

The August 17, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Byron Board of Education was brought to order by Mr. Randy Markley, President, at 7:00 p.m. in the George Vince Community Library, Byron High School, 312 W. Maple Avenue, Byron, MI 48418.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Anibal, D. Crawford, A. Lawrence, R. Markley, M. McGuire, J. Vandemark, G. Viener

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: D. Scow, T. Dykstra, S. Vowles, P. Kentish-McWilliams

CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF PRESENT: P. Ebner, T. Krejci, S. Riley

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Passig, P. Richardson, R. Burman (7:20 p.m.), J. Root (7:30 p.m.)

Byron Elementary School Assessments

Penny Kentish-McWilliams presented information regarding student assessments at the Byron Elementary School. Assessments include four areas: screening, progress monitoring for instruction, outcome based (classroom, county) and high stake tests (MEAP, MI-Access). Mrs. Kentish-McWilliams reviewed the specific assessments and times contained in each area. Detailed information regarding BES assessments is available from Mrs. Kentish-McWilliams at the Byron Elementary School.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Viener, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve the agenda for the August 17, 2009 regular meeting as written with the addition of a facility request to the consent agenda and Office of Civil Rights Resolution to the "Other" section of the agenda.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Viener, supported by Lawrence, that the Byron Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda as presented including the addition of a facility request from Cub Scout Pack 88:

A. Minutes:

- July 13, 2009 Special Meeting
- July 13, 2009 Organizational Meeting
- July 13, 2009 Regular Meeting
- August 5, 2009 Board Work Session

B. Expenditures for July:

Computer Printed Prepaid	\$234,159.07
Prescription Reimbursement	2,939.15
General Fund Bills	31,208.27
Electronic Fund Transfers	739,365.45
TOTAL	\$1,007,671.94

C. Retirement of Sharon Blair, Custodian

D. Resignation of Christine Burns, Bus Driver

E. Resignation of Mike Shafer, JV Baseball Coach

F. Employment of Karly Cocks as Varsity Volleyball Coach

G. Employment of Renee Vandemark as School Nurse/Assistant Secretary

H. Employment of Charlotte Bretzlaff as Custodian

I. Facility Request:

- 0 Cub Scout Pack 88 – B.E.S. Cafeteria, September 15, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Fall Round-Up

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

2009-2010 Board Committee Assignments

Building & Site Committee: Dennis Crawford, Mike McGuire, Jeff Vandemark, Dan Scow

Contract/Negotiations Committee: Randy Markley, Jeff Vandemark, Greg Viener, Dan Scow

Curriculum/Professional Development Committee: Jim Anibal, Randy Markley, Greg Viener, Theresa Krejci, Dan Scow

Comprehensive Health Committee: Amy Lawrence, Mike McGuire, Dan Scow

Policy/Guidelines Committee: Jim Anibal, Randy Markley, Amy Lawrence, Dan Scow

Shiawassee County School Board: Randy Markley

Public Input

Mrs. Rhonda Burman addressed the Board with questions and suggestions regarding several Board policies. Mr. Markley thanked Mrs. Burman for her input noting that Mr. Scow and the Board would look into the issues she presented.

Donation in Memory of Kaitlyn McCartney

Moved by Viener, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education accept the donation of a tree and concrete bench in memory of Kaitlyn McCartney from the Class of 1988. Moved by McGuire supported by Anibal to amend the motion to read: The Byron Board of Education accept the donation of a tree and concrete bench in memory of Kaitlyn McCartney from the Class of 1988, giving placement authority to Mr. Scow and the grounds crew.

Vote (Voice): Yes 7, No 0. Amended Motion Approved.

Board of Education Goals

Moved by Vandemark, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education adopt the Board Goals for 2009-2010 as written:

1. The Board will partner with members of the School District community in support of public education.
2. The Board will maintain a solid core curriculum with a diverse selection of electives and enrichment opportunities to meet the varying needs and interests of the district's students.
3. The Board will focus on aligned curriculum, instruction, assessment and student achievement and base decisions on the best interest of all students in the district.
4. The Board will focus on recruiting, training, strengthening and retaining outstanding instructional and support staff.
5. The Board will develop strategies to strengthen trust, communication and to maximize the performance of the leadership team.
6. The Board will establish a Code of Ethics which will be shared, modeled and lived.
7. The Board will establish an effective meeting structure to enhance their policy-making capacity.
8. The Board will develop a plan for updating the district's infrastructure.

Vote (Voice): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved.

