

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Constantine, Michigan

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Zimont in the Eastside Gymnasium at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Jeffrey Zimont, Phil Portinga, Mary Smith, Chuck Colley, Jacob Bergh, Pat Touse and John Shuler

Members Absent: None

Moved by Colley and seconded by Touse to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to include minutes of the January 8, 2008 Work Session, January 14, 2008, Regular and Special Meetings, January 18, 2008 Personnel Committee Meeting, Special Meeting minutes of January 21 & 28, 2008, Work Session minutes of February 5, 2008, and bills in the amount of \$592,953.09 for the general fund.

Roll Call Vote: J.B. aye, M.S. aye, P.T. aye, P.P. aye, C.C. aye, J.S. aye, J.Z. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Celebrations & Audience with Individuals:

1. Tori Wentela noted the fantastic turnout for the Nancy Moore benefit dinner which was catered by Chartwell's who she stated did a wonderful job. Messner added that it was a special night and Nancy was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support. An upcoming benefit basketball game will be held next week.

Action Items:

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Bergh to approve the Interim Superintendent's (Mr. David Casey) Contract, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: C.C. aye, J.S. aye, P.T. aye, P.P. aye, J.B. aye, M.S. aye, J.Z. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Bergh to approve the resolution calling for the annual school election, as presented by the Superintendent.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Shuler to accept with regret the resignation of CMS Special Education teacher Debbie Veeder, with appreciation for her half year of service effective January 16, 2008, CMS Counselor Sherri Borton, with appreciation for her 1½ years of service effective February 1, 2008 and Maintenance Supervisor, Allen Shearer, with appreciation for his 3 years of service effective June 30, 2008, as presented by the Superintendent.

Vote Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Touse to accept the FMLA request of Holly Strawser, as requested.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Bergh and seconded by Smith to approve the SJCISD Five Years Calendars, as presented by the Administration.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

1. Casey discussed school election deadline. Petitions are due February 13, 2008 at 4:00 PM to the St. Joseph County Clerk's office.
2. Casey also discussed the School of Choice results. Constantine had a net gain of 2 students.
3. Zimont discussed the schedule for the remainder of the year concerning the budget process. Mr. Casey will be looking into additional budget cuts and is anticipating support from the Board when they are presented. Bergh suggested that streamlining could be looked into concerning heating and cooling. Touse asked when Messiah Lutheran church was planning on moving out of the Canaris Street School. Smith stated that they would be out later this month.
4. Dale Schreuder and Craig Meisner from the Michigan Leadership Institute were on hand to discuss upcoming forums for the Superintendent Search. Their role is to ensure that the process is thorough and all bases are covered. They will bring the best candidates to the Board according to criteria set by the district and Board. He presented an agenda to the Board and audience concerning suggested timelines for the remainder of the search process. Julie will post the appropriate changes to the meetings. As long as meetings are well advertised and placed on the website, the district will show due diligence in getting public input on the Superintendent profile.

Additional Audience with Individuals:

1. None

Board Member Items:

1. Bergh discussed scheduling a Personnel Committee Meeting to talk about the Superintendent Contract. Zimont will get back to the Board about a meeting.
2. The Board will schedule a Board Retreat for a later date after Mr. Casey has had time to meet with everyone.

Zimont adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Charles Colley, Secretary
Board of Education