

MARCELLUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Marcellus, Michigan

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 13, 2017
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tone at 7:01 p.m. at Marcellus Elementary School.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Tone, Hackenberg, Reed, Schuur, Butchbaker, Engstrom

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Henry

ADMINISTRATORS

PRESENT: Pauley, Bohan, Anderson, Russell, Wagner

MINUTES

PREVIOUS

MEETING: A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Hackenberg, to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS

PAYABLE: A motion by Hackenberg, supported by Reed, to approve the accounts payable for payment in the amount of \$207,614.13. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR

REPORTS: Elementary Principal Mindy Bohan reported that March is reading month. Ranger Tom came in and talked to the students. They raised over \$7,000 during the Book Fair, which exceeded their goal. They have a calendar of events for the students to participate in during the month. Kathy DeMott and Principal Bohan attended a Reading Now Network conference. The elementary school is doing after school tutoring. The staff is still participating in Academic Literacy, the last training is on March 16, 2017. The 3rd grade play will be March 29, 2017, and Kindergarten Roundup will be April 19, 2017.

Middle/High School Principal Lynn Wagner reported they are having three boot camps for math, based on scores from last year. Students will be having Accuplacer testing on Friday. March 21, 2017 is Parent Night in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. National Honor Society inductions will be March 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Principal Wagner will be attending a Leverage Leadership Series, 7 Correlates of Effective Schools.

Amy Anderson reported that students have been receiving education on career development. The Maple Festival will be on March 25, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. They will have a mini evaporator at the Maple Festival for syrup. The students and staff have completely cleaned out the sugar shack. Students have had math testing that shows that 88% of the students have increased their math scores. They have been having school wide writing on any subject they choose.

Transportation/Operations Director Brad Russell reported that the pole barn is completely done. New bleachers will be delivered on May 1, 2017. The striping will be done in the gym on June 19, 2017. Spring sports started today. Brad also reported that a large limb fell on the outside batting cage; he will try to repair it. The District will be receiving estimates on the track being redone. The new computer lab is complete. There are 30 new computers in this lab all ready to be used. The digital sign is being repaired; it is still under warranty. The new indoor batting cages are up in the elementary school and are being used.

COMMENTS

FROM GUESTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Reed to approve the NEOLA Volume 31, No. 1 & Special Release – Tech Update. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Schuur, supported by Hackenberg, to apply for Early Middle College. Superintendent Pauley presented a sample Program of Study and a sample 5-year graduation plan for students. Pauley also provided information regarding Assurances and Certifications necessary in the Early College application, including that the State School Aid Section 6 (4)m, Section 3(f) of the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act and Section 3(g) of the Career and Technical Preparation Act require that students must not be otherwise eligible for high school graduation to participate in a fifth year of high school. The Board approved a five year graduation plan, including the requirement that Marcellus Early College students, in their fifth year of high school, must be enrolled in at least one high school course required for graduation and that course must be a high school or dual enrollment math or math-related course. The Board authorized Superintendent Pauley to pursue and to move forward with it if the application is approved. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Principal/Director evaluations were presented as informational.

A motion was made by Hackenber, supported by Engstrom, to add the JV softball coaching recommendation to the agenda as “H”.

A motion was made by Schuur, supported by Engstrom, to approve Mrs. Semark’s request for her annual trip for students to the Chicago Art Institute on March 15, 2017. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The monthly budget update was presented as informational.

There will be a retirement gathering for those retiring this year on May 16, 2017 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the MS/HS library. The science committee will be looking at new textbooks for the sciences. Tower Pinkster is paying to replace the stage floor. However, there is a new flooring that will be used that will much better suit the purpose that will cost the District an approximate \$6,400.

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Engstrom, to go into closed session for a discipline hearing. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Closed session at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Schuur, supported by Engstrom, to reconvene. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Schuur to expel Student “B” for 180 days or student may transfer to Volinia on a behavior contract as designed by the Volinia administrator for the rest of the 2016-2017 school year and the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. The behavior plan will detail the conditions for Student “B” to reapply to MS/HS in the fall of 2017. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Reed to expel Student “A” for 180 days. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Engstrom, to go into closed session for the superintendent’s evaluation. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Closed session at 8:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Schuur, to reconvene. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Schuur, to hire Andrew Feller as the JV softball coach. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Engstrom, to approve Superintendent Pauley’s annual evaluation of “highly effective”. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

A motion by Reed, supported by Hackenberg, to adjourn 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Board adjourned at 10:04 p.m.