

WEST IRON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – JULY 20, 2009

The **regular meeting** of the Board of Education was held on Monday, July 20, 2009, at West Iron County High School, Room 4; 701 Garfield Ave., Iron River, MI 49935

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

Members present: Vezzetti, Pisoni, Malmquist, Polich, Possanza, Atanasoff, Sacheck
Member(s) absent: None
Others present: Mr. Kent, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Berutti, Mrs. Brunswick

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

Mr. Pisoni corrected the minutes of June 16, 2009, Pg. 2, "Middle School Task Force" : Change date from July 11th to June 11th. Motion was M/S (Malmquist, Vezzetti) to approve the amended minutes.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-3 Abstain (Atanasoff, Possanza, Sacheck)

Motion was M/S (Atanasoff, Malmquist) to approve the minutes of the Organizational meeting held July 1, 2009. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Kent removed Item #IV.H and added Executive Sessions as Items #IV.G – Nelson Field and IV.H. – MEA Negotiations Update. Motion was M/S (Possanza, Pisoni) to approve the amended agenda. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Julie Melchiori asked if a "Recreation Millage" has been considered or established.

AUDIT OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Financial reports for the month of June were not available due to the impending audit. Only "Paid Accounts" were given.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS: Were noted.

- Mr. Kent reported on the school aid bill relating to the shortage at the State level. No definite decisions have been reached at this point.
 - Health Insurance – the State is considering "pooling" all State employees with a possible implementation of new policy by January 1st.
 - Budget Update for 2008-09 – A shortfall of \$170,000 was reported as of April 2009. The year-end balance may end with a small positive balance of \$95,000. This is due to the "tightening" of our belts in spending along with lower fuel/transportation costs than previously predicted.
 - A "draft" of a letter to the Forest Park and Watersmeet Schools was presented. This letter requesting a meeting to talk about possible shared programs.
 - Letters will also be sent to legislators regarding district budgetary cuts, etc.
- Mr. Berutti reported the scheduling should soon be completed. Football camp was a success with 280+ students plus 30 coaches.
- Mrs. Brunswick stated the web sites for Stambaugh and Bates are in the process of being updated.
- Mr. Karvala stated the playground equipment purchased through a pre-K grant should be completed by the end of the week. The Middle School has been cleaned out. An auction will be held in Sept./Oct. Locks on the Middle School will be changed. The classrooms at Bates should be ready for teachers by August 1st.

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ATHLETIC POLICY FOR 2009-2010: Mr. Berutti reported the new policy is a 365-day policy. Mr. Berutti answered any questions relating to the changes that were reviewed. Mr. Malmquist suggested a separate sign-off sheet for athletics in addition to the required handbook signature. Motion was M/S (Malmquist, Sacheck) with great appreciation to Mr. Berutti to accept the Athletic Policy with corrections as stated. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TASK FORCE UPDATE: Mr. Polich stated a meeting was held June 24th. Gary Pisoni has attended various municipal meetings with Roy Polich and/or Julie Melchiori also attending several of the meetings. They were informed that our intent is to form an "authority" and have it meet as a committee. If they would appoint a member to that committee they could then set a date for that committee to meet. Some municipalities have committed support, some have tabled their decision and some are not interested in participating.

Mr. Sacheck stated we need to act before Friday, July 24th. The contract with the EDC needs to be signed and we need to have leases available by Friday for parties interested in renting space.

Motion was M/S (Sacheck, Pisoni) to sign the contract with the EDC to manage the program and have leases available for signing by Friday. The Site Committee will meet together with Julie Melchiori to develop a lease agreement with the EDC by Friday for possible tenants. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Motion was M/s (Malmquist, Atanasoff) to replace Eric Malmquist with Bernie Sacheck as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Middle School. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.
(Ad Hoc M.S. Committee consists of: R. Possanza, G. Pisoni and B. Sacheck.)

BIDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL MODIFICATION:

Vendor	#1 – Carpentry Masonary	#2 – Electric for Comp. Lab.	#3- Air Cond. For Comp. Lab	#4 – Bates Elect. Update
Valley Const.	\$12,352	-----	-----	-----
M J Electric	-----	\$18,980	\$4,480	\$3,700
Westphal's	-----	\$27,220.80	\$21,248.93	\$4,488
Valley Mech.	-----	-----	\$22,000	-----

Mr. Karvala, along with the Business Committee, recommends the follows:
Job #1 – Valley Construction for \$12,352
Job #2 – M.J.Electric for \$18,980
Job #3 – Westphal's for \$21,248.93
Job #4 – M.J. Electric for \$3,700

Renovations total \$56,280.93 and will be funded through the Sinking Fund. The Sinking Fund balance, after expenditures, will be \$83,000.
Motion was M/S (Malmquist, Sacheck) to accept Mr. Karvala's and the Business Committee's recommendation in the amount of \$56,280.93. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

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BIDS FOR NEW LAWN TRACTOR: Mr. Karvala stated the only bid received for the lawn tractor was from Rocconi Ace Hardware in Iron Mountain in the amount of \$24,099.

Equipment Summary	Suggested List Price	Selling Price
John Deere 3320 Tractor	\$21,825.70	\$16,250.00
John Deere 300CX CP Loader	4,976.00	3,700.00
John Deere 60" Mower Deck	3,183.48	2,500.00
FRONTIER Fixed Pallet Fork	1,203.00	899.00
FRONTIER Broadcast Spreader	798.41	750.00
EQUIPMENT TOTAL:		\$24,099.00

Following discussion, motion was M/S (Malmquist, Vezzetti) to accept the bid from Rocconi Ace Hardware in Iron Mountain for only the Tractor and Mower Deck at this time in the amount of \$18,750. Monies from the Kentile lawsuit and the surcharge from Nelson Field tickets will be used toward the purchase. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CROSS COUNTRY COACH HIRING: The only application received was from Fred Jacobs. His letter stated parents would be helping with fundraising efforts being XC is a self-funded program. Parents driving students are covered through SET-SEG. Motion was M/S (Malmquist, Pisoni) to accept Fred Jacob's application and hire him as cross-country coach for 2009-10. MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (Sacheck)

MICHIGAN SCHOOL ENERGY COOPERATIVE: The State of Michigan is presenting a "First Amendment" to the existing Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative Interlocal Agreement. We are seeking permission to look into the possibility of locking in with a purchase price for diesel fuel through this program. Motion was M/S (Malmquist, Possanza) to amend the agreement with MISEC to include diesel fuel in the event that they are able to secure a locked-in price. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was M/S (Malmquist, Possanza) to enter into executive session under Section 8(c) for the purpose of negotiations (MEA) and Section 8(d) to consider the purchase or lease of real property.

Time: 7:45 p.m.

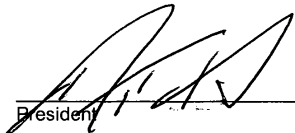
Roll Call: Ayes: G.Pisoni, A.Sacheck, E.Malmquist, R.Possanza, F.Atanasoff,
R.Polich, B.Vezzetti
Nays: None

Return to Open Session: 8:20 p.m.
No action was taken.

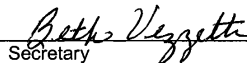
ITEMS FOR AUGUST MEETING:

- A.
- B.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was M/S to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.



President



Secretary