

The December 15, 2008 Board Work Session of the Byron Board of Education was brought to order by Mr. David Mitchell, President at 7:00 p.m., Superintendent's Office, Byron High School, 312 W. Maple Avenue, Byron, MI 48418.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Anibal, M. McGuire, D. Mitchell, G. Viener

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Armstrong, D. Crawford, R. Markley

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: D. Scow, S. Riley, T. Dykstra, S. Vowles

OTHERS PRESENT: N. Yearham, P. Ebner

SIEMENS BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. PRESENTATION

The Board heard a presentation from Nigel Yearham of Siemens Building Technologies about energy conservation and upgrades to the district's physical plant that could potentially be financed through savings in energy costs. The upgrades would be paid for and the savings guaranteed through a performance contract with Siemens.

No action was taken, the Board will further discuss and investigate the Siemens' proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Viener, supported by Anibal, that the meeting adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
Vote (Voice): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

By

Michael McGuire
Secretary

The December 15, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Byron Board of Education was brought to order by Mr. David L. Mitchell, President, at 7:30 p.m. in the George Vince Community Library, Byron High School, 312 W. Maple Avenue, Byron, MI 48418.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Mitchell, M. McGuire, J. Anibal, G. Viener

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Markley, D. Crawford, R. Armstrong,

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

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Ebner, D. McLennan, T. Rey, J. Rey, S. Ritter, A. Lawrence, H. Dayringer, K. Moody, J. Root

Approval of Agenda for December 15, 2008

Moved by Viener, supported by McGuire, that the Byron Board of Education approve the agenda for the December 15, 2008 meeting as written.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Viener, supported by McGuire, that the Byron Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda as presented:

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

0	Computer Printed Prepaid	\$137,620.08
0	Prescription Reimbursement	0.00
0	General Fund Bills	71,138.97
0	Electronic Fund Transfers	623,019.22
0	TOTAL	\$840,778.27
- Payment to B & S Sales (FFA Candy & Nut Sale) \$12,567.90
- Resignation of Custodian – Dawn Trombly
- Employment of Varsity Cheerleading Coach – Kari Moody
- Facility Requests:
 - Byron PTA – 6:30 p.m., January 23, 2009 – Elementary Cafeteria (Family Movie Night)
 - Burns Grange – 6:00 p.m., July 11, 2009 – Concession Stand (sell concessions during fireworks display)

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved.

Board Committee Reports

Building & Site: No meeting

Contract Negotiations: No meeting.

Curriculum/Professional Development Committee: Theresa Krejci reviewed curriculum activities for November and December:

- Met with Owosso Memorial representatives regarding the Fit Kids program.
- Attended the last exam view training so the district's common assessments can be put into this format.
- Attended December County Curriculum and Instructional Council Meeting
- Held district Curriculum Council meeting
- Worked on the REP report with Laurie Cormier to ensure that all certificated staff are highly qualified for the position in which they are teaching.
- Attended a grant funded training on formative assessment by the Michigan Department of Education.
- School Improvement Team met Friday, December 12 to complete the 40 performance indicators for each building for the school report card.

- Sixth grade Social Studies textbooks have been delivered
- Third grade Social Studies textbook, Meet Michigan, is now available from the publisher and have been ordered. (The purchase of these textbooks was approved in July.)
- Some high school CTE (Career & Technical Education) teachers have gone through an alignment process with their curriculums and the Michigan Merit Curriculum and have identified courses that will meet some of the current graduations requirements. Brian Pyles from the SRESD has spent time with the teachers aligning their classes and is recommending that the district award Visual Performing & Applied Arts (VPAA) credit to the following courses:
 - Agriscience Landscape Horticulture
 - Business, Management and Administration (BMA II)
 - Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) – Interior Design
 Brian Pyles is also recommending that the district award fourth year Math related credit to Accounting I & II.

Comprehensive Health Committee: No meeting

Policy & Guidelines Committee: The committee met on December 10th with building administrators to review attendance policies.

Shiawassee County School Board Executive Committee: No meeting

Public Input

None

Preschool Participating Resolution

Moved by Viener, supported by Anibal, that the Byron Board of Education approve the Michigan Department of Education 2008-2009 Great Start Readiness Program participating resolution for the Byron Preschool program as presented.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved.

Authorization To Receive Bus Bids

Moved by Anibal, supported by Viener, that the Byron Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to prepare specifications and receive bids for one bus to be delivered prior to July 1, 2009.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved.

Information Items

- “Soaring Eagle” Nice Job Notices:

Staff:

Karen Adams

Ed Bedell

Tom Dykstra

Rhonda Kozlowski

Miranda Kundrat

Olivia Lake-LoFiego

Steve March

Autumn McGuire

Emily Opper

Dave Richardson

Duane Richardson

Pam Richardson

Dan Scow

Matt Streeter

Students:

National Honor Society

- Upcoming Dates:

- December 17.....H.S. Choir Concert – 6:30 p.m. (H.S. Cafeteria)
 - December 17.....Holiday Band Concert – 7:30 p.m. (MS/HS Gym)
 - December 18.....Senior Citizen Luncheon – 1:00p.m. (H.S. Cafeteria)
 - December 19.....Christmas Vacation begins at end of the day
 - January 5School Resumes
 - January 15Exams (Half day for students)
 - January 16Exams (Half day for students)
- End of 3rd Six-Week Marking Period

End of 2nd Nine-Week Middle School Marking Period
End 1st Semester

- January 19.....Records Day – Martin Luther King Day
(Mandatory Staff Day – No Students)
Curriculum/Professional Development Committee – 7:00 pm
Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 pm
- January 28.....Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 to 8 pm
- January 29.....Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 to 8 pm
- January 30.....No School

Executive Closed Session – Student Expulsion Hearing

Moved by McGuire, supported by Anibal that the Byron Board of Education go into Executive Session for the purpose of a closed student expulsion hearing for Student A at 8:04 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved.

Regular Meeting Reconvened

Moved by Anibal, supported by Viener, that the regular meeting reconvene at 8:18 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved.

Recommendation – “Student A” Expulsion Hearing

Moved by Anibal, supported by Viener, that the Byron Board of Education expel “Student A” for 180 days.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved.

Recommendation – “Student B” Suspension Hearing

Moved by Viener, supported by McGuire, that the Byron Board of Education follow the recommendation of Mr. Dykstra, Byron High School Principal, and that “Student B” be suspended for the remainder of the first semester. Also, that “Student B,” is required to apply for readmission at the January 19, 2008 Board of Education meeting. “Student B” must appear before the Board to reapply.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved.

Adjournment

Moved by Viener, supported by Anibal, that the meeting adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 4, Absent 3, No 0. Motion Approved. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

By

Michael McGuire
Secretary