



## WEST OTTAWA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 21, 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, M. Remenschneider, and R. Schipper. Also present were Superintendent T. Martin; Assistant Superintendents C. Dymowski, J. English and S. Richards; and Student Senate Representative Charlie Kolean.

Members absent: None

M. Remenschneider moved, supported by R. Schipper, that the minutes from the October 17, 2011, regular board meeting be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Mahn moved, supported by B. Kangas, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Fine, Macatawa Bay principal, introduced Karen DeMaagd, Angela Stegenga, Mark Haskin, and Lacy Lipan from Harderwyk Ministries' Neighbors Plus program who were recognized by the Board for their valued contributions to our At-Risk students in grades 6-9 at no cost to the district.

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

There was no unfinished business.

G. Jacob reported on the Michigan Association of School Boards' Fall Conference. President VanderStoep thanked him for representing the Board at the conference.

R. Schipper moved, supported by D. Mahn, that new Board Policy 6423 - Use of Credit/Debit Cards, and revised Board Policy 3120.06 - Selecting Student Teachers/Administrative Interns, be considered for a first reading. The motion was unanimously approved.

J. Miller moved, supported by D. Mahn, that the following travel applications be approved pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the planned trip:

- March 30-April 4, 2012, High School Ski Club to Winter Park, Colorado
- April 20, 2012, High School Orchestras to see musical performance of Blue Man Group in Chicago, Illinois
- April 27-28, 2012, West Ottawa Science Olympiad to Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan
- May 16/17-20, 2012, West Ottawa Science Olympiad to the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida
- May 25, 2012, High School Physics to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois

- May 25-27, 2012, High School Band to perform their Memorial Parade music at a historic site in Mackinaw City and on Mackinaw Island, Michigan  
The motion was unanimously approved.

Student Senate representative Charlie Kolean reported on the showing of *Guys and Dolls*, the Veterans' Day assembly, the National Honors Society induction ceremony, the high school food drive, and the upcoming Kinetic affect assembly (11/29), Blizzard Beach Day (12/2), Penny Wars (12/5 – 12/14), White Out Day and Throwback Game (12/9), and the Ugly Sweater Day and Holiday Assembly (12/16).

President VanderStoep congratulated the cast and crew of *Guys & Dolls*.

S. Richards introduced Michele Panse and Colleen Bryan, literacy instructional coaches, who provided an Elementary Writing update.

G. Jacob moved, supported by R. Schipper, that the following textbooks and materials totaling \$93,970.80 be approved as requested:

- MSM Common Core (Courses 1, 2, & 3) by Holt McDougal (2012) for Mathematics in grades 6-8

The motion was unanimously approved.

S. Richards expressed appreciation for the Board's support for these textbooks and materials and mentioned that they are aligned with Common Core standards.

J. English provided an overview of the 2010-2011 audit report. President VanderStoep thanked everyone with budgetary control for their role in managing the budget.

R. Schipper moved, supported by B. Kangas, that the Best Practices Incentives Resolution be approved as presented. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion was unanimously approved.

J. English provided an overview of the four best practices incentives met by the district to receive \$100 per pupil from the State of Michigan. President VanderStoep thanked everyone involved in making that happen.

M. Remenschneider moved, supported by G. Jacob, that the bills payable summary for the month of October 2011 be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Superintendent Martin offered his congratulations to the cast and crew of *Guys & Dolls* and to the 138 National Honor Society inductees. He reported that discussions are ongoing with regard to full day kindergarten, that an important component is our parents and how we can serve their needs, and we will be setting an early date for Kindergarten Round-up. Due to a change in legislation, district's must provide all day kindergarten to receive full funding per pupil. To move to all day kindergarten will cost \$1.3 million. Not offering all day kindergarten would result in a loss of \$1.7 million. He further reported that every year the Board set goals and the following three areas of emphasis have been established for this year:

1. focus on academic achievement
2. do a better job of telling our great story
3. correct our structural deficit

There were no communications from the audience for any issues.

B. Kangas moved, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board convene in closed session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(a), to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of the Superintendent. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:20 p.m.

J. Miller moved, supported by D. Mahn, that the meeting adjourn at 10:23 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Mahn, Secretary