

The December 14, 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: T. Krejci, S. Riley, P. Ebner

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Stoinski, A. Tabor, T. Hook, M. Hook, M. Nastally, B. Bridges, B. Hillaker, D. Custack, E. Childers, L. Estep, J. Glidden, J. Passig, M. Ledford, M. Kundra, T. Forbush, M. Forbush, B. Schartz, S. Ackman, M. Korroch, S. Fondren, J. Root, R. Nellis, D. Richardson, J. Warner, M. Wilsdon, J. McWilliams, K. Clock, L. Dumond, D. Markley

Brenda Bridges – Student Work Presentation

Third grade teacher Brenda Bridges presented examples and noted student accomplishments with the new third grade math curriculum. She also distributed writing examples from her classroom and discussed the third grade reading program.

Recognition of Cross Country Team

Athletic Director Dave Richardson introduced the Cross County teams coached by Olivia Lake-LoFiego. Honors the teams received this year included:

- Boy's Team qualified for State finals as a team
- Karli Dooling and Kelsey Evans qualified as individuals for the State meet
- Boy's team finished second in the league and girls finished third
- Boy's team qualified for Academic All State
- Tyler Cremer finished 37th at the State meet on November 7th
- League Honors:
 - First Team All Conference - Karli Dooling and Tyler Cremer
 - Second Team All Conference - Rachel Lahring, Joe Whaley and David Whaley
 - Honorable Mention - Cody Engisch, Eli Forbush and Sam Hunter

Recognition of Volleyball Team

The Board recognized and congratulated the Volleyball Team for a very successful season. Their accomplishments include:

- Finished at the Quarterfinal level in the State tournament
- Finished with academic "All State"
- League Honors:
 - First Team All Conference – Rebekah Lahring
 - Second Team All Conference – Moriah Thompson and Kelsey Philburn
 - Honorable Mention – Rachel Hillaker and Chelsea Potter
- Argus Press Athlete of the Week - Moriah Thompson (September)
- Moriah Thompson voted to All Region Team

The Volleyball Team is coached by Karly Cocke

Football Honor Recognition

Mr. Richardson noted that Senior student Brad Kelly was elected Honorable Mention Academic All State with a 3.9 grade point average.

Middle School Baseball and Softball Proposal

Mr. Richardson explained a proposed plan to reintroduce Middle School Baseball and Softball using volunteers as coaches. The coaches would be picked by the Athletic Director and the Varsity Baseball and

Softball coaches. Teams would play two games a week and practice two times a week. The school would only provide fields to play on and have the fields ready on game day. The players would be responsible for purchasing a shirt (approximately \$20.00 and gray pants) and pay for umpires. The cost of a middle school umpire is \$70.00 per double header which brings the total umpire cost to \$350.00. Transportation would be provided by parents. Athletes would be required to sign an Athletic Code and follow all school rules. The program is modeled after a similar middle school program at the Lake Fenton Schools. A formal proposal will be presented at the January Board meeting.

BHS Student Council

Brent L'Esperance, Student Council President, reported on the groups activities:

- \$1,500 in donations was raised for the Toys for Tots program
- American Red Cross Blood drive was held November 23, 2009 and another one is planned for this spring to raise money for scholarships
- Parent Share Day is in the planning process
- "Beat the Winter Blahs" lunch is in planning process for after first semester exams
- Byron FFA vs. Durand FFA Food Drive Contest is being planned for February
- Jessica Rey is the new President that will take over for the second half of the 2009-2010 school year.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Viener, supported by Vandemark, that the Byron Board of Education approve the proposed agenda for the December 14, 2009 regular meeting with the addition of a Closed Session following, "VII. Other" to the agenda. Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Crawford, supported by Lawrence, that the Byron Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Minutes of the November 16, 2009 Regular Meeting and November 23, 2009 Special Meeting
- B. Expenditures for November:

Computer Printed Prepaid	\$126,720.94
Prescription Reimbursement	0.00
General Fund Bills	33,002.68
Electronic Fund Transfers	558,448.44
TOTAL	\$718,172.06
- C. Payment to B & S Sales, L.L. C. for candy and nuts sold during FFA Candy & Nut Sale in the amount of \$10,625.95.
- D. Payment to Pee Jay's Fresh Fruit for fruit sold during FFA Fruit Sale in the amount of \$6,208.79.
- E. Resignation of Tom Butcher as Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- F. Facility Requests:
 - Butcher Estate (Glassman Auction Service), High School Band Room, Monday, February 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. for Auction of Ken Butcher's Farm.
 - Cut Scout Pack 88, High School Cafeteria, February 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. for Blue and Gold Banquet.

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

2009-2010 Board Committee Reports

Building & Site Committee: Committee meeting held November 30, 2009

Contract/Negotiations Committee: No meeting.

Curriculum/Professional Development Committee: Theresa Krejci's monthly update was included in Board members weekly packet. The committee met on December 10, 2009 and discussed the following Curriculum Change Proposals:

1. Foreign Language – possibility of adding Spanish at the middle school and high school levels.
2. Math – Addition of a Personal Finance course to High School curriculum as an option meet fourth year Michigan Merit curriculum requirement.
3. CTE Courses – Alignment of the following classes to receive Visual Performing and Applied Art credit:
 - Introduction to Building Trades
 - Building Trades
 - Machine Tool
 - Mechanical Drafting

Applied Technology

Comprehensive Health Committee: No meeting
Policy/Guidelines Committee: No meeting
Shiawassee County School Board: No meeting

Public Input

- Brenda Hillaker addressed the Board with her concern regarding the Board goals as they relate to the districts finances.
- Brad Bayer expressed the following concerns regarding Honors Chemistry:
 - No textbook
 - Selection of substitute teacher
 - Regular teacher's absenceMr. Bayer noted that he had talked to Mr. Dykstra and Mr. Scow previously about his concerns.
- Mark Wilsdon addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the recent contract agreement between the Board and the Byron Education Association.
- Annetta Tabor addressed the Board with concerns regarding the cost of the elementary enrichment program to the district and the possibility of the district outsourcing positions.

