

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2017(Amended 8/10/17) at Clay Lamberton Board Room

1. Meeting Called to Order by President

The Regular August 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, Reetz, Werch

Absent: Kujawa

4. Approval of Agenda

Vice President Haase asked for any amendments or additions to the agenda as it was written. There were none.

5. Approval of July 19, 2017 Minutes

Vice President Haase asked for any amendments or additions to the July 19, 2017 minutes. There were none.

6. Time to Shine

None

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 reported that the high school roof and cooling tower project started on August 14. At the middle school there was a water leak in the fitness center with very minimal damage to insulation that covered a pipe. He also discussed the bathroom project taking place at the baseball diamond.

Mrs. Becker went over the Fall inservice schedule for staff.

Mrs. Munsey reported on the elementary summer school.

Mr. Bartol shared information about the PBIS Leadership conference.

Mr. Raether reported on the training that is taking place for middle school staff.

9. Retirements, Resignations and New Hires

Mr. Raether presented Jean Yonke's, art teacher, retirement letter. Reetz/Dretske moved to approve the retirement as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resignations were presented for the following: Mollie Emsley - ELL Aide, Cole Boge - Elementary Special Ed Teacher, Jim Polk - High School Boys Basketball Coach, and Vince Rowen - Middle School Football Coach. Werch/Malchetske moved to approve the resignations as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New hires were presented as follows: Brittany Grohskopf - 4th grade teacher, Alexandria Hebl - Elementary Special Ed teacher, Katelyn Wells - Elementary Guidance Counselor, Rachel Schuh - Middle School Art Teacher, Kayden McGregor & Collin Rodgers - Co JV Boys Soccer Coaches, and Jeremy Fritz & Paul O'Kon - Middle School Basketball Coaches. Malchetske/Dretske moved to approve the new hires as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Munsey requested that the advance learning position that is currently 50% be changed to 100% with 50% being math intervention coming out of Title 1 funds. Malchetske/Werch moved to approve the change from 50% to 100% for the advance learning position. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. Annual School Nurse Report

Terri Mauel went over her annual school nurse report for the 16-17 school year. Health Services' primary goal is to have all students be healthy, safe and ready to learn.

11. Annual Seclusion and Restraint Report

The building principals shared their annual 2016-2017 Seclusion and Restraint Report required by DPI. The district numbers are quite low despite some challenging behaviors.

12. Approval of Official School District Depository, Official School Publication and Official Check Signers

Dr. Eidahl explained this annual item. Farmers and Merchants Bank is the current depository, Official Publication is the Berlin Journal and the Official Check Signers are the Board President, Treasurer and Clerk. Werch/Finger moved to approve the recommendation to keep Farmers & Merchants Bank, Berlin Journal and check signers as is. Motion passed with Malchetske abstaining.

13. Academic and Career Planning Plan

Mrs. Becker explained this is the first year that the Board needs to approve the Academic Career Planning services according to DPI. The current district plan is K-12 and must be published on the school website. Mrs. Becker went over what the plan details for Academic and Career Planning. Malchetske/Reetz moved to approve the plan that was presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

14. Handbook Language Updates

Dr. Eidahl talked about the handbook language changes that consisted of required language for firefighters and EMT's regarding absence from the job. The new retirement plan was added to the handbook. The other change was proposing a higher liquidated damage charge for staff leaving during the summer. Finger/Malchetske moved to approve the handbook language that was presented. Discussion was held. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

15. Gas Bids

Dr. Eidahl recommended approving Condon Oil Company's fuel bids for 90 octane (10% ethanol) bus fuel for \$2.363, regular gas (87 octane) school vehicles for \$2.151, and dyed diesel for mowers at \$1.955. Then accepting Berlin Oil Products bid for \$2.24 for diesel bus fuel. Reetz/Werch moved to approve Dr. Eidahl's recommendation for the 2017-2018 gas bids. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

16. Transportation Contract

Discussion was held about previous increases and Dr. Eidahl should talk to Mascoutin about some questions that the Board has. Reetz/Werch moved to table the transportation contract until next month. Motion passed with Finger abstaining.

17. Base Pay Increase

Dr. Eidahl explained that the hiring of new teachers this year has been very competitive. He is recommending raising the base salary to \$38,000. Werch/Dretske moved to approve raising the base salary to \$38,000. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

18. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

i. Summer Projects and Cleaning

Dr. Eidahl is happy on how good the building and grounds are looking for the start of the school year.

ii. Hiring Status for 17-18

Dr. Eidahl explained we have eight more positions to fill.

B. CESA Report

None

C. Board Correspondent's Report

None

D. President Report

None

19. Treasurer's Report

Beth Malchetske reviewed the Treasurer's report.

20. Approval of Vouchers

Reetz/Dretske moved to approve the payment of Fund 49 vouchers in the amount of \$532,517.50. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Werch/Finger moved to approve the payment of August vouchers in the amount of \$571,895.00. Motion passed with Bartol abstaining.

21. Approval to Adjourn to Closed Session for Administrator Salary for 2017-2018 per State Statute 19.85(1)(c)-1st motion/2nd motion - Roll Call Vote. The Board may Reconvene into Open Session where action may be taken

Vice President Haase asked for approval to adjourn to closed session for Administrator Salary for 2017-2018 per State Statute 19.85(1)(c). Malchetske/Reetz moved to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote: Werch-yes, Malchetske-yes, Haase-yes, Finger-yes, Reetz-yes, Dretske-yes, Bartol-yes, Batley-yes. Motion passed. The Board may reconvene into open session where action may be taken.

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