

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Minutes

Middle School Library

December 19, 2011

7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marshall, Fox, Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Krum, and Fetzer (arrived 7:04)

MEMBERS ABSENT: DeVoe

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Stitt, Ryskamp, Vail, and Kolassa

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VISITORS: Gail Secord, James Weiss, Larry Ledlow, Susan Kuiper, Lori Pelton, Amy Desmond, Pat & Jerry Timm, Benedicte Cousty, Anna Bubel, Christine Rosey, Marcos Cuesta-Andres, Chad Earles, and Casey Earles

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the November 21, 2011 regular meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Krum and supported by Fox to approve the minutes from November 21, 2011 regular meeting.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

HEARING OF CITIZENS – Susan Kuiper expressed her appreciation to Board and the entire school community for their strong support of the Schoolcraft Friday Pack Program. The program is currently serving 50 kids representing 22 families. David Krum followed Susan's thank you by reading a letter addressed to the Board from a citizen commending Susan and her Board's considerable efforts to serve the children in Schoolcraft that are food insecure.

FINANCE REPORTS - The monthly report of expenditures in the amount of \$202,298.67 was presented for approval for the General Fund.

A motion was made by Fox and supported by Mastenbrook to pay bills in the amount of \$202,298.67.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES- none

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Recognizing our 2011-12 Exchange Students** – Foreign exchange students, Benedicte Cousty (France), Anna Bubel (Germany), and Marcos Cuesta-Andres (Spain) introduced themselves, told a little about their families and experience in Schoolcraft so far, and then said Merry Christmas in their native tongue. Board members thanked them for sharing and gifted them each with a Schoolcraft Eagle t-shirt.
- 2. Wellness Committee Report** – Amy Desmond, Lori Pelton, and Darby Fetzer each shared highlights of their progress in establishing a wellness program in the District and the committee's future plans.
- 3. KRESA Annual Report** – Dr. Stitt reviewed KRESA's annual report, noting the many shared programs and consolidated efforts in the county.
- 4. Middle and High Schools Delayed Start Proposal** – John Vail and Larry Ledlow shared via power point their proposal to use a delayed start in the HS and MS so that their staff could have common Professional Learning Community (PLC) time. The plan would be to have a delayed start every Thursday beginning February 2.
- 5. Technology Report and Purchase Approval** – James Weiss provided a state of technology in the District overview and outlined in priority order his plan for the future. He requested that the Board approve the upgrade of the network switches in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.

A motion was made by Fox and supported by Fetzer to approve the upgrade of the network switches in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

- 6. Final thoughts and Announcements** – Krum noted that he has heard lots of positive discussion regarding the UE/MS co-principal plan. Fetzer asked Vail and Ryskamp what sort of feedback they have received regarding the co-principal plan. Both indicated that they have reassured concerned parents that neither one is leaving. Both will still be visible to staff, students, and parents. Fox noted that while many of the changes seem overwhelming at times that it is a very exciting time in the District and he hopes that the community continues to partner with the District as it takes us all together to raise a child. Rochholz urged follow Board members to continue to reach out to those in Lansing with both the positive and the room for improvement comments. Marshall thanked the administrators for their dedication and for all the extra effort expended in planning for a delayed start in the MS/HS. She is excited about the possibilities it presents for both staff and students.
- 7. Closed session** – Rochholz noted that it was necessary to go into closed session to discuss the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

A motion was made by Krum and supported by Mastenbrook to go into closed session to discuss the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

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

Moved to closed session at 8:30 p.m.

Returned to open session at 10:00 p.m

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

*Recorded by Rita A. Broekema
Finance Director*

These minutes have been approved by:

D' Arbra Fetzer, Secretary
Schoolcraft Community Schools