

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Constantine, Michigan

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Smith in the Eastside Gymnasium at 7:00 PM.

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

Members Absent: John Shuler

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

Voice Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Dalrymple to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to include the Regular Meeting minutes of January 12, 2009, Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 28, 2009, Work Session minutes of February 3, 2009 and bills in the amount of \$437,667.65 for the regular Board Meeting of February 9, 2009 be adopted as written.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Colley to approve the granting of a Constantine Letter of Completion to Alternative Ed student, Jessica Mallo.

*Dale Wentela, Alternative Ed Coordinator spoke about Ms. Mallo. Superintendent Frisbie presented the diploma.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Geography Bee winners will be at next month's meeting.

Audience with Individuals: None

Administrative Reports:

1. Tori Wentela, Curriculum Director spoke about the MOODLE program that the High School and Middle School utilizes. She believes we are just scratching the surface on this program's potential.
2. Dale Wentela, Alternative Ed Coordinator announced that Wednesdays are chili days at Alternative Ed and all are welcome! He also discussed the proposed move of the Judge Shumacher's JET program from

Centreville to Constantine. Frisbie stated that there were some previous staffing issues to be working out and put in writing before it is finalized. Mulligan gave kudos to the Alt Ed program for their success in becoming the fifth school building at Constantine.

3. Kristin Flynn, Eastside Principal welcomed all to Eastside and noted the changes in the stage area to storage space. She announced Kindergarten Round Up coming in March. Eastside also currently hosts playgroups for ages 0-5. Tomorrow is the 100th day of school and all Eastside students will be celebrating.
4. Craig Badman, Riverside Principal announced the January was a good month for professional development and getting teachers aligned in his building. He also noted the retirement of Ursula Bernhardt after 19 years of service! The Riverside & Middle School winners of the Geography Bee will be invited to next month's Board meeting.
5. Jean Logan, Middle School Principal reported that the MS received \$3000 worth of archery equipment with free training from her staff. She is hoping that an archery club is forthcoming. She is also looking into a MS math curriculum which integrates online and video content. The current price is under \$24,000, down from \$57,000. The 8th grade commencement is currently in the planning stages, with a meeting scheduled for this Wednesday in the Media Center. Chris Barnes from the ISD participated in and extremely successful MOODLE training during PD Day in January.
6. Michael Mulligan, High School Principal announced the MS/HS Band Concert this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with a performance by the Olivet band also. He discussed upcoming MME testing and Pre ACT training. A partnership with White Pigeon Schools is being discussed to offer 4 classes for students from both schools currently not being offered at either. Further discussion will take place at the conclusion of scheduling this week. Touse asked about Dual Enrollment and Mulligan stated that yes it is being offered and follows state mandated criteria.

Superintendent's Update:

7. Charles Frisbie, Superintendent, updated information on the following;
 - a. Count Day is this Wednesday. We are currently 8-10 students down from the fall count.
 - b. Tom Muckel is working in conjunction with a representative from Florida to update the mandatory asbestos plan.
 - c. Discussion took place this past week with the MSU Extension Office concerning the harvest and sale of trees in the walnut grove.
 - d. Frisbie met with building principals and administrators prior to the Board meeting to discuss district issues.
 - e. Curriculum Guide Revision is taking place with guidelines on Special Education being tightened. The Kent County Curriculum is still being considered.
 - f. Academic eligibility guidelines are being changed by the MHSAA due to trimester versus semester issues.
 - g. The impact of the Stimulus Package Update was discussed.
 - h. School of Choice finals numbers netted the district 2 additional students.
 - i. The Technology Committee met and will submit a final plan to the state by April 30, 2009. They would like to get input from the 10 staff members attending the MACUL conference before submission.

- j. Frisbie updated the status of the HS gym floor at the Facilities Committee meeting and again tonight. The lawyer has sent them an affidavit asking for a refund or replacement floor. Currently Tom Muckel, Maintenance Director is doing as much preventive maintenance as possible, so additional charges have been incurred in that area.

Action Items:

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Colley to approve the hiring of Alfred Pfenning as a full time bus driver, as recommended by the Transportation Supervisor.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Ritzer to approve the hiring of Dale Davidhizar III as Middle School wrestling coach at Step 3, as presented.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Dalrymple and seconded by Colley to approve the hiring of Chris Sicklesmith as Middle School wrestling assistant coach at \$500, as presented.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Additional Audience with Individuals: None

Board Member Items: None

Moved by Colley and seconded by Touse to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel negotiations and come out at 8:59 p.m..

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Charles Colley
Secretary Board of Education