

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Constantine, Michigan

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Smith in the High School LGI at 7:00 PM.

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

Members Absent: John Shuler and Pat Touse

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

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Dalrymple and seconded by Portinga that the consent agenda, including the Regular Meeting minutes of February 9, 2009, Facilities Committee meeting minutes of February 3, 2009, Special Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2009, Work Session minutes of March 3, 2009 and bills in the amount of \$193,144.14 for the regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2009 be adopted as written

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Audience with Individuals:

1. Jean Logan, MS Principal introduced and congratulated the Riverside and Middle School Geography Bee participants. Some of the students were on hand, including the winner, Matt Crowl, 8th grader.
2. Dave Horn, Alumni Association President, asked the Board for their support in creating a display for the High School which would commemorate military personnel from Constantine. The Board would support it and Dalrymple suggested looking to the American Legion and VFW for funding. Horn concurred.
3. Dorothy Brueck, RS art teacher praised her recent art students whose projects have been recognized at state and national levels. She presented students in attendance with certificates. Frisbie commented on the high quality of art programs in the district.
4. Beverly Smith and the Riverside Choristers were on hand and performed three numbers for the Board and audience.

Administrative Reports:

1. Mike Messner, Athletic Director announced that Dr. Marvin Vercler passed away today. He was a prominent Constantine citizen and previous Board member. He also congratulated Marge Caid and the

band on their #1 state ranking! He mentioned the busy February athletic schedule and how the basketball teams and wrestlers were progressing in districts. The MS & HS wrestling teams hosted invitationals in February also. Constantine will also host the KVA track regionals. Mike and Kathy will attend the upcoming MIAAA Conference. The Constantine Fitness Center continues to do well and is offering a Spring Fit class. On March 29th a faculty versus police/firemen basketball game will take place at the High School with doors opening at 1:00. Donations only.

2. Tori Wentela, Curriculum Director spoke about the success of the reading series at the elementary levels and commended the staff for their efforts!
3. Kristin Flynn, Eastside Principal announced the March is reading month at Eastside and invited all to see the “rainforest” Mrs. Nihart created in the hallways to encourage readers! Kindergarten round up will take place on March 26th from 5:00-7:30.
4. Craig Badman, Riverside Principal praised his staff for their continued hard work while keeping the interest of the students at heart. The PTO sponsored “Family Fun Night” last Friday. MEAP testing is going well and staff put in a lot of time towards Professional Development in February. He concluded by saying that Constantine as a district has much to offer to students and their families!
5. Jean Logan, Middle School Principal reported that the MS & HS Science Olympiad teams will be at next month’s meeting to report on their competitions. The staff continues to make data driven decisions and reinforce positive behavior. They will target character education as a collaborative effort and offer incentives for good behavior. She took a moment to recognize the school counselors at every level and their hard work. The MS Carnival was a success and the kids all had a wonderful time. The MS was selected for testing of the new Michigan MEAP. She mentioned that career week is coming up and that a parent donated \$100 and created a display to promote the contest.
6. Michael Mulligan, High School Principal noted that many high school students went to Eastside to read to the classes. The Quiz Bowl team took fourth place in the county and missed a higher placement by only a couple of points. The Youth in Government group went to Lansing last weekend and learned a lot about the working of the state legislature. NHS sponsored a blood drive at Pioneer and hope to host one at CHS next year. He also congratulated Marge Caid and the band on their #1 rating. MME testing will take place next week for juniors. This will include the Alternative Ed students at the high school. Alternative Ed is currently full with a waiting list.

Superintendent’s Update:

7. Charles Frisbie, Superintendent, updated information on the following;
 - a. The upcoming election date is May 5, 2009. The ballot will include the open Board member seat and the Headlee proposal. He discussed the impact of the loss of Headlee override money and had a handout for the public. The district is nearing the half million dollar mark in lost revenue since 2001.
 - b. He also discussed the current budget and proposed stimulus money. He believes that the impact after 3 years will be a \$600/student loss of revenue to the district and that the district should proceed with caution. There was a handout available with the breakdowns.
 - c. He reported that after a countywide Superintendent’s meeting, the CTE program in Constantine will realize a savings of approximately \$100,000 next year from ISD funds.

