

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Crawford

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

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Ebner, M. Brenke, S. Glass, A. Lawrence, B. Hillaker,
P. Richardson, K. Clock, T. Forbush, E. Miller, M.
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Audit Report

Anita Arbol of Lewis & Knopf, CPAs, P.C. reviewed the 2007-2008 Audit Report for the school year that ended June 30, 2008. Ms. Arbol noted that the district received a "Clean" audit opinion, which is the highest level of assurance possible for the district's financial statements. Ms. Arbol reported that the district had \$10,451,577 in revenue, 91% of which came from the State of Michigan, and \$10,264,501 in expenditures. She commented positively on the fact that Byron spent 62% of available funds on instruction. She also noted that salaries and benefits account of 82% of the district's expenditures.

IBM Grant Donation

The Board accepted a donation from Amy Lawrence on behalf of IBM. Mrs. Lawrence has worked for IBM for approximately 16 years and was able to secure a grant to purchase a notebook computer and \$1,000 for technology enhancement at the elementary school. Mrs. Lawrence qualified for the grant because she spent approximately 60 hours volunteering at the Byron Area Schools.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Markley, supported by Anibal, that the Byron Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the addition of page 47A:

- Minutes – August 18, 2008 Regular Meeting
- Expenditures for August:

0	Computer Printed Prepaid	\$38,376.75
0	Prescription Reimbursement	0.00
0	General Fund Bills	87,730.31
0	Electronic Fund Transfers	727,225.27
0	TOTAL	\$853,332.33
- Resignation of Brad Chrisinske as Ninth Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- Retirement of Tom Davis as Middle School Sixth Grade Science Teacher
- Employment of Lindsay Estep as Fifth Grade Teacher
- Employment (transfer) of Sarah Fondern from BHS to BMS as Seventh Grade English Teacher
- Employment of Sarah Sutton as Middle School/High School English Teacher (.5)
- Recall of Connie Ragnone as high school English Teacher
- Employment of Tavis McDonald as BMA Teacher (.75)
- Employment of Don McLennan as Social Studies Chairperson
- Resignation of Duane Richardson as Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- Schedule B Appointments and Fall Coaching Assignments
- Facility Requests:

- o PTA, B.E.S., Room 17, PTA meetings for 2008-2009 school year
- o Cub Scouts-Pack 88, B.E.S. Cafeteria, Cub Scout Round-Up, September 15, 2008
- o Cub Scouts-Pack 88, B.E.S. Cafeteria and Gym, Lock-In, January 16, 2009
- o Cub Scouts-Pack 88, B.E.S. Cafeteria, dates as listed for monthly den meetings for 2008-2009 school year.

Vote (Roll Call): Yes 6, No 0, Absent 1. Motion Approved.

Board Committee Reports

Building & Site: No meeting

Contract Negotiations: No meeting.

Curriculum/Professional Development Committee: Theresa Krejci reviewed her report, noting that Constitution Day will be observed by all grades September 17, 2008. Mrs. Krejci also reported on the high school's performance on the 2008 Michigan Merit Exam. She reported that students performed well on the test and exceeded the State averages in all areas.

Comprehensive Health Committee: No meeting

Policy & Guidelines Committee: The committee met on August 18, 2008 to review new and revised policies from NEOLA. These Bylaws and Policies are included for Board approval in the "New Business" section of the agenda.

Shiawassee County School Board Executive Committee: No meeting

Public Input

Mrs. Brenda Hillaker addressed the Board regarding her concerns about the use of videos that have "R" ratings in high school classes. She had received a permission form to sign, stating that the teacher may use such materials in the course of instruction, but that the student may opt out of the instruction for an alternate assignment. Mr. Mitchell thanked Mrs. Hillaker noting that the Board policy will be reviewed and Mr. Scow will contact her as soon as the process is completed.

Byron Middle School Student Code of Conduct

Moved by Viener, supported by Markley, that the Byron Board of Education approve the Byron Middle School code of conduct, the "Eagle Code."

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, Absent 1, No 0. Motion Approved.

FFA Fall Leadership Conference

Moved by Markley, supported by Anibal, that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request from Mr. Forbush for two students to attend the FFA Fall Leadership Conference to be held October 1-2, 2008 in Lansing.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, Absent 1, No 0. Motion Approved.

National FFA Convention

Moved by Viener, supported by Anibal, that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request for six Byron High School FFA students to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National FFA Convention from October 21-25, 2008. Also, that the Board approve the FFA's use of a district van for this trip.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, Absent 1, No 0. Motion Approved.

Revised Bylaws and Policies (Second Half of 2007-2008)

Moved by Markley, supported by Viener, that the Byron Board of Education approve the new and revised bylaws and policies from NEOLA as presented.

Vote (Voice): Yes 6, Absent 1, No 0. Motion Approved.

Fifth Grade Field Trip to Mackinac Island

Moved by Viener, supported by Markley, that the Byron Board of Education approve the fifth grade field trip planned to Mackinac Island and the surrounding area for May 19-21, 2009.

Vote (Voice): Yes 6, Absent 1, No 0. Motion Approved.

Information Items

- “Soaring Eagle” Nice Job Notices:
 - Matt Streeter (2)
 - Joe McWilliams (2)
 - Ed Bedell
 - Rick Conely
 - Carol Geer-Amsterburg
 - Kelly Clock
 - Rhonda Kozlowski
 - Kris Ladi
 - Steve March
 - Theresa Krecji
 - Lindsay Estep
 - Tammy Brost
 - Tina Cornell
 - Kathy Rodriguez
 - Nikki Dorff
 - Brenda Bridges
 - Kim Janicek
 - Shelley Warner
 - Char Bretzlaff
 - Kathy VandeBunte
 - Dan Scow
 - Pam Ebner
 - Carrie Wilcox-Brewer

Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 18 Senior Citizen Luncheon (*High School Cafeteria*) 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 19 Varsity Football vs. Bendle (A) 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Professional Development Day No Students
- Sept. 26 Varsity Football vs. Atherton (A) 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 3 Varsity Football vs. Hamady (A) 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10 Varsity Football vs. New Lothrop (H) 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Senior Citizen Luncheon 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 17 FFA Alumni BBQ – before Homecoming Football Game
- Oct. 17 Varsity Football vs. Buena Vista (H) - *Homecoming!* 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Regular October Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21-25 National FFA Convention

Adjournment

Moved by Viener, supported by Markley, that the meeting adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

Vote (Voice Vote): Yes 6, Absent 1, No 0. Motion Approved. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

By

Michael McGuire
Secretary