Mr. Markley thanked all individuals for sharing their concerns with the Board. Mr. Scow noted that if any audience members had questions, that he would be glad to meet with them and asked that individuals please contact his office to set up an appointment.

Resolution to change Board Regular Election Date

Moved by Viener, supported by Vandemark, that the Byron Board of Education adopt the resolution changing the District's regular election date for the office of school board members to the November even year election date beginning with the 2010 calendar year.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 1, No 6. Motion Disapproved.

Service Consolidation Plan Resolution

Moved by Lawrence, supported by Crawford that the Byron Board of Education adopt the resolution as presented with the intent to develop a new Service Consolidation Plan with the Michigan Department of Education. Following discussion and after amendment, it was moved by McGuire, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education table the resolution as presented with the intent to develop a new Service Consolidation Plan with the Michigan Department of Education until the January 18, 2010 meeting.

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

Board of Education Salaries

Moved by Vandemark, supported by Viener, to open discussion on Board salaries. Following discussion, it was moved by McGuire and supported by Viener, that members of the Byron Board of Education unanimously agree to donate their salary for the 2009-2010 school year back to the school.

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

Information Items

- A. "Soaring Eagle" Nice Job Notices:

Staff and Coaches:

Candy Anderson	Larry Dumond
Jamie Anderson	Lindsay Estep
Ed Bedell	Tate Forbush
Brenda Bridges	
Tammy Brost	
DeeDee Brunet	
Gloria Burack	Megan Friend
Rebecca Buxton (SRES D)	Carol Geer-Amsterburg
Brad Chrisinske	Michelle Gerstler
Kelly Clock	Julie Glidden
Rick Conely	Cindy Haugh
Laurie Cormier	Jacob Haynes
Tina Cornell	Kim Janicek
Marti Covert	Marsha Korroch
Paul Dinse	Miranda Kundrat

Kris Ladi
 Olivia Lake-LoFiego
 Christa Latson
 Autumn McGuire
 Jeanette McWilliams
 Joe McWilliams
 Deb Olrich
 Emily Opper & Landscape
 Horticulture Class
 Kara Richardson
 Kathy Rodriguez
 Byron Schartzner
 Dan Scow
 Matt Streeter
 Heather Thiele
 Stephanie Thompson
 Lisa Trebtoske
 Renee' Vandemark
 Carrie Wilcox-Brewer

Students:

Kayla Beckley
 Josh Bedell
 Emily Childers
 Dylan Cox

Tyler Cremer
 Cody Engisch
 Lindsey Garner
 Chelsea Gross
 Jill Gulick
 Jeffery Heller
 Alyssa Hook
 Michael Joslin
 Marisa Kiefer
 Rebekah Lahring
 Brent L'Esperance
 Jessica Martin
 Peter McClorey
 National Honor Society Students
 Angela Nellis
 Fred Paulin
 Danielle Reaume
 Xad Warden
 David Whaley
 Tiffany Williams
 Allyson Yerman-Smith

Volunteers/PTA:
 Charlotte Passig

B. Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, Dec. 15..... Choir/Band Concert (7:30 pm)
 Thursday, Dec. 17 Senior Citizen Luncheon @ HS Café (1:00 pm)
 Thursday, Dec. 17 E.S. Holiday Program (2:00 pm and 7:00 pm)
 Friday, Dec. 18..... Christmas Vacation begins at the end of the school day
 Friday, Dec. 25..... MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 Monday, Jan. 4..... School resumes
 Monday, Jan. 18..... Board of Education Meeting (7:00 pm)

Other

1. Follow-up on Board discussions from Budget Forum held December 9, 2009
 - Board members noted that they felt there was good momentum that needs to be kept going. Comments heard in the community were that there was good communication, the work session was well advertised well and that we need to keep doing the same with other activities. Other comments were that the community wants to hear what the Board has to say and the Board needs to listen. The Board agreed there were several cost saving measures shared at the meeting that could be implemented immediately.
2. Schools of Choice advertisement on WHMI
 - Board members agreed that a K-12 radio advertisement may help get “Byron’s” name out to the target audience of districts to the south and east that do not have the CTE opportunities provided at BHS. Hopefully, the district will acquire some new students at semester time through the Schools of Choice program. Twenty-eight 30 second spots for two weeks would cost approximately \$1,960.00. Mr. Scow noted that if it works well, we could possibly keep the same theme and to run the ad during the summer.
3. The Board is providing donuts, juice and coffee and will greet staff members in all buildings Friday morning, December 18, 2009.
4. There will be a Budget Work Session on January 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Closed Session – Discussion of AFSCME Contract Negotiations

Moved by Vandemark, supported by Anibal, that the Board go into Closed Session for discussion of AFSCME Contract Negotiations at 9:24 p.m.

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

Open Session

Adjournment

Moved by Vandemark, supported by Viener, that the meeting adjourn at 10:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

By

Michael McGuire
Secretary