

The October 7, 2009 Work Session of the Byron Board of Education was brought to order by Mr. Randy Markley, President at 6:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office, Byron High School, 312 W. Maple Avenue, Byron, MI 48418.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Anibal, A. Lawrence, R. Markley, J. Vandemark (6:00 p.m.)  
G. Viener (6:30 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Crawford, M. McGuire

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: D. Scow, T. Dykstra

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

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Steve, R. Steve, R. Steve

#### **Closed Session I – Student Disciplinary Hearing**

Moved by Vandemark, supported by Anibal that the Board to into Closed Session to consider a student disciplinary matter, pursuant to the request of the parent/guardian for “Student A” at 6:05 p.m.

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

#### **Open Session – Recommendation Regarding Closed Student Hearing**

Moved by Lawrence, supported by Anibal, that the Byron Board of Education suspend “Student A” for a total of ten (10) days, including days already served. “Student A” may return to school following the suspension under a student behavioral contract.

Vote (Voice): Yes 5, Absent 2, No 0. Motion Approved.

#### **Financial Update**

Shirley Riley, Mr. Scow and the Board discussed how the proposed \$218/student cut from the State would affect the district's budget. Mrs. Riley noted that in June of 2009 the Board approved the 2009-10 budget with a deficit of \$119,169 to be used from fund equity. Since June some changes have been made in staff and programs, along with changes in the student count and a proposed change in the state foundation. The proposed cut of \$218 per student would be a reduction in revenue of \$217,724. With the changes in staff and programs (i.e., extended day kindergarten, no kindergarten bus runs, etc.), the cut of \$218 per student would mean a deficit of \$359,729, not \$390,893. If the state goes ahead with the \$218 per pupil foundation cut, the district will need to cut \$156,050 from the current budget so that no more than the approved amount of \$119,169 is used from fund equity.

Mrs. Riley also noted that the 2008-09 school year was ended with the general fund equity of \$1,348,848, which is 13.21% of the 2009-10 budgeted expenditures. Using \$119,169 from the fund equity will leave the ending balance of \$1,229,679 or 12.05%. If \$359,729 were to be used, the fund equity balance would be \$989,119 or 9.69%. The Board discussed the importance of maintaining an adequate fund equity balance in the range of 10-15%, as recommended by the auditors. In order to maintain an adequate fund equity balance, the Board was in agreement to not use more than approved amount of \$119,169 from the fund equity.

#### **Closed Session II – Contract Negotiations**

Moved by Viener, supported by Anibal, that the Board go into Closed Session for discussion of contract negotiations at 8:47 p.m.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 5, Absent 2, No 0. Motion Approved.

#### **Open Session - Adjournment**

Moved by Vandemark, supported by Anibal, that the Board Work Session adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Vote (Voice): Yes 5, Absent 2, No 0. Motion Approved. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

By

Pamela M. Ebner  
Acting Secretary