- d. Constantine and White Pigeon Personnel Committees will meet next week to discuss consolidation of the transportation administrative and mechanical areas. He presented a handout outlining the details. A final decision will not be made until May.
- e. Finally, he updated the Board on the gym floor arbitration. The installer called the lawyer and they will cooperate as needed. The lawyer is still waiting for a reply from the company who manufactured the flooring.

Action Items:

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Colley to approve the resolution indemnifying the Superintendent and Maintenance Director for expenses related to any asbestos issues in the district.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Portinga to approve the slate of Spring Coaches as presented by the Athletic Director.

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| ○ Varsity Baseball | Joe Stacey | Step 5 |
| ○ Asst Varsity Baseball | Dave Barney | \$750 |
| ○ Volunteers, Baseball | Chad Bojanich/Wayne Kaylor/Curtis Ray | |
| ○ Head JV Baseball | Dave McGee | Step 5 |
| ○ Head Varsity Softball | Marge Caid | Step 5 |
| ○ Asst Varsity Softball | George Timm | \$750 |
| ○ Volunteer Asst Softball | Melissa Timm | |
| ○ Head JV Softball | Niki Tulley | Step 5 |
| ○ Asst JV Softball | Mandy Niblock | \$500 |
| ○ Head Golf | Mike Sellers | Step 5 |
| ○ Volunteer Golf | Dick Larrance | |
| ○ Head Tennis | Steve Steward | Step 5 |
| ○ Volunteer Tennis | Terry Steward | |
| ○ Head Boys Track | Tim Baker | Step 5 |
| ○ Asst Boys Track | Tom Moe/Shawn Griffith | Step 5, 50% split |
| ○ Head MS Boys Track | Mike Tulley | Step 5 Split w/Fund |
| ○ Asst MS Boys Track | Clint Fund | Split w/ Tulley 50% |
| ○ Head Girls Track | Chad Thelen | Step 5 |
| ○ Asst Girls Track | Amy Brauer | Step 2 |
| ○ Head MS Girls Track | Rachel Peters | Step 3 |
| ○ Asst MS Girls Track | Gena Webb | Step 2 |

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Dalrymple to approve the 2009-2010 District calendar as presented.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Portinga to approve unpaid leave request of Dave McGee, as presented.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Dalrymple to approve the first year probationary status of Lindsay Coville, Middle School, Alexandra McCullough, Middle School, Mandy Niblock, Eastside and Ashley Warnement, Eastside, and recommend for a second year, as presented.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Ritzer to approve the second year probationary status of Christy Bailey, Riverside, Jamie Ballard-Miller, Middle School, Amy Brauer, Middle School, Adam Gifford, High School, Sara Russell, Middle School and Beth Wright, Riverside, and recommend for a third year, as presented.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Colley to approve the third year probationary status of Jessica Barth, High School, Elizabeth Buckhold, High School, Jeremie Coplin, Eastside, Jaime Dahms, Eastside, Shanna Gableman, Eastside and Steve Wilson, High School, and recommend for a fourth year, as presented.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Dalrymple and seconded by Colley to go into closed session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss tenure status of 4th year probationary teachers.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Colley to come out of closed session at 9:17 p.m.

Voice Vote:

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Portinga to approve the tenure status of Michael Sellers, Middle School/High School, as presented.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Portinga and seconded by Colley to approve the tenure status of Holly Strawser, Eastside, as presented.

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

0 Ayes, 5 Nays, 2 Absent
Motion Denied

Additional Audience with Individuals: None

Board Member Items:

1. Mary Smith mentioned that the band would be hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper on March 14, 2009 from 4:00-7:00 at the high school. This will help support the band students and their annual trip to Disney. There is also an Applebee's Fund Raiser for the band.

Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Charles Colley
Secretary Board of Education