

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Constantine, Michigan

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2009

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

Members Present: Pat Touse, Connie Dalrymple, Chuck Colley, Mary Smith, Terry Burgess (arrived at 7:10), Marilyn Ritzer and John Shuler

Members Absent:

Moved by Smith and seconded by Ritzer that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 7, 2009 be adopted as written.

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

Moved by Smith and seconded by Touse that the consent agenda, including the Regular Meeting minutes of November 7, 2009, Work Session minutes of December 1, 2009, Policy Committee meeting minutes of November 5 & 10, 2009, and bills in the amount of \$ 380,556.60 for the regular Board Meeting of December 7, 2009 be adopted as written.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
Motion Carried

Action Items:

Moved by Colley and seconded by Touse to approve the granting of a high school diploma for Alternative Education student, Cody Kasandi.

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

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

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

Audience with Individuals:

- a) Messiah Women of the ELCA, Thank You letter was mentioned by Chuck Frisbie
- b) Julie Lorenz, MSBO School Payroll Specialist Certification

Building Reports:

- a) Craig Badman, ES Principal was absent
- b) Todd Boyer, RS Principal announced the winners of the Geography Bee and thanked Frisbie for announcing. Boyer volunteered to get pies in the face after they worked hard on their AR Reading. He thanked Jean Logan for her help with the bullying assembly. November student of the month nominees have also been announced.
- c) Jean Logan, MS Principal announced that the MS math teachers will receive \$1000 each upon completion of a grant program. The teachers raised almost \$300 for families in need this past week. Dawn Melville will be released from the hospital and is doing well. Kathy Messner has started a pep club and they have adopted families. Amnesty day for homework took place before Thanksgiving with great success. There is an upcoming band concert on December 13th at 2:00.
- d) Michael Mulligan, HS Principal stated that county wide CTE discussions continue to take place. There was a talent show just before Thanksgiving that was a lot of fun. The pre ACT testing is taking place. There is an upcoming winter dance. NHS members bought \$1000 worth of toys for Toys-For-Tots. Winter sports are well under way!
- e) Mike Messner, Athletic Director was absent.

Superintendent Update (Discussion Items):

- a) KVA Superintendents met this past month and decided to move MS winter and spring sports start times back. They also discussed long term solutions to settle the issue of travel times. Divisions were looked at to reduce travel.
- b) Safe Schools will meet again in January with the MSU Extension office personnel who will have recommendations.
- c) Frisbie asked Tom Muckel, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor to discuss the reduction in electric usage in the MS due to the installation of new lights. Two more rows of lights are still needed.
- d) Matt Lori was in town last Friday to discuss the School Equity Caucus. He indicated that another proration to the funding allowance may be on the horizon in January. Lori is doing all he can to avoid this.
- e) Technology & Curriculum teams will use PD days in December to formulate plans for the district. Some of the emphasis is being focused on vocabulary and problem solving.
- f) Mr. Sutton is back from his 1 month retirement as mandated by the state. He is now working on Eastside curriculum. He is looking to combine forces countywide to expand the knowledge.
- g) The Skidster Plow will be traded for a Snow Plow Blade through John Deere. Muckel discussed the details. This action is taking place for the leasing company requirements.
- h) The invoicing differences for CTE programs countywide were discussed by Superintendents. Principals helped move this discussion process forward. Cooperation between the schools is really progressing in order to equalize reimbursement and scheduling issues.
- i) The Reproductive Curriculum Health Update process will be up for approval in January. Touse will represent the Board.
- j) Software professional development data update will be used to analyze student achievement data. We have received a grant for this software.
- k) More Special Education stimulus money is being received from the ISD. Around \$186,000 additional dollars will bring this years total to around \$300,000. Discussions are taking place on where to best use these funds. It can only be used for Special Education.

- l) Level Data is currently going through all of our software to make all programs compatible. Their estimated completion date is in February.
- m) The MRSP Resolution will allow us to use the Michigan School Readiness funding to replace the proration in the school foundation allowance in lieu of having the MSRP program.
- n) Employee meetings were discussed by the Board. Administration will be present and will be held starting in January and will take place by building.
- o) The Transportation Policy Handbook along with the Alternative Education Policy changes will be tabled until members have a chance to go over all of the information.

Action Items:

Moved by Colley and seconded by Dalrymple to approve the trade agreement through Triad Leasing of a John Deere Skidster Brush for a Snow Plow Blade as presented by the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor.

*Touse questioned if any credit due was in writing. Muckel answered yes.

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 and Smith and seconded by Touse to approve the district FMLA request of Dawn Melville, Art Teacher, 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 Burgess to approve the re-hiring of bus drivers Robert Doe and Alfred Pfenning, as presented by the Transportation Director.

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 Ritzer to approve the MRSP Resolution to absorb a reduction in the 2009-2010 district per-pupil foundation allowance (\$122,400), as presented.

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 the overnight wrestling team trip to Gladwin Michigan on January 8-9, 2010, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: T.B. aye, M.R. aye, C.C. aye, P.T. aye, C.D. aye, M.S. 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 Transportation Policy Book, 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

**Motion is tabled until next month*

Moved by ___ and seconded by ___ to approve the Alternative Education Handbook, 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 Touse to go into closed session at 7:47 to discuss an Early Retirement Incentive Proposal and personnel for 2009-2010.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Moved by Touse and seconded by Smith to come out of closed session at 7:57 p.m.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Additional Audience with Individuals:

1. None

Board Member Items:

1. None

Moved by Burgess and seconded by Touse to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Voice Vote:

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent
Motion Carried

Charles Colley
Secretary Board of Education