

**WEST IRON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Organizational Meeting held – Tuesday, July 1, 2009

The Organizational meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at the West Iron County High School, Room 4, 701 Garfield Ave., Iron River, Michigan.

Mr. Kent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Vezzetti, Malmquist, Polich, Pisoni, Possanza, Atanasoff, Sacheck
Board members absent: None

OATH OF OFFICE: Oath of Office was taken by newly elected trustees, Mrs. Atanasoff and Mr. Sacheck.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

President – Moved by Rob Possanza that Roy Polich be elected as President for a one-year term. Motion was M/S (Sacheck, Pisoni) to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. No other nominations were made. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 to elect Mr. Polich as Board President for 2009-10.

Vice-President – Moved by Gary Pisoni that Eric Malmquist be elected as Vice President for a one-year term. Motion was M/S (Possanza, Atanasoff) to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. No other nominations were made. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 to elect Mr. Malmquist as Board Vice President for 2009-10.

Secretary – Moved by Eric Malmquist that Beth Vezzetti be elected as Secretary for a one-year term. Motion was M/S (Sacheck, Possanza) to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. No other nominations were made. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 to elect Mrs. Vezzetti as Board Secretary for 2009-10.

Treasurer – Moved by Gary Pisoni that Rob Possanza be elected as Treasurer for a one-year term. Motion was M/S (Vezzetti, Sacheck) to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. No other nominations were made. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 to elect Mr. Possanza as Board Treasurer for 2009-10.

DATE(S) AND TIME(S) OF MEETING(S) OF THE BOARD: Motion was M/S (Sacheck, Possanza) to hold the monthly WIC Board meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4 of the West Iron County high School, 701 Garfield Ave., Iron River. Motion was M/S (Possanza, Malmquist) to change the scheduled November 15, 2009 meeting to November 9, 2009 due to the Hunting Day off. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Polich reminded Board members that all committees will make “recommendations” to the full Board then requiring a vote of the full Board on all issues presented. Board President will be an ex-officio member of all committees. Committee appointments are as follows:

PROGRAM	PERSONNEL	BUSINESS	D.I.I.S.D. LIAISON
G. Pisoni, Chair	E.Malmquist, Chair	R. Possanza, Chair	G. Pisoni
A. Sacheck	F. Atanasoff	B. Vezzetti	Alternate:
R. Polich	R. Polich	R. Polich	E. Malmquist

Motion was M/S (Malmquist, Possanza) to approve the Committee appointments as presented by Mr. Polich. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: President Polich stated the Ad Hoc Committee will consist of the current “Middle School Task Force” members: Mr. Possanza, Mr. Pisoni and Mr. Malmquist. The committee working on the Nelson Field Contract will consist of the previous Building & Site Committee: Mr. Pisoni, Mr. Possanza, Mr. Malmquist. This committee was approved with the above motion made by Mr. Malmquist and Mr. Possanza and CARRIED 7-0.

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DESIGNATION OF BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: Motion was M/S (Malmquist, Atanasoff) to approve the bank depositories/financial institutions listed below for school District funds for the 2009-10 school year. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MINERS STATE BANK	CITIZENS BANK	WELLS FARGO BANK	SCHOLARSHIP ACCTS.
General Checking Payroll Account Dependent Care Checking – Athletic Fund Checking – C.S. Fund Checking – Food Service Checking – Sinking Fund Checking – Debt Service	Checking – Activities (Agency Fund)	Checking – Tri-Paw Lodge	Citizens Bank Wells Fargo Bank Miners State Bank Edward Jones Janus Stifel Vanguard Nicholas

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS: Motion was M/S (Possanza, Pisoni) to approve the amended list of Organizational memberships below, reducing costs by \$1,981.00. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Dickinson/Iron I.S.D.- Local Dues Iron County Chamber of Commerce MI Assoc. of Pupil Trans. – MAPT MI Assoc. of School Admin. – MASA, Dist. Service Fees MI Assoc. of School Admin. – MASA, Mbr. Dues	MI Assoc. of School Admin.–Region 1, Mbr. Dues MI Assoc. of School Boards - MASB MI Assoc. of Secondary School Principals MI Assoc. of Elem. & M.S. Principals MI School Business Officials – MSBO U.P. Athletic Directors Association
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COMMUNICATION, EXPRESSIONS AND/OR REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were none.

STATE AID UPDATE: Mr. Kent stated any stimulus monies would forego any State aid. We are projecting a severe deficit for this year. Stimulus is there but we are looking at \$4,000,000-\$6,000,000 reduction State-wide for 2009-10. One House priority this year is to keep the Early Childhood programs. We are asking citizens to send letters to the Education Department as well as the Governor’s office with copies to Rep. Lahti, Sen. Prusi, and the Michigan Association of School Boards, asking what programs they want us to get rid of now!

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION FOR 2009-10: Mr. Kent proposed the following administrative organization for 2009-2011:

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| “INTERIM” SUPERINTENDENT – Chris Thomson | EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR – Denise Maloney |
| BUSINESS MANAGER – Amber Laturi | PUPIL SUPPORT SERVICES COORDINATOR –
Renee Beauchamp |
| DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT OPERATIONS – Tom Karvala | CONSULTANT / ADVISOR / MENTOR TO
ADMINISTRATORS - Rick Kent |
| HIGH SCHOOL/JR. HIGH PRINCIPAL – Mike Berutti | |
| STAMBAUGH / BATES PRINCIPAL – Carol Brunswick | |

Mr. Kent stated his objectives will be to: 1) work with students to provide them the best education we can provide them; 2) work with principals and the superintendent to help make them effective administrators; and assist in negotiations. He will work one day per week. Contracts will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee and presented at a later date for endorsement by the Board.

Motion M/S (Malmquist, Possanza) to adjourn.

President

Secretary