

February 15, 2015

Discussion on appointing a new board member.

Roll call vote to choose the replacement board member for the board seat vacated by Mrs. Kirstie Miller.

Mr. Matt Powell: Robert Whitcomb, Diane Todd

Mrs. Linda Paille: Eric Stoll, Joanna Jones, Marcia Bumpus

Abstain: Chloe Smith

Mrs. Linda Paille sworn in as new board member.

Motion made and supported that the minutes of the January 18, 2016 regular meeting stand as presented.
Motion passed.

Motion made and supported that the bills be paid in the amount of \$130,719.74. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Bumpus presented a thank you letter received from Bronson at Home for a donation in memory of Mrs. Addie Christenson.

Mrs. Old asked if individual results from the 2014-2015 M-Step testing been received. Not yet received per Mr. Christenson.

Mr. Christenson presented information as to what the Governor is proposing for fiscal changes in the new budget.

Received a comparison of M-Step results for 4th graders at North Adams-Jerome, Hillsdale County ISD and the State of MI. Overall the 4th grade did very well.

Mrs. Kaleta said that negotiating teams need to meet. Budget concerns were voiced. Next school year 180 days are required compared to the current year requirement of 176 days.

Mrs. Old voiced M-Step result concerns. Additional aides have been hired to help lower scoring classes.

K – 12 Update for February

- Homecoming – Lige McKinney was crowned king and Gracie Cook was crowned queen
- IPC – April 15 carnival
- Booster Draw down – successful
- Senior Trip – One day trip to Chicago
- Fifth Grade Trip – Down payment for bus & Mackinaw made and fundraising continues.

Maintenance Report from Linn Otto

- We are still working on the details for the air handler in the gym. Ryan and Bradshaw are communicating with Honeywell to get the issue resolved. Mr. Otto has called Ryan and Bradshaw on February 8 and they said there was a person that stopped by their office and reported that he is working on a solution.
- We had Jackson Sprinkler here to repair 2 fire sprinkler pipes that were leaking.
- Mr. Otto is currently studying for his pesticide renewal license. The test is offered on 2-15 in Coldwater

Bus Supervisor Report from Linn Otto

- Except for a few flats on the buses there have had no major issues.

Discussion on amending the budget.

Motion made and supported to accept the amended 2015-2016 budget for the general fund. Motion passed. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Mrs. Bumpus, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Todd, Mr. Stoll, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Whitcomb, Mrs. Paille; No – None

Discussion on trust and agency checks. The checks require 2 signatures. Mr. Christenson would like to see it only require 1 signature.

Motion made and supported to accept a single signature on trust and agency checks if accompanied by a signed receipt or invoice. Motion passed. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Mrs. Paille, Mrs. Bumpus, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Todd, Mr. Stoll, Mr. Whitcomb; No – Mrs. Smith

Discussion on early college. No new information. The meeting was postponed until March 7, 2016 at 2:00 at Litchfield to discuss.

Discussion on the bid from Gabridge to do the audit for the 2016-2017 school year, 2017-2018 school year, and the 2018-2019 school year at an annual expense not to exceed \$6,640.00.

Motion made and supported to accept the 3 year contract with Gabridge and Company with a cost not to exceed \$6,640.00 annually. Motion passed.

Discussion on payables. Change the hold time on bills from 48 hours to 24 hours to ensure bills are paid on time.

Motion made and supported to change the hold time on bills from 48 hours to 24 hours to ensure bills are paid on time. Motion passed.

Motion made and supported to schedule a retreat day on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the high school library. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Jones asked the intentions of administration for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Christenson said it will be discussed at the April board meeting.

Mrs. Old referenced the grant from Dawn Foods. Refurbished computers were not in new condition. The purchase order will be reviewed. Grant funds should have been spent as described in the grant approval.

Trees from the grant were not planted in a timely fashion.

Mrs. Kaleta said that fundraising ideas must be approved by the class advisor. Class advisor to seek approval of the principal.

Mr. Whitcomb – School Rule WILX TV to promote the school.

President Eric Stoll adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.