

GAYLORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008
BOARD OF EDUCATION ALPINE INN
7:15 P.M.

MINUTES

Board President Linda Davis called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Board Members Jackie Allsopp, Scott Chesley, Linda Davis, Cathy O'Connor, Bill O'Neill, Mark Vaporis and Jeff Wieber were present. There were approximately 50 guests in attendance.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance [*Remain standing for Moment of Silence*]**
- C. Moment of Silence for our Armed Services Personnel**
- D. Public Input Notice**
- E. Items to be added/changes to agenda**
 - 1. Change Item IVD Sinking Fund Architect Recommendation:** Motion to reflect that architectural services will be put out to bid.
 - 2. Correction to Staff Report:** Correct Personnel/Finance committee update to reflect correct date of meeting as 1-14-08.
- F. Correspondence/Commendations**
 - 1. State of Michigan Proclamation and Resolution** in recognition of School Board Member Appreciation Month.
 - 2. Superintendent Update on Student Safety**

II. CONSENT AGENDA: It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

- A. BOARD MINUTES:** It is recommended that the Board approve as presented:
 - 1. December 10, 2007 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. TREASURERS REPORT:** It is recommended that the Board approve as presented:
 - 1. General Fund bills in the amount of \$430,666.34 (check #50720-52491)**
 - 2. Athletic Fund bills in the amount of \$60,999.00 (check #40097-40175)**
 - 3. Cafeteria Fund bills in the amount of \$66,913.69 (check #4082-4114)**
- C. PERSONNEL**
 - 1. New Employees:** It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring of the following individuals contingent upon a successful criminal history check and unprofessional conduct check, as presented:
 - a. GMS Math Instructor** Erin Stevenson (replacement position)
 - b. GHS Math Instructor** Michelle Walter (60% position)
 - 2. Retirement:** It is recommended that the Board approve the retirement of the following individual, as presented:
 - a. GHS Secretary** Merriann Schwandt (25 years)
 - 3. Leave of Absence:** It is recommended that the Board approve the leave of absence request from January 2 through June 4, 2008 for the following individual, as presented:
 - a. NOE Educational Assistant** Heather Borst

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Allsopp, supported by Mr. Chesley to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

III. STAFF REPORTS:

- A. **Building Curriculum Update: Principals Dennis O'Brien (North Ohio) and Michael Reichard (South Maple)** will update the Board on the High School Tutoring program in our elementary buildings.
- B. **Curriculum Report: Director of Curriculum Brian Pearson** will update the Board on district best practice initiatives.
- C. **1-14-08 Personnel Finance Committee:** Committee Chair Scott Chesley will update the Board on the January 14th committee meeting.
- D. **12-20-07 Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee:** Committee Chair Jeff Wieber will update the Board on the December 20th committee meeting.
- E. **1-2-08 Policy/Negotiations Committee:** Committee Chair Bill O'Neill will update the Board on the January 2nd committee meeting.

IV. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Michigan School Readiness (STARS Program) Allocation Acceptance Agreement:** It is recommended that the Board approve the Allocation Award Notification indicating the number of children and the allocation our district is eligible to receive for the operation of the Michigan School Readiness Program (STARS) for FY 2007-08 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Chesley, supported by Mr. O'Neill to approve the motion to accept the MSRP Allocation agreement, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

- B. **NEOLA 2007-08 1st Half Policy Updates:** It is recommended that the Board approve the first reading of the NEOLA 2007-08 Second Half Policy Updates (Policies 2421, 5136, 5460, 5540, 7250, 7440, 9211) for the 2007-08 school year, as presented.

Motion by the Policy Committee, supported by Mrs. Allsopp to approve the first reading of the NEOLA policy updates, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

- C. **Elmira Building Recommendation:** It is recommended by the Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee that the Board retain this asset, to be maintained and preserved for possible future use, with no intention for immediate action, as presented.

Motion by the Building, Grounds and Transportation Committee, supported by Mrs. O'Connor to approve the motion to maintain the Elmira Building for possible future use, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

- D. **Sinking Fund Architect Bid:** It is recommended that the Board obtain bids for architectural services for the completion of sinking fund projects, as presented.

Motion by the Personnel/Finance Committee, supported by Mr. O'Neill to approve the motion to obtain bids for architectural services, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 5, Nays 2 – Motion Carried

- E. **Other New and Unfinished Business**

- 1. **School safety discussion:** Board Member Vaporis requested additional information from Superintendent Wojtas regarding changes in building and department policies, practices and procedures in response to recent incidents concerning student safety.

V. FUTURE PLANNING

- A. January 23rd: PF committee meeting **canceled**
- B. January 30th: Technology & Curriculum Committee meeting, 11:45 a.m.
- C. February 6th: Board workshop, 12:00 p.m.
- D. February 13: Board candidate deadline to register with County Clerk for May, 2008 election

VI. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Allsopp, supported by Mr. O'Neill to adjourn the January 14, 2008 Regular Board meeting at 9:20 p.m., as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

President

Secretary