

The November 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: D. Mitchell, R. Markley, D. Crawford, M. McGuire, J. Anibal, R. Armstrong, G. Viener

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Ebner, P. Richardson, S. Glass, T. Cornell, K. Rodriguez, S. Anibal, A. Sovis, A. Lawrence, N. Yearham, B. Hillaker, T. Shafer, A. Canter, R. Burman, B. Burman, A. Burman,

**Approval of Agenda for November 17, 2008**

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve the agenda for the November 17, 2008 meeting as written.

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

**Middle School Student Council**

Tyler Shafer and Andrea Canter, representing the Middle School Student Council, reported on fundraising activities for the Eighth Grade trip to Washington D.C., Philadelphia and New York City. A middle school dance will be held on December 2, 2008 with all proceeds from the dance going toward the trip.

**MiBLSi (Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative)**

The Board heard a presentation from Penny Kentish-McWilliams, Brenda Bridges, Tina Cornell and Kathy Rodriguez about a new program at the elementary school. The building has received grant support to participate in the Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi). The program promotes positive behavior intervention, increased time on task and improved reading and literacy achievement.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes – October 20, 2008 Regular Meeting
- Expenditures for October:

0	Computer Printed Prepaid	\$134,565.52
0	Prescription Reimbursement	3,300.84
0	General Fund Bills	47,071.40
0	Electronic Fund Transfers	579,545.34
0	TOTAL	\$764,483.10
- Resignation of Cheerleading Coach – Aimee Schmidt
- Employment of H.S. Kitchen Assistant – Dawn Trinkle
- Employment of Varsity Girl’s Basketball Coach – Dawn Superczynski
- Employment of J.V. Girl’s Basketball Coach – Katie Mangan
- Employment of Sixth Grade Science Teacher – Antoinette Sovis
- Facility Request:
  - Kit Brunell – C.A.S. Cheerleading – December 10 & 17, 2008, - E.S. Cafeteria or Careers Room – 6:00-8:00 pm (Team Practice)

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

## **Board Committee Reports**

**Building & Site:** Mr. Scow reported on the Committee meeting held before the Board meeting. Representatives of Siemen's Building Technologies, Inc. presented information on a performance contract to make upgrades in the heating, electrical and lighting systems. Joe McWilliams, Shirley Riley and Mr. Scow had met with Siemen's representatives earlier this fall regarding evaluation of the district's energy costs and a proposal to reduce heating and lighting expenditures. In essence, Siemen's will guarantee a predetermined savings over a 10-year period if the district invests in improvement and replacement of district infrastructure.

Siemen's representatives were invited to attend a Board Work Session on December 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**Contract Negotiations:** No meeting.

**Curriculum/Professional Development Committee:** Theresa Krejci reviewed her November report noting that a Professional Development Day was held for staff on November 13, 2008. She also noted that there are two curriculum change proposals on tonight's agenda for approval:

- H.S. Math – Separate Algebra II into two levels: Algebra II and Honors Algebra 2
- H.S. Science – Separate Chemistry into two levels: Chemistry and Honors Chemistry.

**Comprehensive Health Committee:** No meeting

**Policy & Guidelines Committee:** No meeting

**Shiawassee County School Board Executive Committee:** No meeting

## **Public Input**

Rhonda Burman addressed the Board regarding an incident involving her daughter that occurred in the middle school last April. Mrs. Burman requested a closed session at a later date and presented a list of questions to which she requested a written response.

Mr. Mitchell noted that Board members had received copies of a certified letter she sent to the Superintendent's Office, that her questions were being researched and that she would receive a written response.

Mrs. Burman then surfaced an issue involving her daughter and another middle school student that allegedly occurred during lunch recess the week of November 10-14, 2008. Mr. Mitchell asked if she had reported the incident to the school authorities. She responded that she had not; that she did not want to get the other student in trouble, so she took care of it herself by calling the parents of the other student.

## **Varsity Boy's Basketball Field Trip Request – Manistee, Michigan**

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request for the Varsity Boy's Basketball Team to travel to Manistee, Michigan from November 28 through 29, 2008.

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

## **Curriculum Change Proposal – Algebra II and Honors Algebra II**

Moved by Markley, supported by Viener, that the Byron Board of Education approve the curriculum change proposal to separate the current Algebra II course into Algebra II and Honors Algebra II.

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

## **Curriculum Change Proposal – Chemistry and Honors Chemistry**

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education approve the curriculum change proposal to separate the current Chemistry course into Chemistry and Honors Chemistry.

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

## **Board Committee Appointments to Student Expulsion Hearing Committee**

Moved by McGuire, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education appoint David Mitchell and Randy Markley as Board of Education representatives to the Student Expulsion Hearing Committee.

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

**Information Items**

- “Soaring Eagle” Nice Job Notices:

Staff:

Jamie Anderson  
Mike Bentley  
Tammy Boyd  
Paul Dinse  
Tom Dykstra  
Tate Forbush (2)  
Carol Geer-Amsterburg  
Julie Glidden  
Miranda Kundrat  
Olivia Lake-LoFiego  
Autumn McGuire

Ellie Miler  
Dave Richardson (3)  
Pam Richardson (2)  
Dan Scow  
Malinda Smith  
Stephanie Thompson  
Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Teachers  
Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Teachers

Student:

Hannah Vowles

- Upcoming Dates:

- November 20 ..... Senior Citizen Luncheon – 1:00 p.m. (H.S. Cafeteria)
- November 22 ..... Holiday Bazaar – 10:00 am – 4:00 p.m. (E.S. Gym)
- November 27 ..... Thanksgiving Day
- November 28 ..... No School
- December 4 ..... BES Literacy Night – 5:00 p.m.
- December 6 ..... BHS Pre-Holiday Wrestling Tournament
- December 6 ..... Masonic Breakfast with Santa – 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- December 11 ..... E.S. Holiday Program – 6:30 p.m.
- December 15 ..... Board of Education Workshop – 7:00 p.m.
- December 15 ..... Regular December Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 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 5 ..... School Resumes

**Adjournment**

Moved by Viener, supported by Markley, that the meeting adjourn at 8:44 p.m.  
Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 7, No 0. Motion Approved. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

By

Michael McGuire  
Secretary