

The April 21, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Byron Board of Education was brought to order by Mr. David L. Mitchell, President, at 7:40 p.m. in the George Vince Community Library, Byron High School, 312 W. Maple Avenue, Byron, MI 48418.

- MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Armstrong, J. Anibal, D. Crawford, R. Markley, D. Mitchell, J. Van Agen
- MEMBERS ABSENT: M. McGuire
- ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: D. Scow, P. Kentish-McWilliams, T. Dykstra, T. Krejci, S. Riley, P. Ebner
- OTHERS PRESENT: D. Thompson, L. Cash, J. Root, D. Carter, L. Atkinson, A. Lawrence, O. Lake-LoFiego, J. Howard, T. Carter, S. VanWoert, J. Howard, G. Viener, C. Schaefer, D. Custack, M. Streeter, B. Ritter, J. Greene

### CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Crawford that the Byron Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda as presented:

- Minutes – March 17, 2008 Regular Meeting
- Expenditures for March:

0	Computer Printed Prepaid	\$162,394.14
0	Prescription Reimbursement	0.00
0	General Fund Bills	62,000.87
0	Electronic Fund Transfers	598,774.61
0	TOTAL	\$823,169.62
- Employment of Byron Schartzter as Assistant Varsity Track Coach
- Facility Requests:
  1. Byron PTA – E.S. and H.S. teacher/Staff Lounges – May 7, 2008 – Staff & Teacher Appreciation Lunches
  2. Community District Library – George Vince Community Library – 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Elementary School: Penny Kentish-McWilliams reported there was a second grade student seriously injured in an accident over the weekend. She will keep the Board on the student's condition, as it may be quite some time before the student can return to school. She also noted that the Elementary Spring Program (first and second grade students) is scheduled for May 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Middle School: Mr. Evanish was absent from the meeting due to eighth students leaving for the annual eighth grade trip to New York City, Philadelphia and Washington D.C.

High School: Mr. Dykstra was absent from the meeting because of illness.

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Site: Mr. Scow reported on the Building & Site Committee meeting held on March 27. At that meeting, Greg Mason and Ted Williams of CHMP Architects made a presentation relating to the possible future facility expansion options for the district. Following the presentation the committee discussed the present economy and facts regarding sinking funds and types of projects sinking funds are commonly used to complete. The committee agreed that the next step should be to develop a "needs" list

which would then be presented to the Board for discussion. Following that discussion it would be determined if the Board and community feel there is a need to proceed with a possible renovation and/or remodeling project for the district.

Summer projects which will be completed as funds allow include: repair of elementary roof above kindergarten rooms, update exterior and landscaping at both campuses, repaint parking lot at the elementary school, upgrade the outside bleachers, resurface and re-stripe the track, several painting projects, lighting upgrades – switches, etc., heating controls – day/night operations, paving – middle school and high school walkways.

*Contract Negotiations:* Mr. Mitchell noted that the committee met on April 16, 2008 to review the Superintendent's Contract which is on the agenda this evening.

*Curriculum/Professional Development Committee:* Theresa Krejci reported that the Curriculum/Professional Development Committee met at 6:00 p.m. this evening. The committee reviewed two textbook request proposals for eight grade history textbooks and ninth grade World History textbooks. Those textbooks will be available in the Superintendent's office for review until the May Board meeting.

Some of the other curriculum highlights during the months of March and April include:

- A "Workday" held for K-12 Social Studies teachers on April 2, 2008.
- Elementary Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI) presentations were held April 17, 2008.
- The eighth grade students had their Fit Kid follow-up session on April 18, 2008.

*Comprehensive Health Committee:* The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2008

*Policy & Guidelines Committee:* No meeting

*Shiawassee County School Board Executive Committee:* No meeting

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Don Thompson thanked the Board for allowing the H.S. Band to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. He also noted that if there are people that would like to take part in the parade, they should contact him.

Mrs. Lori Cash addressed the Board regarding the number of fifth grade classrooms scheduled for the 2008-2009 school year and class sizes. Mr. Mitchell noted that Mr. Scow would respond to her concerns.

### **Field Trip Request – Cross Country Camp**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Crawford that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request presented by Mrs. Lake-LoFiego for 10-15 students to participate in Cross Country Camp planned for July 19-26, 2008 at Wears Valley, Tennessee.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Field Trip Request – BPA (Business Professional of America) National Competition**

Moved by Markley, supported by Van Agen, that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request from Mrs. Custack to take two BPA members to Reno, Nevada for the National BPA Leadership Conference from May 6-9, 2008.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

**Sale of Used Bus**

Moved by Crawford, supported by Van Agen that the Byron Board of Education approve the sale of used bus number 95-3 to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in the amount of \$2,658.00.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

**2008-2009 High School Handbook Revisions**

Tabled until May 19, 2008 Board meeting

**Byron Historical Park Master Plan for 2008**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Markley, that the Byron Board of Education approve the Byron Historical Park Master Plan for 2008 as presented.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

**Field Trip Request Change – Adventure Education Team Canoe Trip**

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request change submitted by Mr. Howard and Ms. Benwell to take approximately 10 students to Temple, MI instead of Searchmont, Ontario Canada May 16-18, 2008 and that they be allowed to use two school vans.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

**Tenure Recommendation**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Anibal, that the Byron Board of Education approve tenure of Jamie Anderson.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

