

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Constantine, Michigan

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Shuler in the Middle School Media Center at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Marilyn Ritzer, Phil Portinga, Pat Touse, Mary Smith, Connie Dalrymple,
Chuck Colley, and John Shuler

Members Absent: None

Moved by Colley and seconded by Portinga to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

Moved by Smith and seconded by Ritzer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to include minutes of the regular meeting minutes of October 13, 2008, Special Meeting minutes of October 20, 2008, Work Session minutes of November 4 2008 and bills in the amount of \$323,020.21 for the general fund.

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

Audience with Individuals:

1. Jean Logan, Middle School Principal noted the one year anniversary of the death of student Jody Parrack had just passed and that the MS students had created memorials in her honor. The Middle School will also be hosting a free Cyber Safety course for parents presented by the MDE on December 3, 2008 in the High School LGI.
2. Kristin Flynn, Eastside Principal reminded everyone that tomorrow is Veteran's Day and thanked our local veterans. She marks her 17th year in the military and as her unit will deploy in May without her, she thanked Superintendent Chuck Frisbie for his continued support.

Building Reports/Superintendent's Update/Discussion Items:

1. Charles Frisbie, Superintendent, updated information on the following;
 - a. Positive feedback on the 2008-08 audit by auditor Rick Strawser, with a current fund balance of \$816,000
 - b. Shuler and Touse gave input on their recent trip to the MASB Fall Conference and Delegates Assembly, noting the bleak financial outlook.
 - c. The district would like to purchase a tractor and skidster in lieu of hiring out for snow removal as it would save money.
 - d. New administrator insurance proposals are being looked at which may save up to \$4000 per person annually.

- e. The transportation department has submitted a five year plan for replacement of older model busses, which also includes the upcoming lease balloon payment for the 3 new busses.
 - f. The NEOLA updates are currently being looked at due to some questions concerning policies.
 - g. The November budget revisions are currently at \$138,000 in the hole, but with a cushion so the district should break even at the end of the 2008-09 school year unless the state prorates the foundation allowance per student.
 - h. Larry Springer, Transportation mechanic has received a 100% rating for all busses in the fleet for the 8th year in a row!
2. Michael Mulligan, High School Principal discussed the student exchange program through the KVA and the good feedback he is getting. He also noted the letter of thanks from the Constantine Food Bank for the recent donations. The National Honor Society will be having their induction ceremony on November 20th in the LGi at 7:00 p.m.
 3. Craig Badman, Riverside Principal invited everyone to the Aristocats play put on by MS & RS students this Saturday at 7:00 and Sunday at 3:00. He also announced the clothing give away that will take place December 6th from 10:00-2:00, all items are free and donations are currently being accepted. He also commended his staff for their hard work during the MEAP testing which is now complete!
 4. Kristin Flynn, Eastside Principal invited everyone to the PTA Carnival this coming Saturday and noted the success of last week's first annual bazaar. She noted that Eastside students would celebrate Veteran's Day tomorrow.
 5. Jean Logan, Middle School Principal reported that the MS will be starting an after school program for students called FFA, Free For All. It will take place one day a week after school and students will have something to create or do. Staff will also be having dress down Thursday when they can donate \$5 to wear jeans and all money will go to a charitable cause chosen by the students. All staff are invited to the holiday gathering at the American Legion on December 13th. Tickets can be purchased in the Superintendent's office.
 6. Mike Messner, Athletic Director announced another successful LeFevre Invitational which took place last month. The FAB Auction which took place on October 25th was a huge success! The Constantine Community Fitness Center also had its official grand opening and currently has over 60 members!
 7. Frisbie also noted that the administrators met prior to the Board meeting and discussed changing district photographers from Interstate Studios to Lifetouch as they would donate \$1000 back to each building. Professional Development changes were also discussed, with options covering use of Fair Days, early dismissals and summertime PD. A new technology/curriculum plan must be implemented per the state, so a 5 year plan is being developed to meet the technology goals of the district. Summer tax collection is also being looked at and currently no objections have been presented to the Business Office.

