

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Minutes

Middle School Library

August 15, 2011

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Rochholz at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marshall, Fox, Rochholz, Fetzer, Mastenbrook, and Krum

MEMBERS ABSENT: DeVoe

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Stitt, Ryskamp, Vail and Kolassa

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT: none

VISITORS: Gail Secord, Dave Linton, Larry Ledlow, Martha Benes, Kit DeJong, Cynthia Stull, Erin Hoekstra, and Stan Hoekstra

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the July 18, 2011 regular meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Krum and supported by Fox to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2011 regular meeting.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

HEARING OF CITIZENS – none

FINANCE REPORTS-The monthly report of expenditures in the amount of \$235,624.49 was presented for approval for the General Fund.

A motion was made by Fox and supported by Fetzer to pay bills in the amount of \$235,624.49.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

Dr. Stitt and Rita Broekema noted that preliminary audit numbers show that we will be adding a little over \$200,000 to fund equity. The Board was reminded of their conscious decision to allow the enhancement millage and facility rental monies to remain in the general fund to offset the deficit in the general fund.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES- Stitt requested one additional agenda item – Busing Study

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Energy Savings Report – The District’s energy consultant, Dave Linton, was on hand to present comparison reports for the July 2009-May 2010 and July 2010-May 2011 periods. The past year

showed on average a 22% cost avoidance or savings of \$67,000. All staff with special recognition to Sieste and Stan Hoekstra were commended for their continued commitment to being responsible consumers.

2. 2010-11 ACT Scores Report – Larry Ledlow presented the 2010-11 report which showed Schoolcraft continues to be a leader in both the county and state in this area.
3. Opening of School – Dr. Stitt invited the Board to the opening day activities on August 31, sharing briefly the plan for the staff for that day.
4. Spanish Curriculum Purchase – Martha Benes presented some highlights of the proposed curriculum that the Middle School would like to use to develop their Spanish program.

A motion was made by Marshall and supported by Mastenbrook to approve the purchase of the Spanish Curriculum as presented.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

5. Portable Bleacher Purchase – Dr. Stitt noted that the District was in need of two portable bleachers units to help ease the sitting constraints both at our fields and gymnasiums. The units presented for approval would add approximately 80 seats not to exceed \$3,000.

A motion was made by Fox and supported by Krum to approve the purchase of two portable bleacher units not to exceed \$3,000.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

6. Committee assignments – Mike Rochholz noted that the 2011-12 school year committee assignments would be as follows:

Personnel/Education

Chair, David Krum
Kathy Mastenbrook
Darby Fetzer

Negotiations

Chair, Kathy Mastenbrook
Skip Fox
Michael Rochholz

Finance/Operations

Chair, Kathy Mastenbrook
Darby Fetzer
Jeannette Marshall

Policy/Legislative

Chair, Mike Rochholz
David Krum
Matt DeVoe

7. Board Policy Revisions – Dr. Stitt noted that several policy revisions were presented for approval tonight.

A motion was made by Krum and supported by Fox to adopt policy revisions as written.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

8. Out-of-State Overnight Field Trip Request – Erin Hoekstra presented on behalf of the HS band and choir programs their request to perform in Disney World, Florida over Spring Break 2012.

A motion was made by Fetzer and supported by Marshall to approve the HS band and choir programs request for an out-of-state overnight field trip.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

9. Staff Reinstatement – Dr. Stitt recommended that Nicole Millard be called back to a half-time position (Young 5s) and Deb Lawrence from .5 to full-time (Discovery).

A motion was made by Fox and supported by Mastenbrook to call back Nicole Millard to a half-time position (Young 5s) and Deb Lawrence from .5 to full-time (Discovery).

Motion Carried 6-0-0

10. Hiring of Early Elementary Principal – Dr. Stitt recommended that the Board hire Cynthia Stull to be the Early Elementary Principal, noting she will be on a reduced schedule.

A motion was made by Marshall and supported Fetzer to hire Cynthia Stull to be the Early Elementary Principal.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

11. Busing Study – Dr. Stitt and Kit DeJong presented a busing study that they had performed over the summer. The purpose of the study was to analyze the current routes and working with current law and newly acquired technology to make the transportation department more efficient and effective. The Board expressed appreciation for the efforts made by Rusty and Kit, discussed the findings and indicated that the majority of them would prefer that in town pickups be consolidated to 2 stops on each side of US 131 rather than in town pickups be eliminated.

12. Closed session – Rochholz noted that it was necessary to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

A motion was made by Marshall and supported by Mastenbrook to go into closed session to discuss negotiations.

Roll call vote: Ayes - Krum, Marshall, Fetzer, Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Fox
Nays - none

Moved to closed session at 8:55 p.m.

Returned to open session at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mastenbrook made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting supported by Fetzer.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

*Recorded by Rita A. Broekema
Finance Director*

These minutes have been approved by:

D' Arbra Fetzer, Secretary
Schoolcraft Community Schools