

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Constantine, Michigan

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Zimont in the Riverside Media Center at 7:00 PM.

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

Members Absent: John Shuler

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to include minutes of the March 12, 2007 Regular Board of Education Meeting, Policy & Finance Committee meeting minutes from March 29, 2007 and Work Session & Personnel Committee Meeting minutes of April 11, 2007, and bills in the amount of \$39,127.43 for the General Fund.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Celebrations & Audience with Individuals:

1. David Marsh, introduced himself as a SJCISD Board Candidate.
2. Craig Badman, in place of Dorothy Brueck, RS art teacher, recognized Riverside Art Students with projects going to state competitions, and presented them with certificates.
3. Glenda Beach, Quiz Bowl supervisor, presented the trophy and recognized her MS County Quiz Bowl Champions. The following students were part of the team, Nic Jones, Jordan Schrock, Matt Erbes, Emily Axe, Kevin Anderson, Chelsea Strawser, Tony Weston, Ron Fancher,
4. Seth Parker introduced Matt Erbes as Constantine's representative to the State Geography Bee. He finished in 10th place.
5. Mary Grunert, teacher, gave an academic assistance update. Present were Brandy Anders, Amber Featherstone, and Ashley Strang as part of the program started in 1992 by Marie Giacobone and Jack Deller. She has 75 students in the program this year.

Action Items:

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Smith to approve the proposed budget revisions as presented by the Business Manager and Superintendent.

*Lisa Pointer-Seidner clarified the budget changes, while Norm Taylor discussed proposed state budget prorations.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Brouse to approve the 2nd year continuing probation for Jessica Barth, Sherri Borton, Elizabeth Buckhold, Rick Bush, Jaime Chupp, Jeremie Coplin, Shanna Gableman, Travis Martin, Megan Schropp, Rachel Searls, Laura Telsworth, Steve Wilson, and David Wing; 3rd year continuing probation for Melanie Mattson, Mike Sellers, and Holly Strawser; and 4th year continuing probation for Debra Reed-Serwicki, as presented by the Administration.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Smith to approve tenure for David Barney, Christine Fenner, and Sharon Zimont, as presented by the administration.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Colley to approve the Constantine Educational Administrative Assistants Association contract for 2006-2008, as presented by the Superintendent.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Smith to approve the first reading of these new & revised Board Policies: 2431, 2623, 3121/4121, 3362/4362, 4120.09, 5350, 5460, 5517, 5517.01, 5630.01, 6520, 9150 as presented by NEOLA and the Superintendent.

Voice Vote:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Brouse and seconded by Davidhizar to approve the long term suspension for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year for students, 07.03.06HS, 07.04.08HS and 07.04.02MS as presented by the Principals and Superintendent.

Voice Vote:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Davidhizar to approve the hiring of Mary Jo Wittenberg as Head JV Softball Coach at Step 1, as presented by the Athletic Director and Superintendent.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Smith to accept with regret the resignation of Jan Stoner for the purpose of retirement, and express our sincere appreciation for her 22 years of dedication to the students of Constantine, as presented by the Superintendent.

Voice Vote:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

1. School of Choice Update was given by Norm Taylor. There is a current net gain of 12 students.
2. Taylor also announced the District Strategic Planning Forum April 19, 2007 at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the CHS Media Center. Everyone is welcome.
3. Taylor announced that the SJCISD Special Ed Parent Advisory Committee, declared their nominations, and winners in many categories concerning Special Education Support Services Personnel. Constantine had many individuals on this list of nominees and winners!

Additional Audience with Individuals:

1. Kelly Harold, citizen and parent, read a prepared statement concerning a student safety issue at Eastside. Zimont responded that the Board is aware of the situation and will address it.

Board Member Items:

1. Zimont discussed the May Board of Education election. Also, the Board will begin accepting letters of interest from anyone who wishes to be considered for appointment to the Board trustee position that will be vacated by Kevin Brouse effective at the end of June 2007.

2. Brouse added that Rachel Searls, HS teacher, will be putting on the play “Fools” with a small cast this weekend. The Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:00 PM, while the Sunday matinee will begin at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 for adult and \$5.00 for children/students and seniors.

Moved by Smith and seconded by Davidhizar to go into closed session to discuss negotiations at 8:00 PM.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Davidhizar to come out of closed session at 9:32 p.m.

Voice Vote:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Zimont adjourned the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Kevin Brouse, Secretary
Board of Education