

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 18, 2017 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Curt Gottschalk, Rod Cole, Bob Pasch, Tom Gross, Heather Curtiss and Ron Neyer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Bob Pasch read the District Belief Statements.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill and Rod Cole spoke about the FFA Fruit and Nut Sale and the PTA's pie sale. Both sales have been handled very well. Jessi came in and thanked the Board for their support of the FFA Program.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2017 with the following change "Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the resolution to open a 4th Debt Service Bank Account at Isabella Bank. Motion carried 6/0. Tom Gross abstained." Motion carried 7/0

Bill spoke about the Thank You from FFA, the District Administrator Magazine and the School Equity Caucus newsletter that were sent during the month. He passed around a letter on the Education Shift of the Evaluation Process. He also passed around a letter from Brian Calley regarding part time nation-wide legislature.

There were no Board Committee Meetings to report on.

Rod Freeze spoke about setting up the new purchasing system through Sigma for the Bond. He also gave an update on the new time clock system.

Rod Freeze read the Financial Report.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the following payments as presented: General Fund payments of \$630,307.88 including \$223,659.68 in checks, \$147,599.58 in Employee Direct Deposits & Net Pr Cks, \$111,396.78 - Payroll Tax Pmts ACH & Other Payroll AP, \$80,747.41 - ORS Electronic Payments, \$65,784.33 – UAAL Rate Stabilization Electronic Payment and transfers to Payroll Acct. totaling \$1,120.10, Hot Lunch Payments of \$16,693.86, and Athletic Fund payments of \$3,204.76. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill reported that there is not much going on with the BCEF right now. They are in between the Fall Fundraising season and the Spring grant and scholarship awards season.

Bill reported that there will be a bid opening on Wednesday and we will award the bid at the January meeting.

The New Superintendent's Evaluation Process will be discussed during executive session.

Bill spoke a little bit about the Governance Standards which will be discussed at the GIRESD/MASB Board Dinner/Workshop in February.

Bill reported that Pat Onstott has resigned through PCMI as an assistant football coach.

Bill reported that Cody Sapp has been hired through PCMI as an Elementary Para-Pro.

Motion by Heather Curtiss, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the following support staff recommendations as presented: Staci Galcogi – Part Time District Secretary, and Tami Wilson – Cafeteria Monitor. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Heather Curtiss to accept Mark Pittsley's letter of retirement contingent upon various factors as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill and the Board Members discussed the Apex Energy Lease. The Building and Grounds Committee would like to meet further with the Apex Representatives to ask more questions and get more information before signing the lease.

Bill discussed the purchase of a bank CD and the better rate that was offered on the Bond Investment.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the 1st reading of the Fall 2017 NEOLA Policy Updates as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Heather Curtiss, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the recommendation presented for the Student Discipline Hearing as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill spoke about a pamphlet he received regarding a Michigan Renewable School Program. It's a program that may help us save energy and money with our building lighting.


Bill will forward dates for honoring the School Board Members at a basketball game in January for School Board Recognition Month.

Bill reminded the Board that there is an Organizational Meeting on January 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and the Regular Board Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.


Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Ron Neyer to go into executive session of the Open Meetings Act under Article 8a – Personnel and Article 8ba – Student Discipline at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion to come out of executive session at 10:04 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise McBride adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Roll Call. Motion carried 7/0.


Denise McBride, President

Recording Secretary
Carrie Bleise


Curt Gottschalk, Secretary