

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Constantine, Michigan

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, January 15, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Zimont in the High School Large Group Instruction Area at 7:00 PM.

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

Members Absent: Dale Davidhizar

Moved by Smith and seconded by Bergh approve the Consent Agenda as presented to include minutes of the December 11, 2006 Regular Board of Education Meeting, and bills in the amount of \$184,847.54 for the general fund.

Voice Vote:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Audience with Individuals:

1. Taylor presented the Board with embroidered Constantine Public School shirts and certificates, while the CHS Student Senate also gave each member a gift bag and thanked them for their dedication to this sometimes difficult position of providing continuous, quality leadership to our district.
2. Nancy Hill, teacher, recognized the finalists from grades 5-8 in the annual Geography Bee.
3. Jan Reed, from the St. Joseph county mentoring program, presented a resolution to the Board for their approval during mentoring month.

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Smith to approve the mentoring proclamation as presented by Reed and the Superintendent.

Voice Vote:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Action Items:

Moved by Colley and seconded by Brouse to approve Hilary Curtis, Special Education teacher, for tenure, as presented by the Administration.

Voice Vote:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Colley to approve the hiring of the following MS coaches: 8th grade volleyball, Christ Stacey at Step 1 and 7th grade volleyball, Jenna Gormley at Step 4, and MS wrestling, John Bauman at Step 1, as presented by the Athletic Director and Superintendent.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Bergh to approve the hiring of a Special Education teacher (at least a minimum 2/3 time position), as presented by the Superintendent.

Voice Vote:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

1. Taylor discussed the upcoming school board election and possibility for the addition of a Headlee proposal on the ballot.
2. Taylor also reminded the audience of the upcoming 2007 musical “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying”. There are three performances in January 2007. The 19th and 20th shows will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the high school LGIA and the Sunday show at 2:00 p.m. on the 21st.

Additional Audience with Individuals:

1. Sue Lowler, teacher suggested to the board that a Headlee committee be formed to help ensure that it would pass.
2. Stacey Coville, teacher expressed her desire that the teacher contract be settled quickly. Zimont responded that the Board is doing all in its power to come to an agreement, and Taylor added that he received notice that the fact finding could be delayed until April.

Board Member Items:

1. Kevin Brouse announced that he will be resigning his position on the School Board effective June 30, 2007. Taylor noted this would create four positions during the upcoming annual school election in May. There will be two four year terms (Davidhizar's & Smith's), one three year term (Colley's) and one two year term (Brouse's), which will require candidates to designate for which term they intend to run.

Moved by Colley and seconded by Smith to go into closed session and return to discuss negotiations and a letter from the district's attorney.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Zimont adjourned the regular meeting at 7:53 PM.

Kevin Brouse, Secretary
Board of Education