**Tenure Recommendation**

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve tenure of Andrea Christain.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

**Tenure Recommendation**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve tenure of Sue Eshelman.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

**Tenure Recommendation**

Moved by Crawford, supported by Van Agen, that the Byron Board of Education approve tenure of Colette Schaefer.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

**Tenure Recommendation**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve tenure of Stephanie Thompson.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

**Tenure Recommendation**

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve tenure of Mike Valasek.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Continuing Probation**

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve continuing probation for the following teachers (for the 2008-2009 school year):

- A. Fourth Year:
  - Shelly Andrews
  - Nicole Dorff
  - Miranda Kundra
  - Steve Mammel
  - Kathy Rodriguez
  - Lisa Trebtoske
  - Cody Howie (previously tenured in another district; given 2 years of probation)
- B. Third Year:
  - Mandi Davis
  - Lisa Lambert
  - Byron Schartz
  - Heather Thiele
- C. Second Year:
  - None

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Superintendent's Contract**

Moved by Markley, supported by Van Agen, that the Byron Board of Education offer Daniel L. Scow, Superintendent of Schools, a one-year extension of his current three-year contract and a 1.75% salary increase. (This is the same raise that all other employees groups will receive for the 2008-2009 school year.)

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Building Administrator Contracts**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve a one-year extension of Mr. Dykstra's and Mrs. Kentish-McWilliams' contracts.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 5, No 1, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Business Office Position Changes**

Moved by Crawford, supported by Van Agen, that the Byron Board of Education approve changes to the Central Office Assistant and Assistant Bookkeeper positions as presented.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 4, No 2, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Information Items and Upcoming Date**

A. Curriculum Change Proposals (under separate cover – presented by Theresa Krejci during Curriculum Committee report):

- Eighth grade History textbook purchase
- Ninth grade World History textbook purchase

B. "Soaring Eagle" Nice Job Notices:

Staff:

Jamie Anderson  
Shelly Andrews  
Libby Bailey  
Lori Bedell  
Tammy Brost (2)

Diane Browning  
Dee Dee Brunet (3)  
Rebecca Buxton (SRES) (2)  
Ann Christain  
Tina Cornell & Class (2)  
Dan Cross

Paul Dinse (2)  
 Niki Dorff  
 Tom Dykstra  
 Sharon Elbracht (2)  
 Sue Eshelman  
 Food Service Staff  
 Carol Geer-Amsterburg & Class  
 Michelle Gertsler  
 H.S. Staff  
 Lenette Johnston  
 Roberta Kaul  
 Penny Kentish-McWilliams  
 Marsha Korroch  
 Rhonda Kozlowski  
 Theresa Krejci  
 Kristine Ladi & Class  
 Steve March  
 Autumn McGuire  
 Lisa McNitt  
 Linda Reid  
 Pam Richardson & Drama Club (3)  
 Shirley Riley

Kathy Rodriguez & Class (2)  
 Colette Schaefer  
 Trish Sprague  
 Pearl Tonti  
 Renee' Vandemark  
 Shelly Warner  
 Carrie Wilcox-Brewer  
 Rosanne Zachar

Students:

Junior Class (2)  
 Hannah Swain  
 Brendan Trenkle  
 Matthew VanKuren  
 Greg Wykes

Volunteers and Others:

Dawn Mangus  
 PTA  
 Deputy Terry  
 Deann Zimmerman

C. Upcoming Dates:

- April 21 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Begins @ 9:30 p.m.
- April 22 Community Parent Advisory Committee @ 6:30 p.m.
- April 23 Budget Workshop – 7:30 p.m. @ Byron Elementary School – Rm. 23
- April 25 Middle School Principal Applications Due
- April 26 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Ends (9:30 a.m.)
- April 26 Senior High Band- State Festival @ Haslett H.S. – 12:15 p.m.
- April 30 FFA Banquet – 6:30 p.m.
- May 1 Elementary Spring Program – 6:30 p.m.
- May 2 Challenge to Choose Day (BMS/BHS)
- May 6 Board of Education Election (polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)  
 Candidates: Dennis Crawford, Sharon Dykstra, Brad Ritter  
 Shelby Ritter, Greg Viener
- May 7 Farm Day & Grandparent's Day (FFA)
- May 10 Prom @ Baker's of Milford

**Closed Session #1 – Closed Student Disciplinary Hearing**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education go into Executive Closed Session for the purpose of a closed student hearing for “Student A” at 8:55 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved

**Regular Meeting Reconvened**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Crawford, that the regular meeting reconvene at 9:33 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Recommendation From Closed Student Disciplinary Hearing**

Moved by Markley, supported by Van Agen, that the Byron Board of Education reinstate Student A on April 28, 2008 with the following conditions:

- All homework assigned during suspension must be completed by April 28, 2008;
- Noon-hour detention is assigned beginning on April 28, 2008 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year;
- Student A may not be involved in extra-curricular activities;
- Student A is allowed on school property only during school hours and after school for the purpose of receiving tutoring and use of school computers for homework.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Closed Session #2 – Confidential Attorney/Client Communication**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education go into a second Executive Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of confidential attorney/client communication at 9:30 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Regular Meeting Reconvened**

Moved by Markley, supported by Van Agen, that the regular meeting reconvene at 10:24 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford that the meeting adjourns at 10:25 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

By

Randy Markley  
Acting Secretary