

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 14th. This meeting was advertised in the January 9th edition of the Battle Creek Enterprise. President Jeremy Pochop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Lori Mink, Toby Thompson, Brent Bode, Tammy Bierman, and Paul Kuchar. Also present were Superintendent Jake Luhr, Principals Jeff Heimes and Kyle Finke, Dr. Larry Dlugosh, and a visitor. The open meeting law was discussed and posted, and will be followed at every Board meeting. To start the Board meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Oathe of Office for new board members was read and signed by newly elected board members Paul Kuchar and Tammy Bierman.

Mr. Luhr, Secretary of the Board of Education, assumed the chair from President Jeremy Pochop for the purpose of presiding during the election of the Board president. Secretary Jake Luhr then asked the Board for nominations for president.

Brent Bode made a motion to nominate Jeremy Pochop for president of the Board. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with five ayes. Jeremy Pochop abstained.

Jeremy Pochop then assumed the chair as president, and asked for nominations for vice president. Tammy Bierman made a motion to nominate Lori Mink for vice president of the Board. Brent Bode seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with five ayes. Lori Mink abstained.

Lori Mink made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the January general fund bills that totaled \$142,024.50 and a Depreciation fund check for \$16,964.72. Toby Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

The following Board positions were appointed:

- Secretary – Jake Luhr
- Treasurer – Jean Unkel
- Recording Secretary – Ann Barry
- Attorney – Scott Gray
- Newspaper – Battle Creek Enterprise
- Depository – Battle Creek State Bank
- Curriculum/Americanism Committee – Pochop, Thompson, and Bierman
- Building & Grounds Committee – Bode, Mink, and Kuchar
- Finance Committee – Bode, Thompson, and Bierman
- Negotiations Committee – Pochop, Mink, and Kuchar

Mr. Luhr advised the Board that he had a bid from Lingenfelter Electric to install and wire an electric fan forced heater in the women's restroom. Mr. Luhr will get another bid to compare the two bids and let the Board know which one is cheaper.

There was a presentation by Dr. Larry Dlugosh of Emilsson, LLC on a strategic plan and process for Battle Creek Public Schools. Dr. Dlugosh works with the school district and the community to facilitate a collaborative planning process for Battle Creek Public Schools and develop short term, mid-term, and long-term goals. Dr. Dlugosh works with the district over a three year period. The fee for this process is \$15,000.00. The Board will discuss this further at the February Board meeting.

Mr. Luhr presented and reviewed with the Board a tentative school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. It will be reviewed and changes made if necessary before adopting it at the March Board meeting.

After discussion, Lori Mink made a motion to approve the option requests of Braelynn Salmon, 3rd grader, Spencer Salmon, 5th grader, and Kaydence Salmon, 7th grader, for the 2019-2020 school year. These requests were based on available room in the classes at this time. Brent Bode seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

After discussion, Toby Thompson made a motion to approve the option request of Alexis Anderson, 9th grader, for the 2019-2020 school year. This request was based on available room in the class at this time. Paul Kuchar seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried with six ayes.

Comments were heard from the Board, Principals, and Superintendent.

With no further business, Board President Jeremy Pochop adjourned the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

Submitted by,

Jake Luhr, Secretary Board of Education