Curriculum Change Proposal – Reproductive Health Videos

Moved by Crawford, supported by Lawrence, that the Byron Board of Education approve the addition of the following reproductive health videos to the ninth grade health curriculum:

“U need 2 KNo HIV/STD Testing”

“In Our Own Words Teens and Aids”

“Abstinence: Deciding to Wait”

Vote (Voice): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved.

2009-2010 Fiscal Year Tax Spread

Moved by Vandemark, supported by Viener, that the Byron Board of Education approve millage and levy for non-homestead and commercial personal property for the Byron School District for 2009-2010.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved.

Information Items

- A. First reading of Policy Revisions from NEOLA (summary attached)
- B. First reading of Policy Revision for Policy 7434 – Use of Tobacco on School Grounds (Policy attached)
- C. Graduation Date – Mr. Scow noted that the Board and administrators have been discussing an early release for seniors with graduation being the first Sunday in June. A recommendation will be presented at the September Board meeting regarding this matter.
- D. Upcoming Dates:
 - 0 Tuesday, August 18, 2009 – Y’All Come” Volunteer Meetings – 3:00 & 6:30 p.m.
 - 0 Wednesday, September 2, 2009 – Professional Development Day
 - 0 Thursday, September 3, 2009 – Professional Development day
 - 0 Monday, September 7, 2009 – Labor Day
 - 0 Tuesday, September 8, 2009 – First Day for Students
 - 0 Mon., September 21, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Closed Session I – Student Reinstatement Hearing

Moved by Lawrence, supported by Vandemark, that the Board go into Closed Session for a student disciplinary matter, pursuant to the request of the parent/guardian for “Student A” at 8:16 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved.

Open Session - Recommendation Regarding Closed Session Hearing for Student A

Moved by McGuire, supported by Vandemark, that the Byron Board of Education reinstate Student A beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. Student A’s reinstatement will include a written behavioral and educational development plan prepared by Mr. Vowles. Also, Student A is required to appear before the Board at the October 19, 2009 meeting for a full report and review of his progress.”

Closed Session II – Contract Negotiations Update

Moved by McGuire, supported by Vandemark, that the Byron Board of Education go into Closed Session for discussion of contract negotiations at 8:45 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved.

Open Session - Other

Office of Civil Rights Resolution

Moved by Vandemark, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education adopt the resolution as provided by the Office of Civil Rights regarding complaint #15-09-1076.

Vote (Voice): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved.

Adjournment

Moved by Vandemark, supported by Crawford, that the meeting adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Vote (Voice): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

By

Michael McGuire
Secretary

Policy Notes

Policy 2623 – Revision

- Brings policy regarding Michigan Merit Exam (MME) into alignment with state law and guidelines. In particular this addresses retaking the exam.

Policy 3420.01 – Technical Correction

- Addresses recent changes in the Family Medical Leave Act and brings our policy for professional staff into alignment with the changes.

Policy 4430.01 – Technical Correction

- Addresses recent changes in the Family Medical Leave Act and brings our policy for support staff into alignment with the changes.

Policy 5460 – Revision

- Grants credit for successful completion of subject area tests with a C+ or better
- Grants high school credit for successful completion of curriculum prior to entering high school (e.g. Algebra I in 8th grade)

Policy 6144 – Revision

- Authorizes deposits in school funds (CDs) in insured depository institutions

Policy 7217 – Revision

- Defines who is allowed to possess or carry a concealed weapon on school grounds

Policy 8310 – Revision

- Addresses release of personal and confidential information in response to FOIA requests
- Consult attorney prior to release

Policy 8330 – Revision

- Defines students' personally identifiable information
- Describes provisions for release of information
- FRPA Law

Policy 8470 – New

- Describes procedure for dealing with students who are on the sex offenders registry

Byron Area Schools
Bylaws & Policies

Current Policy

7434 – USE OF TOBACCO ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The Board of Education believes that the right of persons to use tobacco must be balanced against the right of those who do not use tobacco to breathe air untainted by tobacco.

In order to protect students and employees who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them and potentially damaging to their health, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco on District premises, in District vehicles, and in all school buildings owned and/or operated by the District.

For purposes of this policy, “use of tobacco” means a cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other matter of substance that contains tobacco.

Tobacco may be used in designated outdoor areas on school property on Saturdays, Sundays, and after 6 p.m. on days during which there are regularly-scheduled school hours.

M.C.L.A. 280.1170
20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq.
U.S.D.O.E. Memorandum, 1995
MDE Board Policy on 24/7 Tobacco-Free Schools

Revised 4/24/06

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