

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Clay Lamberton Board Room

1. Meeting Called to Order by President

The Regular April Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Haase.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present: Bartol, Batley, Dretske, Finger, Haase, Malchetske, Werch

Absent: Kujawa, Reetz

4. Approval of Agenda

Vice-President Haase asked for any amendments or additions to the agenda as it was written.

Dr. Eidahl explained he has not received anything for the Gift of Property item.

5. Approval of March 15, 2017 Minutes

Vice-President Haase asked for any amendments or additions to the March 15, 2017 minutes.

There were none.

6. Time to Shine - Elementary Expect Respect Group

Mr. Bartol introduced the student Expect Respect group. Mrs. Krasavage and Mrs. Achterberg are the leaders.

7. Opportunity for those in audience to address the Board on any school related issue

None

8. Building/Grounds, Principals & Directors of Instruction Reports

Mr. Youngbauer went over the projects that took place during the spring break: lights at middle school, carpet that was peeling up was taken care of at the middle school, and deeper cleaning took place throughout the district.

Mr. Mork reported on the Band/Choir New York trip, Spring testing starts tomorrow, and the Reality Fair will be on April 26.

Mr. Raether shared that on Thursday, the College and Career Readiness will take place.

Mr. Bartol discussed activities to prepare the 5th graders going into middle school next year.

Mrs. Munsey talked about the assessments that are taking place in the elementary, family nights coming up, and kindergarten visits.

Mrs. Becker shared that the CRDC report is due on April 26th and gave an update on grants.

9. Retirements, Resignations & New Hires

Mr. Mork read a resignation letter from Boys Soccer Coach, Dennis Plantz. Mr. Raether presented resignations from Dave Kramer and Jared Marshall for boys basketball. Mr. Bartol presented a resignation from Brienne Heimermann, 4th grade teacher. Mr. Youngbauer presented two resignations for custodians, Doug Beier and Randall Schmitt. Malchetske/Werch moved to approve the resignations as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Eidahl presented a retirement letter from Mark Cottrell, Social Worker, effective at the end of this school year. Werch/Dretske moved to approved the retirement as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New hires presented were: Rachel Merrick as Cheer and Stunt coach, Lynn Andrews for middle school special education aide, Robert Giese, Steven Rogers, and Martha Lopez as custodians.

Finger/Dretske moved to approve the new hires as presented.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Jerry Bella was present to address the board on a committee that has formed to get a High School Athletic Hall of Fame started here in Berlin. The purpose is to honor those Athletes, Coaches, Teams, and Contributors who have excelled in the long tradition of excellence at Berlin High School. Information was shared on bylaws and the procedures on the selection process. Batley/Dretske moved to approve the moving forward of the Berlin High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

11. Recommendation for Middle School Students to receive high school credit for Geometry

Dr. Eidahl explained there was a request from Middle School parents that high school credit will be granted to a middle school student who completes high school geometry taught by a high school certified teacher. This credit will not be included in GPA or class rank calculations. The credit will apply toward satisfaction of high school math requirements (3 credits), but will not apply toward graduation requirements (24 credits). Discussion followed. Werch/Malchetske moved to approve the recommendation for middle school students to receive high school math credit. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

12. Final Estimates for Energy Exemption Project

Mario Millonsi did a presentation on options for a project to include replacing the high school roof. Much discussion followed about the three different options presented.

13. 2017-2018 Calendar Modification for Staff Development

Dr. Eidahl presented a change in the 17-18 calendar with late starts every Thursday. Clay would start at the same time but middle school and high school would start late on Thursdays.

Malchetske/Finger moved to approve the modification of the 17-18 school calendar with late starts. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

14. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

i. April 7th Joint Finance Budget Hearing

Dr. Eidahl reported that we had a full room for the legislative breakfast. He was pleased with how everything went that day. Student food service did really well for breakfast and lunch.

ii. Project Updates

Covered in Mario Millonsi's presentation.

iii. Compensation Plan Review Meetings

4/24/17 and 4/26/17 are the dates for the presentations in the business office.

iv. Policy Committee Meeting

Dr. Eidahl will send out an email to gather a date that will work.

B. CESA Report

None

C. Board Correspondent's Report

Nick Bartol reported on the budget process now that the Joint Finance Committee Budget Hearings are ending. Need more clarification on Act 10 compliance language that is still in the budget. Policy items concerning teaching licensing, energy exemptions also remain in the budget. Separate bills concerning referendum changes have also been introduced.

D. President Report

None

15. Treasurer's Report

Beth Malchetske reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

16. Approval of Vouchers

Finger/Malchetske moved to approve the payment of Fund 49 vouchers in the amount of \$1,156.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Werch/Finger moved to approve the payment of April vouchers in the amount of \$980,760.36. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

17. Adjourn

Malchetske/Werch moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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