

The March 19, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Byron Board of Education was brought to order by Mr. David 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, J. Van Agen, D. Crawford

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:** M. Miller, T. Dykstra, T. Evanish, P. Kentish McWilliams, T. Krejci, S. Riley

**OTHERS PRESENT:** P. Ebner, B. Hillaker, D. Hillaker, J. Root, P. Tonti

### **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FIRMS**

Gunnard Johnson of MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) and Tim Pridgeon of MLI (Michigan Leadership Institute) presented information regarding superintendent search services their firms provide.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Crawford, that the Byron Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda with the addition of page 34A:

- o Minutes of February 26, 2007 Regular Meeting
- o Expenditures for February:
  - Computer Printed Prepaid \$38,298.77
  - General Fund Bills 41,879.43
  - Electronic Fund Transfers 586,416.58
  - TOTAL 666,594.76
- o Resignation of Brad Chrisinske as H.S. Summer School Teacher
- o Employment of Laurie Cormier as Assistant Bookkeeper
- o Resignation of David Richardson as M.S. Baseball Coach
- o Facility Requests
  - Byron Alumni Association – Alumni Banquet – 10/13/07
  - Byron Eagles All Sports Boosters – Craft Show – 11/17/07

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

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building & Site Committee: No meeting

Contract/Negotiations Committee: No meeting

Curriculum/Professional Development Committee: Theresa Krejci reviewed the Curriculum Update included in Board member packets.

Comprehensive Health Committee: No meeting

Policy and Guidelines Committee: No meeting

Shawassee County School Board Executive Committee: No meeting

### **FFA FIELD TRIP REQUEST – REWARD TRIP: WISCONSIN DELLS**

Moved by Crawford, supported by Armstrong, that the Byron Board of Education approve the field trip request from Mr. Forbush for 23 FFA members to travel to the Wisconsin Dells from June 6-8, 2007. Also, that the Board approve the use of one bus for the trip.

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

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

- Jennifer Root addressed the Board regarding concerns with the following:
  - Clarification on budget shortfall vs. need for new school
  - Possibility of school day being lengthened
  - Research as to why students have left Byron Area Schools.
- Brenda Hillaker addressed the Board regarding Middle School sports and the possibility of "Pay to Play."
- Dr. Miller responded to both Mrs. Root and Mrs. Hillaker noting the following:
  - When the bond election was held in November 2005, student enrollment had been increasing over the past several years. In fact, portable classrooms had to be added to deal with the number of students.
  - Concerning the budget shortfall, the new school would have been funded by the bond proceeds. General fund dollars would not have been used to construct a new school.
  - Regarding lengthening of the school day to save money, he noted that when school days are lengthened and the number of days per year lessened, students suffer because of the amount of time they are out of school.
  - On the subject of following-up students that left the district last fall, each student/family that left was contacted and it was found that some "Schools of Choice" students had returned to their district of residence, but that most families relocated out of the area.
  - On the subject of "Pay to Play," the district is already investigating this option.

## **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Crawford, supported by Van Agen, that the Board go into Executive Closed Session for discussion of personnel and contract negotiations issues at 9:05 p.m.

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

## **REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED**

Moved by Van Agen, supported by Anibal, that the regular meeting reconvene at 10:05 p.m.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FIRM**

Moved by Markley, supported by McGuire, that the Byron Board of Education contract with Michigan Association of School Boards to conduct the search for a new superintendent.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Markley, supported by Crawford, that the meeting adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted

By

Michael McGuire  
Secretary