Action Items:

Moved by Touse and seconded by Ritzer to approve the 2007-2008 district financial audit, as recommended by the Business Manager, Finance Committee and Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: C.C. aye, P.P. aye, P.T. aye, M.R. aye, M.S. aye, C.D. aye, J.S. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Touse to approve the purchase of a John Deere 325 tractor at \$52,212.16, as recommended by the Maintenance Director.

Roll Call Vote: C.D. aye, M.R. aye, P.T. aye, C.C. aye, M.S. aye, J.S. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the purchase of a John Deere Skidster, not to exceed \$20,000, as recommended by the Maintenance Director.

***Action item was tabled until further financial and warranty information can be provided to the Board.**

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Smith to approve the November budget revisions as recommended by the Business Manager and Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: P.T. aye, C.D. aye, M.R. aye, P.P. aye, M.S. aye, C.C. aye, J.S. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Touse to approve the resignation of Julie Staffen as Finance Coordinator, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: M.R. aye, C.C. aye, C.D. aye, M.S. aye, P.P. aye, P.T. aye, J.S. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Dalrymple and seconded by Ritzer to approve the change in leave from an FMLA to a leave of absence for Bus Driver, Dianna Foura, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote: M.S. aye, M.R. aye, C.D. aye, P.T. aye, P.P. aye, C.C. aye, J.S. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Touse to approve the FMLA request from Jill Seman as presented.

Roll Call Vote: C.C. aye, M.S. aye, P.T. aye, C.D. aye, M.R. aye, P.P. aye, J.S. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Smith to approve the leave of absence for Bus Driver, Carol Yaw as presented.

Roll Call Vote: P.T. aye, M.R. aye, C.D. aye, P.P. aye, C.C. aye, M.S. aye, J.S. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Smith to approve the winter coaching assignments as recommended by the Athletic Director and Superintendent.

Dave Barney	Varsity Grade Boys BB	Step 5
Joe Stacey	JV Boys BB	Step 4
George Tlmm	9th Grade Boys BB	Step 4
Mark Bradford	Varsity Girls BB	Step 5
Dave Cherry	JV Girls BB	Step 5
Steve Wilson	Varsity Wrestling	Step 3
Tim Reed	Asst. Wrestling	Step 2
Joy Freude	Varsity Cheerleading	Step 5
Amy Potter	JV Cheerleading	Step 3

Roll Call Vote: P.P. aye C.D. aye M.S. aye, P.T. aye, M.R. aye, C.C. aye, J.S. aye

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Additional Audience with Individuals: None

Board Member Items:

1. Dalrymple questioned whether or not there were enough bus drivers to cover the routes as we had several leave requests. Rhonda King, Transportation Director was on hand and reported that we had enough drivers. She also noted that public comment concerning the FAB Auction was very positive. She encouraged everyone to continue cleaning their closets and bringing in items for the RS clothing drive.
2. Ritzer noted the positive public feedback she has received concerning the district and the new Superintendent. She added that she enjoys working with Mr. Frisbie also. She asked Logan if the MS would again be doing the bags for soldiers overseas. Jean stated that it is in the works and details would be forthcoming, but postage was an issue.
3. Smith commended the football team for their winning season and noted that the loss on Saturday was sadly marked by embarrassing fan behavior.
4. Colley praised Larry Springer for his hard work in keeping the bus fleet in top shape for the annual Michigan State Police inspections. It is very tough to get a !00% rating, especially on such a consistent basis.

5. Shuler congratulated Frisbie, Muckel and Springer for their team effort in getting the district an excellent deal on the tractor purchase. He also announced that the Board would resume meetings with staff and would like to include the Administrators in those gatherings as well. Thelen will coordinate meeting times with Frisbie.
6. Rhonda King, Transportation Director commended her drivers for their diligence in doing their pre-trip inspections which catch many of the items for Larry to fix prior to the state inspections.

Shuler adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Charles Colley
Secretary Board of Education