

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Constantine, Michigan

Organizational Board of Education Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Taylor in the High School LGIA at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Dale Davidhizar, Chuck Colley, Jeffrey Zimont, Kevin Brouse, Mary Smith, Jacob Bergh, and John Shuler

Members Absent: None

Superintendent Taylor administered the New Board Member Oath to Chuck Colley and John Shuler.

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Bergh to nominate the following slate of officers: Jeffrey Zimont President, Jake Bergh Vice President; Mary Smith Treasurer and Kevin Brouse Secretary.

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Bergh to set the 2006-2007 Board of Education Work Session and Meeting dates, times and locations, and to set the maximum number of *paid* meetings (including committee meetings) at 36 for the 2006-2007 Board Year.

<u>Work Sessions</u>	<u>Regular Board Meetings</u>
August 2 – Supt. Office	August 14 – CHS LGIA
September 6 – Supt. Office	September 11 – CHS LGIA
October 4 – Supt. Office	October 9 – Mason Township Hall
November 8 – Supt. Office	November 13 – CHS LGIA
December 6 – Supt. Office	December 11 – CHS LGIA
January 10 – Supt. Office	January 15 – CHS LGIA
February 7 – Supt. Office	February 12 – CHS LGIA
March 6 – Supt. Office (Tues.)	March 12 – CHS LGIA
April 11 – Supt. Office	April 16 – CHS LGIA
May 16 – Supt. Office	May 21 – CHS LGIA
June 6 – Supt. Office	June 11 – CHS LGIA
July 11 – Supt. Office	July 16 – CHS LGIA

Board of Education Work Sessions will be held as indicated above and set for 6:30 PM unless changed by proper notice. The Regular Board of Education meetings will be held as indicated above and set for 7:00 PM unless changed by proper notice. The main office of the Board of Education is located in the Superintendent's Office, 664 Canaris St., Constantine, MI 49042-1310.

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Smith to authorize the Superintendent or Business Manager to invest school funds, and designate the Business Manager as the Electronic Transfer Officer.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Bergh to designate the following banks as depositories for the 2006-07 school year:

1. General Fund, Payroll, Activity, Capital Projects, Debt Retirement, Money Market, Health Savings Account, Flex Accounts: First National Bank of Three Rivers – Constantine Branch
2. Athletic & Lunch Accounts: First National Bank of Three Rivers – Constantine Branch
3. Additional Banks: Fifth Third Bank – Three Rivers; Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF); Citizens Bank – Sturgis; Standard Federal Bank – Constantine.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Brouse to designate the following signatories on school district bank accounts and require the Superintendent and/or Business Manager to maintain adequate written records of all transactions for the 2006-07 school year:

1. General Fund – Any two of the following: President, Treasurer, Superintendent, Business Manager
2. Payroll – Any two of the following: President, Treasurer, Superintendent, Business Manager
3. Athletic Account (officials) – Any one of the following: Athletic Director, Athletic Secretary, Superintendent, Business Manager, President, Treasurer
4. Lunch Account – Any two of the following: President, Treasurer, Superintendent, Business Manager
4. Activity Accounts – Any two of the following: President, Treasurer, Superintendent, Business Manager
5. Contracts and Agreements – Superintendent or an Administrative Designee

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Bergh to appoint Thrun Law Firm, PC of Lansing, MI as the law firm to represent the Constantine Public School's Board of Education for the 2006-2007 school year.

Roll Call Vote: J.S. aye, K.B. aye, M.S. aye, J.B. aye, C.C. aye, D.D. aye, J.Z. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Smith that the Board Secretary, Brouse, administers the oath and delegate all duties of the district's School Elections Administrator to Superintendent Taylor.

Voice Vote

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Bergh to approve continuing Board memberships in the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), the St. Joseph County School Board Association (SJCSBA), and the Michigan Negotiators Association (MNA), with the exception of membership in the School Equity Caucus at this time.

(These were some discussions by the Board on needing more time to review consideration of membership to the School Equity Caucus.)

Roll Call Vote: J.Z. aye, M.S. aye, J.B. aye, C.C. aye, K.B. aye, J.S. aye, D.D. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

President Zimont appointed the following to represent Board Standing Committees for the 2006-07 school year:

Personnel: Chair- Davidhizar, Bergh, Shuler

Finance: Chair- Zimont, Smith, Colley

Facilities: Chair- Bergh, Brouse, Shuler

Policy: Chair- Smith, Brouse, Zimont

Davidhizar suggested appointment of a Board representative for SJCSBA. Zimont appointed Davidhizar to continue this position.

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Davidhizar to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 7:20 PM.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Regular Board of Education Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Zimont in the High School LGIA at 7:21 PM.

Members Present: Dale Davidhizar, Jeffrey Zimont, Kevin Brouse, Mary Smith, Jacob Bergh, Chuck Colley, and John Shuler

Members Absent: None

Moved by Smith and seconded by Brouse to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to include minutes of the June 26, 2006 Regular Board of Education Meeting, and bills in the amount of \$172,892.59 for the general fund.

