

The March 17, 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: R. Armstrong, J. Anibal, D. Crawford, R. Markley, M. McGuire, D. Mitchell, J. Van Agen

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Ritter, W. Browe, J. Root, O. Lake-LoFiego, T. Butcher, G. Viener, A. Lawrence, S. Mammel

BUDGET UPDATE

Shirley Riley, Business Manager, gave a budget update for the 2007-2008 school year and projections for the 2008-2009 school year.

She reported the district is on track to finish the school year with a positive balance depending on what fuel and heating costs do for the remainder of the school year. Diesel fuel alone has gone up 70% since last year, with heating and electrical costs are increasing as well. In any case, the district should end 2007-08 in good fiscal condition.

The State has conflicting information about next year's budget. The Governor has promised a \$216 increase in the foundation. The Senate has promised no more than \$100 per student and has described this as very tentative. Our best guess is the State will increase the foundation between \$50-100, but she noted she would not be surprised if it ends up lower - perhaps no increase. Most Superintendents are of the opinion the State has to "give us something" and are making their budget assumptions based on a modest increase.

The district is still faced with the looming concern of declining enrollment. We don't foresee that our enrollment will increase substantially. In fact, it is likely to decrease, as is the statewide trend. We are estimating a 1.15% - 1.5% decrease in enrollment which equates to approximately 14-20 students. Hopefully, it may be less. A decrease of 20 students means lost revenue of over \$140,000.

Other budget assumptions:

- MESSA is expected to increase 3-10%. We hope for the 3%.
- Personnel costs (salaries) will increase by as much as \$190,000
- Retirement will decrease 16.72% to 16.54% - a modest savings
- Diesel fuel will increase by 30% (It may be much more)
- Heating and electrical will increase by 30% (Maybe more)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes – February 5, 2008 Special Meeting and February 26, 2008 Regular Meeting
- Expenditures for February:

0	Computer Printed Prepaid	\$114,029.39
0	Prescription Reimbursement	0.00
0	General Fund Bills	53,321.32
0	Electronic Fund Transfers	829,302.29
0	TOTAL	\$996,653.00

- Resignation of Julie Bower as Bus Driver
- Employment of Anne Boillat as JV Softball Coach for 2007-2008 season only
- Facility Requests:
 1. Byron Area Baccalaureate Committee – June 1, 2008 (2:30 p.m.), Elementary Gym (Baccalaureate Ceremony)
 2. Byron Summer Softball – May 1, 2008 – August 1, 2008, baseball/softball fields (practices and games)
 3. Byron Lightning Wrestling Club – April 2, 2008 (7:00 p.m.), High School Cafeteria (Wrestling Banquet)

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

BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

Elementary School: Penny Kentish-McWilliams reported that DARE graduation was held tonight with Congressman Rogers being the speaker. Mrs. Kentish-McWilliams also thanks Mr. Scow and Mr. Markley for refereeing the Channel 12 No Stars vs. Elementary Staff basketball game held March 14, 2007.

Middle School: Mr. Evanish was absent from the meeting due to attendance at the Michigan Athletic Directors Conference.

High School: Mr. Dykstra was absent from the meeting due to a family emergency.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Site: Mr. Scow noted that there is an invitation in the Board Update for committee members (Randy Armstrong, Randy Markley and John Van Agen) to meet on Thursday, March 27, 2008, 6:30 p.m. to review plans for summer projects and talk to the CHMP architectural firm about future possibilities for the buildings.

Contract Negotiations: No meeting

Curriculum/Professional Development Committee: Theresa Krejci reported the following:

- A School Improvement workday was held March 3rd which focused on specific building plans to increase achievement.
- Students enjoyed the middle School Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI) presentation
- MME testing went very well; Juniors had 100% attendance on all three days.
- Read Across the Planet with the second grade classrooms is now complete. The Byron students did a great job with their presentations.

Comprehensive Health Committee: No meeting

Policy & Guidelines Committee: No meeting

Shiawassee County School Board Executive Committee: No meeting

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Wendy Browe addressed the Board with her concerns about middle school sports and questioned why there were no A & B teams this year. She also noted that as a member of the Sports Boosters she was aware that the Sports Boosters would be willing to donate funds toward the middle school sports program. Mr. Mitchell responded that he and Mr. Scow would talk to the Athletic Director regarding her concerns and that Mr. Scow would let her know the outcome.

Field Trip Request – Environmental Club

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Markley that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request presented by Mr. Mammel for Environmental Club students to participate in a reward trip to Hale, MI on June 6 & 7, 2008.

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

Field Trip Request – FFA Chapter Reward Trip

Moved by Crawford, supported by Van Agen, that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request from Mr. Forbush to take 20 FFA members on a reward trip to Chicago from June 9-11, 2008 and use one district bus for the trip.

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

Field Trip Request – FFA Region IV Leadership Camp

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request from Mr. Forbush for seven students to attend the Region IV Leadership Camp in Fenton, MI planned for March 31 – April 1, 2008.

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

Information Items and Upcoming Date

A. "Soaring Eagle" Nice Job Notices:

Candy Anderson
Mike Bentley and Senior High Band (2)
Char Bretzlaff
Marti Covert and State Wrestlers
Paul Dinse
Tate Forbush and FFA Members
Carol Geer-Amsterburg
Michelle Gerstler
Stephanie Harrington Shellhaas
Roberta Kaul (2)
Theresa Krejci
Kris Ladi
Marsha Maloney
Pam Richardson
Kathy Rodriguez
Student:
Zack Ritter

B. Upcoming Dates:

- March 18 County-Wide Bus Driver's Dinner @ Perry HS (6:00 pm)
- March 19 FFA Work Auction @ HS Cafeteria (7:00 pm)
- March 20 Senior Citizens Luncheon (12:30 p.m.)
- March 21 Good Friday – No School
- March 26 & 27 Kindergarten Registration
- March 27 Building & Site Committee – Supt's. Office (6:30 p.m.)
(Randy Armstrong, Randy Markley, John Van Agen)
- March 28 Drama Club Presentation – "Romeo & Harriet" – HS Cafeteria (7:30 pm)
- March 29 Drama Club Presentation – "Romeo & Harriet" – HS Cafeteria (7:30 pm)
- March 30 Drama Club Presentation – "Romeo & Harriet" – HS Cafeteria (2:00 pm)
- April 7- 11 Spring Break
- April 14 School Resumes

o April 21

Regular Board Meeting

OPEN STUDENT DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Per parent request, an open student disciplinary hearing was held for Shane Stevens. Superintendent Scow presented information regarding disciplinary charges against the student. The student's father, Keith Stevens, responded to the charges.

RECOMMENDATION FROM OPEN STUDENT DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Moved by Van Agen, seconded by Crawford that the Byron Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that in accordance with Michigan Code 180.1311a, the Board of Education impose a 180-day expulsion beginning on March 18, 2008 for assault (spitting) on a teacher, threatening behaviors directed toward teachers, persistent disobedience and disregard for school rules. According the law (MCL 380.1311a), the family may petition the school for reinstatement after 150 days. They may also petition other districts to accept this student. At a minimum, conditions for reinstatement to Byron Area Schools should include:

- Continuation of outside counseling program as recommended by family physician, psychiatrist or counselor.
- A behavior contract developed in conjunction with Byron Middle School staff and administration.

In addition to being expelled from school he will also be banned from all school grounds and activities during the time of his expulsion. According to Board of Education Policy, this expulsion will be reported to the Genesee County Juvenile Division of the Probate Court.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Markley, supported by Van Agen that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

By

Michael McGuire
Secretary