



WEST OTTAWA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
December 20, 2010

The West Ottawa High School Vocalaires provided holiday selections prior to the board meeting.

President S. VanderStoep called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:08 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Members present: President S. VanderStoep; Vice President G. Jacob; and Trustees B. Kangas, D. Mahn, W. Bloemendaal, and R. Schipper. Also present were Superintendent P. Koeze; and Assistant Superintendents C. Dymowski and S. Richards.

Members absent: Secretary S. Smith

D. Mahn was appointed acting secretary for the meeting.

B. Kangas moved, supported by R. Schipper, that the minutes from the November 15, 2010, regular board meeting be approved as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

D. Mahn moved, supported by W. Bloemendaal, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

K. Henson introduced Pamela Pierson, High School teacher for concert choir, Bella Voca and Vocalaires, and congratulated her for being nominated for Michigan Teacher of the Year. P. Koeze presented her with a certificate of recognition for this honor, and W. Bloemendaal thanked her for her talent.

S. VanderStoep introduced Amber Kobylski, this year's Holiday Greeting Card Competition winner. He congratulated her on the beautiful design she created for the front of the card and acknowledged that she received, during a classroom presentation last week by Superintendent P. Koeze, a gift certificate and 25 copies of the card featuring her artwork. He also presented her with a certificate of recognition.

There were no communications from the audience.

S. VanderStoep reported that Dr. P. Koeze, superintendent, has accepted a job in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and the board will miss her. He stated plans are to post her job late December or early January in appropriate publications and the Board Officers will serve as a committee to look for her successor.

A review of the Preliminary Bond Application for the May 3, 2011, election was presented by D. LaMore, Christman Construction; J. Weiss, Design Plus; and technology consultant Sara Easter, Communications by Design.

Moved by B. Kangas, supported by D. Mahn, that an administrative contract for the 2010-2011 school year be awarded to the following:

- Jeri Page Director of Human Resources
- Dennis White Harbor Lights Principal
- Shalonda Owens Harbor Lights Assistant Principal

Motion was unanimously approved.

Moved by B. Kangas, supported by R. Schipper, that the following travel applications be approved pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip:

- March 3-6, 2011, Varsity Wrestling to MHSAA Wrestling State Finals in Auburn Hills, Michigan
- June 4-5, 2011, Macatawa Bay 8th Grade Music Students to Six Flags/Navy Pier/Music in the Parks in Chicago, Illinois

Motion was unanimously approved.

M. Visser provided a Financial Services update.

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

Moved by W. Bloemendaal, supported by R. Schipper, that the Annual Summer Tax Collection Resolution be approved as presented.

AYES: S. VanderStoep, G. Jacob, W. Bloemendaal, B. Kangas, D. Mahn and R. Schipper

NAYS: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

G. Jacob moved, D. Mahn supported, that amendments to the following 2010-2011 appropriations be accepted as recommended by the Director for Financial Services:

- General Appropriation
- Debt Retirement Appropriation
- Repair and Improvement Sinking Fund Appropriation
- Building Transfer Fund Appropriation
- Capital Projects Fund Appropriation
- Special Revenue Appropriation

Motion was unanimously approved.

P. Koeze reported that the boys basketball games are against Holland High School tomorrow evening; the Board will be asked at the January 17, 2011, board meeting to approve the preliminary qualification application for the proposed bond election; and she wished everyone happy holidays.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by G. Jacob, that the Board convene in a closed session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a written legal opinion under Sec. 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act.

AYES: S. VanderStoep, G. Jacob, W. Bloemendaal, B. Kangas, D. Mahn and R. Schipper

NAYS: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Moved by B. Kangas, supported by D. Mahn, that the Board reconvene in open session at 7:58 p.m.

AYES: S. VanderStoep, G. Jacob, W. Bloemendaal, B. Kangas, D. Mahn and R. Schipper

NAYS: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Written tenure charges were filed with the Board on December 16, 2010. It was moved by R. Schipper, supported by G. Jacob, that the Board adopt the proposed resolution to proceed with the tenure charges as written.

AYES: S. VanderStoep, G. Jacob, W. Bloemendaal, B. Kangas, D. Mahn and R. Schipper

NAYS: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

There were no communications from the audience.

Moved by B. Kangas, supported by G. Jacob, that this meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.
Motion was unanimously approved.

Susan Smith
Secretary