



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008

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Board Members Present: Ginny Burley, Chair; Mark Berry, Vice-Chair; Conrad Smith, Clerk (arrived at 6:45); Allen Gilbert, Emily Goyette, Adrienne Magida, Mike Stridsberg.

Administrators Present: Keith Gerritt, Principal; Stephanie Taylor, HS Assistant Principal; Mark Mooney, MS Assistant Principal; Robbe Brook, Superintendent.

Student Representative Present: Benjamin Daut.

Also Present: Emily Smith, Foreign Language Teacher

1.0. Call to Order – Ginny Burley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

At 6:05, Mark Berry moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student discipline matter. Seconded by Adrienne Magida, this motion carried unanimously.

At 6:50 Mike Stridsberg moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously.

Adrienne Magida moved to accept the administration’s recommendation on the student discipline issue. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously.

2.0. Open Meeting – 6:45 p.m.

2.1. Ginny Burley welcomed those present.

2.2. Agenda Revisions: None.

2.3. Public Comments and Correspondence: Emily Goyette shared that she has heard positive feedback from a neighboring student regarding the new schedule.

3.0. Consent Agenda

3.1. Adrienne Magida moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2008 School Board Hearing. Seconded by Mark Berry. Comments: Allen Gilbert suggested an edit. This motion carried unanimously, with noted edit.

3.2. Adrienne Magida moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2008 School Board Meeting. Seconded by Mark Berry. Comments: Allen Gilbert suggested an edit. This motion carried unanimously, with noted edit.

4.0. Reports to the Board

4.1. W. C. S. U.: Robbe Brook reported that an ad hoc transportation / bussing committee had met.

4.2. Policy: Mark Berry reported that the committee recently had a conversation about issues such as “cyber-bullying.”

4.3. Curriculum: Adrienne Magida reported that the committee discussed NECAP Science scores and how to improve them, also discussed the jurisdiction of the Curriculum Committee with respect to the WCSU guidelines. The committee has asked the administration for information regarding staffing and courses, well in advance of budget planning.

4.4. Personnel: No report.

4.5. Negotiations: Mark Berry reported that negotiations continue.

4.6. Facilities: Conrad Smith reported on theater equipment purchase proposal, greenhouse, fields aerator, technology equipment, special education van, central office relocation. He reported that, overall, the Capital Budget is in good shape.

Conrad Smith and Keith Gerritt reported on new developments on the tennis court project proposal and an action item later on this agenda related to the tennis court.

4.7. Co-Curricular: No report.

4.8. Student Representative’s Report: Ben Daut reported that he had met with Student Government this morning – it seems to him that students are seeing the new schedule more positively as they adjust; he reported that the cafeteria is doing a much better job of moving students through; he stated that U-Band today was a great success and it might change the negative feedback he had gotten previously.

4.9. Administrator’s Report: Stephanie Taylor reported on “Spirit Week” and today’s U-Band activities. She reported on a field trip planned by the Music Department to go to NYC.

Mark Mooney reported that several middle school students and a teacher attended the International Day of Peace at the United Nations in NYC.

Keith Gerritt reported a scheduling issue within the music department; he reported on the Open House and on the U-32 Invitational, a cross country track meet which occurred this past weekend with over 23 schools attending.



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5.10 Strategic Plan: Keith Gerritt reported on the district-wide work on strategic planning with its focus on “formative assessment.”

5.0. Discussion Agenda

5.1. Out-of-School Misconduct: Conrad Smith recommended some edits to this portion of the Comprehensive Discipline Plan.

5.2. Policy First Reading: The board agreed to move this policy to a second reading.

5.2.1. Animal Dissection – G15

6.0. Action Agenda

6.1. Facilities Action

6.1.1. Approve Civil Engineering Expense: Conrad Smith moved to approve this expense as discussed, for a total not to exceed \$12,600.00, to come from the Capital Fund. Seconded by Emily Goyette. This motion passed unanimously.

6.2. Appoint Representative to Barre Technical Center Regional Advisory Board: Adrienne Magida nominated Ginny Burley as representative. Seconded by Emily Goyette, this motion carried unanimously.

6.3. Resignations: Allen Gilbert moved to accept the following resignations. Seconded by Mike Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously.

6.3.1. Benjamin Salls FT Custodian

6.3.2. Bill Dunn PT Maintenance & Mechanic

6.4. Appointments: Mark Berry moved to accept the following appointments. Seconded by Mike Stridsberg, this motion carried unanimously.

6.4.1. Sam Lakey FT Custodian

6.4.2. Bill Dunn FT Custodian

7.0. Emily Goyette moved to approve the following board orders:

October 1, 2008 \$65,415.69 General

October 1, 2008 \$2,517.00 Athletic Officials

Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.

8.0. Ideas for Future Agenda

9.0. Board Comments: The VSBA Convention is on October 30-31 at Lake Morey.

10.0. Anticipated Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student discipline, legal and/or personnel matters: None.

11.0. Adjournment: At 8:20, without taking further action, the Chair adjourned the board meeting, without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt
Board Recording Secretary