magida (seconded by Mark Barry) and approved unanimously, the Board again went into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

At 9:39 p.m., upon motion of Mark Berry (seconded by Mike Stridsberg) and approved unanimously, the Board came out of Executive Session.

In open session, Emily Goyette (seconded by Adrienne Magida) moved to clarify that the contract offered to the new assistant principal would be a 2-year contract with 20% health insurance co-pay. The motion passed unanimously.

In open session, Emily Goyette (seconded by Adrienne Magida) moved to offer the principal a 3-year contract at the salary discussed in executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

11.0. Adjournment: At 9:45 p.m., without taking further action, the Chair adjourned the board meeting, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt
Board Recording Secretary
&
Conrad Smith
Board Clerk