



WEST OTTAWA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
April 18, 2011

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

Members present: President S. VanderStoep; Vice President G. Jacob; Secretary D. Mahn; and Trustees B. Kangas, J. Miller and R. Schipper.
Also present were Assistant Superintendents C. Dymowski and S. Richards; and Student Senate Rep. Ashley Oudomsack.

Members absent: W. Bloemendaal

Moved by D. Mahn, supported by B. Kangas, that the following minutes be approved as presented:

- March 21, 2011, regular board meeting
- March 23, 2011, special board meeting
- March 31, 2011, special board meeting

Motion was unanimously approved.

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

S. VanderStoep introduced Macatawa Bay Middle School principal Mike Fine who introduced ELA instructors Doug Ammeraal and Carrie DeWitt who, in turn, introduced and recognized middle school students for their outstanding achievement in raising \$8,888 for Spectrum Health's Helen DeVos Children's Hospital during Macatawa Bay's annual *Month of Caring* fundraising event.

S. VanderStoep introduced high school principal Kent Henson who introduced Junior Achievement coordinator Shayna Carlson who, in turn, introduced and recognized high school students for their outstanding achievement in raising \$20,609 for the American Cancer Society during the high school's *Pink Out* fundraising event.

There were no communications from the audience (for items on the agenda).

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by D. Mahn, that the following travel applications be approved pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trips:

- April 25, 2011, Pine Creek 5th Grade students to Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago, Illinois
- May 21-22, 2011, Harbor Lights 8th Grade Music to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, for end of year team building activity
- May 26, 2011, High School AP Social Studies (Economics, History, Government) to Federal Reserve Bank and Board of Trade in Chicago, Illinois
- June 2-4, 2011, Womens' Varsity Tennis to State Finals in Midland, Michigan
- July 6-9, 2011, West Ottawa Varsity and Junior Varsity Competitive Dance Team to the Universal Dance Association (UDA) Camp at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan

- March 16-18, 2012, Harbor Lights and Macatawa Bay 8th Grade students to Washington, D.C.
 - June 12-21, 2012, High School Spanish Club to Madrid/Barcelona, Spain, to experience cultural activities and visit historical sites
- Motion was unanimously approved.

A. Oudomsack reported on high school activities including the Prom which will be held on April 22.

S. Richards provided an update on elementary MEAP writing scores and introduced instructional coaches Colleen Bryan and Michelle Panse who reported on the reasons why West Ottawa has successfully increased its MEAP scores.

S. Richards introduced Corban VanDam, DP Coordinator, who provided a high school IB update.

C. Dymowski reported that the migrant summer school will run from June 22-August 3 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and the elementary summer school will be August 1-19 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Both summer schools will be held at Great Lakes Elementary School.

Moved by G. Jacob, supported by R. Schipper, that the bills payable and revenue summaries for March 2011 be approved as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Dymowski presented the superintendent's update and reported that Election Day is May 3 and the following three matters will be on the ballot: Board of Education, 18-mill renewal, and bonding proposal; our middle schools will be presenting *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* on May 6, 7 and 8; and the fifth annual Panther Prowl (5K run/walk) will be on June 4.

There were no communications from the audience (for any issues).

Moved by B. Kangas, supported by D. Mahn, that this meeting adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion was unanimously approved.

Douglas Mahn
Secretary