

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Constantine, Michigan

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Shuler in the High School LGI at 7:04 PM.

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

Members Absent: None

Moved by Smith and seconded by Dalrymple that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2009 be adopted as written.

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

Moved by Smith and seconded by Touse that the consent agenda, including the Regular Meeting minutes of October 12, 2009, Work Session minutes of November 3, 2009, Facilities Committee meeting minutes of October 22, 2009, Finance Committee meeting minutes of November 4, 2009, Policy Committee meeting minutes of November 5, 2009 and bills in the amount of \$ 237,334.63 for the regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2009 be adopted as written.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Audience with Individuals:

- a) Food Bank, Thank You letter was mentioned by Chuck Frisbie
- b) Scott Chiddister, Tax Abatement Strategies letter reviewed by Chuck Frisbie
- c) Granting of a High School diplomas for Alternative Education student, Jared Whitmore

Moved by Smith and seconded by Touse to approve the granting of a high school diploma for Alternative Education student, Jared Whitmore.

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

Building Reports:

- a) Craig Badman, ES Principal is finally back to full staff. He is also working with Bob Sutton on a math series. School Improvement is working with Technology and Curriculum committees. Parent teacher conference participation is almost 100%. Sick leaves are finally coming down to an average range.

- b) Todd Boyer, RS Principal is glad that MEAP testing is over and completed. They also just did a student of the month program. The Honeywell instant alert system has a few kinks, but is working. Over 70% of students have requested the H1N1 vaccine. Parent teacher conference participation is at about 98%.
- c) Jean Logan, MS Principal is also glad that MEAP testing is finally done and issues can be addressed next year ahead of time. Due to sickness, it took much longer to complete the testing process. ARRA money has been used to purchase DORA & DOMA online reading & math diagnostic series. It will help adapt curriculum and target students in need. CHAMPS program is also a big success. H1N1 vaccinations will be administered in the MS tomorrow. Bus change has been positive and has had an impact on kids eating breakfast also! The new locker rooms in the gymnasium are complete and a thank you to Tom Muckel for his work on the project.
- d) Michael Mulligan, HS Principal wanted to send thanks to Diane Northrup for the installation of the TV's in the cafeteria by Chartwells. The chemistry books have arrived. He and Muckel met with technicians to discuss improvements to the LGI. Camera hardware/software updates were looked at today. Some cost effective changes to the CTE program are also being looked at for next year.
- e) Dale Wentela, Alternative Education director has been looking into the online credit recovery software called Odyssey. He is hoping to integrate this into the district. He is anticipating more graduates for the next Board meeting. Exploring the expansion of services from the Alternative Ed program is being discussed. He commended the new hires this year, Heather Harrison and Amanda Brooks.
- f) Mike Messner, Athletic Director stated that the Hall of Fame weekend was a great success. He thanked Diane Northrup for her contribution from Chartwells. Some sporting events had to be cancelled for the first time due to illness. The LeFevre Invitational in honor of Elwin LeFevre was held this past month and our girls finished 2nd with the boys 3rd. The KVA dinner was held and with the recommendation of Mr. Messner, Dr. Zimont was inducted into their Hall of Fame. Volleyball districts were held last week. White Pigeon was crowned district champions. Football program is seeing great success! The Regional Championship game will be played at home this Saturday at 1:00.

Superintendent Update (Discussion Items):

- a) Frisbie commended Messner on his ability to host events and the good impression he leaves on other teams that visit our school.
- b) Frisbie also feels that the Odyssey program is a step in the right direction.
- c) The Safe Schools walk through town with engineers from MSU involved about 35 people which broke down into three groups for the walk. They will come back in January with some proposals.
- d) The Honeywell system is beginning to work well.
- e) Frisbie and Wentela will visit the JDT program this Wednesday.
- f) The Technology Committee has decided to break down projects by building at the elementary level and by departments at the secondary level.
- g) The Curriculum committee will meet next Monday.
- h) Frisbie wants to ensure the public that money for the improvements for cameras and LGI enhancements will not come from the General Fund.
- i) Burgess discussed some items from the Facility Committee Report. Frisbie also commented on a few of the monetary issues for next year's budget. Muckel thanked Zack Schwartztruber for all of his hard work this year for the Maintenance Dept. through the Michigan Works program.

- j) Dalrymple stated that the Finance Committee took a hard look at the budget Lisa Pointer-Seidner, Business Manager presented and they are working diligently on adjustments. Frisbie commented on fund equity and funding allowance cuts.
- k) Smith commented on the Policy Committee Report items, including NEOLA policies that may be acted on tonight. Frisbie would like to table the NEOLA action item and also the Alternative Ed Handbook.
- l) Frisbie sent a letter to the White Pigeon Superintendent and President of the Board concerning clarification of the White Pigeon Transportation Agreement
- m) Marilyn Ritzer attended the St. Joseph County School Board Meeting. Tuesday, January 26, 2010 the SJCSBA will meet with Cameron Brown and Matt Lori. Lots of costs saving ideas involving technology were discussed.
- n) Frisbie stated that the Headlee Override failed last week. Individual voting results are pending from both Cass & St. Joseph counties. Colley discussed the precinct voter numbers. There was much discussion concerning misinformation. There were a few suggestions about how to tackle this proposal again. Frisbie explained how we get further away from the 18 mills every year.

Action Items:

Moved by Smith and seconded by Ritzer to approve the district FMLA request of Nancy Moore, Athletic Department Assistant, as presented.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Smith to approve the district FMLA request of Susan Spencer, Eastside ParaPro, as presented.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Ritzer to approve the hiring of Nathan Schuler as Eastside teacher at BA Step 0, as presented.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Burgess to approve the winter coaching assignments as presented.

Mark Bradford	Head, Girls Varsity BB	Step 5
Dave Cherry	Head JV Girls BB	Step 5
Pat Hochstetler	7th Grade Boys BB	Step 4
Aaron Baker	8th Grade Boys BB	Step 1
Steve Wilson	Head Wrestling	Step 4
Tim Reed	Assistant Wrestling	Step 3
Joy Freude	Cheerleading	50% split, Step 5 w/ Potter
Amy Potter	Cheerleading	50% split, Step 5 w/Freude

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Dalrymple and seconded by Burgess to approve 2009-2010 Budget Revision as presented.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Burgess to approve the district Asbestos Plan bid from BEC at a cost of \$12,500.00 as presented.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

**Motion is tabled until next month*

Moved by ____ and seconded by ____ to approve the NEOLA bylaws, policy and administrative guideline changes to, 5136V1, 5136V2, 5722, 6320, 6321, 7440, 7440.01, 7540.03, 7540.04, 7542, 7543, 7545, 8315, AG3430.01/4430.01, 5136V1 & V2, 5722, 7440, 7440.01, 7540.03, 7540.04, 8315, 8420E, 8420F, 7440F1.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

**Motion is tabled until next month*

Moved by ____ and seconded by ____ to approve the Alternative Education Handbook as presented.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Dalrymple to approve the 2009-2010 St. Joseph County Technology Consortium, as presented.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Touse to go into closed session at 8:37 to discuss a student discipline issue

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Colley to come out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Smith and seconded by Colley to approve the expulsion of student 09.10.01HS as presented.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Colley and seconded by Smith to approve the expulsion of student 09.10.02HS as presented.

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

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Additional Audience with Individuals:

1. None

Board Member Items:

1. Touse stated that she recently attended an MASB event. She took classes and came away with some good ideas.

Moved by Ritzer and seconded by Touse to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Charles Colley
Secretary Board of Education