



WEST OTTAWA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
September 20, 2010

President S. VanderStoep called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Members present: President S. VanderStoep; Vice President G. Jacob; Secretary S. Smith; and Trustees B. Kangas, D. Mahn, and R. Schipper. Also present were Superintendent Dr. P. Koeze; Assistant Superintendents C. Dymowski and S. Richards; Director L. Wing; and Student Senate Representative Ashley Oudomsack.

Members absent: Trustee W. Bloemendaal

Moved by G. Jacob, supported by D. Mahn, that the minutes from the August 16, 2010, regular board meeting; August 17, 2010, board work session; September 9, 2010, special board meeting; and September 15, 2010, special board meeting be approved as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Moved by D. Mahn, supported by R. Schipper, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

P. Koeze introduced High School Principal Kent Henson. Mr. Henson discussed the Summer REACH program at Hope College and introduced Andy Hamilton, teacher and mentor for the program. A. Hamilton introduced the biology students who conducted college-level science research through the program: Emily Chheng and Matthew Harder. Both E. Chheng and M. Harder presented background and details on the research they conducted. S. VanderStoep presented the students with a certificate recognizing their achievements and thanked them for their contributions. Board members extended their congratulations to the students.

There were no communications from the audience.

There was no unfinished business.

Moved by G. Jacob, supported by R. Schipper, that a probationary contract for the 2010-2011 school year be awarded to the following:

- Amy Bauer Lakewood .5 Kindergarten
- Kariann Beene Lakeshore .5 Kindergarten Spanish Immersion
- Matthew Brummel Great Lakes 4th Grade, temporary
- Lynn Bumstead High School .60 Science, temporary
- Beth Diekema Macatawa Bay EI Resource, temporary
- Catherine Engel High School English Language Arts
- Michelle Horrevorts High School .60 Social Studies
- John Johnson High School Social Studies
- Stephanie Lehmann Waukazoo.5 Kindergarten
- Matt Naber Harbor Lights/Macatawa Bay .67 Physical Wellness/Health
- Pam Schwallier Harbor Lights .5 Spanish/Macatawa Bay .5 ELL
- Casey Wearing Lakewood/North Holland Spanish
- Andrea Weaver High School .40 German

Motion was unanimously approved. Assistant Superintendent C. Dymowski introduced the new teachers to the board members.

Moved by B. Kangas, supported by R. Schipper, that the following travel applications be approved.

- December 3-4, 2010, High School choir to Flushing, Michigan, to attend the regional honors choir auditions
- January 20-22, 2011, High School choir to State Honors Choir rehearsal and performance at DeVos Place, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- April 15-17, 2011, Vocalaires to Chicago, Illinois, to attend a clinic at Vandercook College of Music and visit various points of interest
- May 12-14, 2011, High School choir to All-State Honors Choir rehearsal and performance at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University
- May 25-29, 2011, High School bands and jazz bands to New York City, New York, to attend clinics with nationally reknowned conductors/musicians, to attend a live jazz and Broadway show, and to perform at Intrepid Sea/Air Space Museum
- June 13-21, 2011, students from High School French and English Departments to London, England and Paris, France

Motion was unanimously approved.

Ashley Oudomsack, Exec. Board Vice-President of Student Senate, reported on Teacher Welcome Back, Freshman Orientation, Freshman Mixer, Homecoming, and Blood Drive plans.

S. Richards reviewed the results of Education YES! and provided an instructional services update.

C. Dymowski presented a student services update.

There was no report on human resources.

L. Wing provided a financial update.

R. Schipper moved, supported by G. Jacob, that the bills payable summaries for the months of July and August 2010 be approved as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

L. Wing introduced Tom Swifney and thanked him for a job well done with regard to construction projects. She also thanked the community for the sinking funds that made these projects possible. T. Swifney presented an update on summer construction projects.

Dr. Patricia Koeze reported that the roll-out of the online community survey will be communicated through building newsletters this week and reminded board members that our Japanese visitors are arriving on Friday, September 24.

There were no communications from the audience.

Moved by D. Mahn, supported by R. Schipper, that the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion was unanimously approved.

S. Smith
Secretary