Roll Call Vote: J.B. aye, J.Z. aye, K.B. aye, M.S. aye, C.C. aye, J.S. aye, D.D. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Audience with Individuals:

1. Laura Withers, President of CEA, expressed desire for a quality contract to retain excellence in educators for the Constantine School District.

Action Items:

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Smith to accept with appreciation for her 9 years of service to the district, Sharon Secor's resignation for the purpose of retirement, and also to accept the resignation of CHS Chemistry & Physics teacher Lindsey McConney, with appreciation for her 2 years of service to the district, as presented by the administration.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Brouse to adopt the MHSAA membership resolution for the Middle School and High School for 2006-07, as presented by the administration.

Voice Vote

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Smith to appoint Colley as the Board's representative to the District School Improvement Team.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Bergh to appoint Jeff Zimont as Board Legislative Relations Network representative to MASB.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Davidhizar to approve the 2006 debt levy at 6.75 mills, as presented by the Business Manager, and Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: D.D. aye, C.C. aye, K.B. aye, M.S. aye, J.B. aye, J.S. aye, J.Z. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

1. Taylor announced that the District would hold an auction of various unused items on August 21, 2006 at 5:00 PM in the Canaris Street School. Fred Schwartz of Sturgis will be auctioneer. The big item of the evening will be the auctioning of the blue house (not including property) located next to the district offices on Canaris Street. House will be available for inspection in early August, other items may be inspected on the day of auction.
2. Taylor stated that he distributed a flyer to the Board from SET SEG outlining the BCBSM HSA Health insurance plan used by administrators and those support staff with health benefits. He noted that the Dental/Vision costs did not increase for this coming year, and the HSA health portion of the plan increased by only 2%.
3. Lisa Pointer-Seidner, Business Manager announced that the District had received a discount check from SET SEG Self Insured Worker's Compensation Fund of \$24,460 which will be applied as a discount toward the district's quarterly premiums.
4. Taylor also asked the board to update their information on the sheet provided with contact info. A calendar of events will follow soon.
5. Taylor stated that Athletic Director, Mike Messner's father had passed away this afternoon. The thoughts and prayers of the district are with the family.
6. Taylor also apologized for any inconvenience to the community during the installation of the new stadium lights. Although a notice was placed in the village newsletter, not all residents may have been aware of the 100 hour burn-in requirement to the new bulbs. He also gave an immense thanks to the Constantine Rotary Club, as they presented the district with a check of \$53,158.70 for the lights this past week.
7. Taylor stated that the air conditioning had been shut off in CHS as no activities were planned for July. The problem with recent temperature control issues stem from a reset of the system which took place over the winter. Currently a night reset needs to be adjusted. Shearer contacted Skanska to cover reset with Trane.
8. Zimont, asked Taylor to follow up on the CMS technology lab and security camera installation. Taylor stated that Ben Daugherty was on vacation until today, but would be back on track this week. The goal is to have installation completed and a test of the security cameras in late August.

Additional Audience with Individuals:

1. Doug Eby, CMS teacher, asked if the stadium lights were aimed already. Taylor stated that they were supposed to be aimed with a laser and was not sure if that had already taken place. He stated that an additional pole will also be set soon to illuminate the chute, shot, and discuss areas. Eby also questioned how many computers were slated for the MS computer lab? Taylor answered 30 is the number the Technology Coordinator is anticipating. He also wondered about the statement of Pointer-Seidner concerning the refund for Self- Insured Insurance. Pointer-Seidner said it refers to workman’s comp insurance as a part of the property casualty pool of SET SEG. The SET SEG Vision and Dental plans are also self-insured, but not the health portion, which is Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan..
2. Tod Witek, asked Taylor about the length of the bond, if it was 27 or 29 years? Taylor stated that the debt levy does not change the original bond language. Recent bond refinancing the past two years will likely decrease the number of years to pay off the debt, with the annual levy rate dependent on what year the bond refinancing took place and the district SEV rate. [The final bond maturity date is May, 2029.]
3. Chris Stacey, CMS teacher, asked if the remaining LCD projectors would be installed before the start of school. Taylor said they would be up and running before school starts, and the MS is slated to be cleaned last.
4. Ethan Strawser, CHS teacher, reiterated Withers’ earlier opinion on CEA contract bargaining. He also commented on the quality of the staff that had resigned this evening.
5. Hilary Curtis, RS teacher, stated that as a probationary teacher she was concerned over bargaining contracts on an annual basis. She wished for a stable relationship between CEA and Board.

Board Member Items:

Brouse announced that he had taken the class of 1956 through the new high school for their 50 year class reunion. He stated that it was a diverse and entertaining group and they had a good time.

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Smith to go into closed session and return for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 8:48 PM.

Roll Call Vote: C.C. aye, K.B. aye, M.S. aye, J.B. aye, J.S. aye, D.D. aye, J.Z. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

President Zimont brought the Board out of closed session at 9:08 PM.

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Davidhizar to adjourn at 9:09 PM.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Kevin Brouse, Secretary
Board of Education