

**CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Constantine, Michigan**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Monday, June 11, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Zimont in the Middle School Media Center. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing which began at 6:45 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Bergh to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to include minutes of the May 21, 2007 Regular Board of Education Meeting and May 23, 2007 Special Board Meeting, Work Session minutes of June 6, 2007, and Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 6, 2007, and bills in the amount of \$124,078.07 for the General Fund.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

**Celebrations & Audience with Individuals:**

1. Crystal Schrock & Barb Wittenberg – teachers, recognized their first grade Reading Recovery graduates and showed a PowerPoint presentation regarding their program. This year's graduates are: Jack Jones, Lucas Mann, Brendan Walker, Sam Warren, Devyn Begley, Brittany Alanis, Jason Ray, Josilyn Derda, Nicole Schwemer, Hunter Williams, Amber Hummel, Parker Boembeke and each received a new book.
2. Dale Wentela discussed the current status of the Summer School program supervised by Laurie Longcore. The program is doing well, with the high school section currently overfilled.
3. Cindy Warren, parent of a Reading Recovery student praised the success of the program and the progress she has seen in her son.
4. Darcy Jones, parent of a Reading Recovery student also is very happy with the great strides her son has made in reading and hopes that the program will continue.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Smith and seconded by Colley to approve the 2006-07 budget revisions and authorize the Superintendent to make any final revisions that are required by the audit, as presented by the Finance Committee, Business Manager and the Superintendent.

\*Lisa Pointer-Seidner, Business Manager gave a brief update of the 2006-2007 budget revisions.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Smith to adopt the Budget Resolution for the 2007-2008 preliminary budgets, as presented by the Finance Committee, Business Manager and Superintendent.

\*Lisa Pointer-Seidner, Business Manager gave a brief update of the proposed 2007-2008 budget.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Moved by Brouse and seconded by Smith to approve the first reading of these new & revised Board Policies: 3126/4126, 3127/4127, 4139 & 4140, as presented by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

\*Taylor summarized the policies.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Shuler to accept with regret the resignation of Megan Schropp, CMS Special Education teacher, and express our appreciation for her past year of service to the students of Constantine Public Schools, as presented by the Superintendent.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Bergh to appoint Mary Smith to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the term vacated by the resignation of Kevin Brouse.

Voice Vote:

5 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent, 1 Abstention  
Motion Carried

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Smith to approve Michael Mulligan as the new CHS principal at a salary of \$80,546.00 for a two year probationary contract, as presented by the Superintendent.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Moved by Brouse and seconded by Colley to accept the donation of Eastside playground equipment from the Eastside PTA in the amount of \$15, 006.00, as presented by the Superintendent.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

**Discussion Items:**

1. Taylor announced that the Constantine Rotary club will host the annual Fireside Dinner; Wednesday June, 23 2007 at 6:30 p.m. He also reminded the Board of the July 11, 2007 work session in the HS Media Center, and July 16, 2007 Organizational Board meeting in the LGI.
2. Taylor along with Athletic Director, Mike Messner discussed the potential league realignment for the SJV. Mike would like to have permission to send a letter of application along with Schoolcraft schools, to Kalamazoo Valley Association (KVA) asking that we continue dialog to possibly join their league.
3. Taylor presented Dale Davidhizar Jr. with an 8 year Golden Bell award for his years of service to the Board of Education, including 6 years serving as Board President. Kevin Brouse also received a 2 year Golden Bell award for his service to the Board. Davidhizar and Brouse both expressed their pleasure of being a part of the Board and stated that they will still be present in the district.

**Additional Audience with Individuals:**

1. Ethan Strawser, teacher, questioned the HS principal salary and annuity. Pointer-Seidner answered the issue. He also wondered about the staff reduction of 5 teachers. Taylor answered that considering resignations and retirements; it would be the equivalent of 1 teacher and 2 aides with other possible staff reductions and reassignments.
2. Donna Strawser, taxpayer stated that she has information on the proposed U.S. 131 bypass.

**Board Member Items:**

1. Shuler commented on the criticism concerning the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Clue-Me-In decision made earlier in the year by teachers and the administration. The issue was discussed at the May Board meeting, and after looking into it, the Board supports the decision of the teachers and administration.
2. Zimont discussed the impact of the Headlee rollback on the current budget, and encouraged the public to ask questions, as the additional revenue would greatly impact the current and future budgets.
3. Brouse encouraged the Board to continue the departmental meetings that the Board began this year.

Moved by Davidhizar and seconded by Smith to go into closed session to discuss negotiations at 8:15 PM.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent  
Motion Carried

Zimont adjourned the Closed Session at 10:48 PM.

Zimont adjourned the regular meeting at 10:49 PM.

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Kevin Brouse, Secretary  
Board of Education