

**Board of Education
Official Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
January 9, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

President Zanotti called the Regular Board Meeting of the Bay City Public Schools Board of Education to order on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., directly following the Organization Meeting, in the Media Center at Central High School, 1624 Columbus Avenue, Bay City, MI.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present at the previous Organizational meeting.

ROLL CALL

Those present were President Zanotti, Vice President Baird, Secretary Jeske, Treasurer Bauer, and Trustees Helmling, Rademacher and Sepeda.

Student Representatives were introduced as follows:

Lily Wu, representing Central High School
Mason Wade, representing Wenona High School
Chris Garbe, representing Western High School

CHANGES TO AGENDA – None

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE - None

RECOGNITIONS

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

On behalf of the District, Superintendent Greif recognized our Board of Education members for their commitment to Public Education and their service to the students and the families of the Bay City Public School District.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD

The following staff members were recognized by the Board of Education and received the *Make a Difference Award* from Superintendent Greif:

- Connie Kennedy, District Math / Science Instructional Support
- Allison VanDriessche, Western Middle School, Science Coach / Teacher

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

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The Board was asked to approve minutes from the December 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the December 12, 2016 Executive Session.

MONTHLY EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses for the month of December 2016 were presented to the Board for acceptance.

RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS

A 14 year old 9th grade male student from Wenona Alternative High School was recommended for expulsion for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year with no home-based services offered for violation of the Student Code of Conduct, threatening school staff members.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Board of Education was asked to approve changes in personnel for the month of December 2016.

Trustee Baird made the motion, supported by Trustee Sepeda, to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S ANTI-BULLYING CLUB

Principal Marciniak introduced Central High teacher Jill Moore who, along with two student members of the Anti-Bullying Club, shared how the club came into being and its recent national recognition by the Pacers Center for their efforts to reduce bullying in schools. They had over 1,000 shares on their related Facebook story.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board of Education received an update related to our Special Education Department from Kevin Gosson, Director of Special Education.

BUDGET UPDATE

The Board of Education received an update related to Finance and Budget from Sarah DuFresne, Director of Finance and Accounting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Bay-Arenac ISD Update: Though our ISD representative, Doug Newcombe, was not present at the meeting, he provided a written Bay-Arenac ISD update which was shared with the Board of Education in the January 6, 2017 Board Update.

Communications and Marketing Committee: Trustee Rademacher shared that meetings may be held after school; the meeting schedule has been finalized.

Board Activity Calendar: To be included with board updates.

Other:

- Trustee Helmling and Finance Directory Sarah DuFresne plan to attend the County Clerk's Election Consolidation Plan meeting on January 20th. Items to be noted: How to identify polling locations other than schools since this is a safety concern. The most recent election, held on November 8, was a professional development day with no students in session. The school calendar is a negotiable item; not having school in session on Election Days cannot be guaranteed by the District. What can the County and the Legislature do?
- What does our District need to do in order to be allowed to start school before Labor Day? What are the steps needed to receive a waiver?

Board Member Building Visits: Nothing to report. Students are just returning from winter break.

REGULAR AGENDA

No items on the Regular Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Helmling addressed rumors that the Board proposed a one-time payment of \$200 for contracts in a wage reopened status. That rumor is wholly incorrect.

SECOND CALL TO AUDIENCE

Rick Meeth, President of the Bay City Education Association, 1483 Valley Center Drive, Bay City, MI, addressed the Board related to the suggestion of wearing red on Wednesday, January 11 in opposition of U.S. Education Secretary Nominee Betsy DeVos during Senate confirmation hearings

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Bauer made the motion, supported by Trustee Sepeda, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving an update on negotiations and discuss setting the February 2017 School Calendar, as permitted under Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act as well as for the purpose of meeting with counsel to discuss trial and / or settlement strategy regarding pending litigation, Case No. 1:16-CV-11791-TLL-PTM, as permitted under Section 8 (e) of the Open Meetings Act. Approved unanimously.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 10:17 p.m.

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FOLLOWING EXECUTIVES SESSION:

FEBRUARY 2017 CALENDAR

Trustee Bauer made the motion, supported by Trustee Sepeda, to approve the recommendation of Administration to set the February 2017 School Calendar as presented in a memo dated January 10, 2017. The school calendar is a negotiable item and the 2016-17 calendar has not been finalized. Approved unanimously. (Attachment A).

PENDING LITIGATION, CASE NO. 1:16-CV-11791-TLL-PTM

Trustee Helmling made the motion, supported by Trustee Sepeda, to approve the recommendation of Administration regarding pending litigation, Case No. 1:16-CV-11791-TLL-PTM and to authorize administration to execute such documents as are necessary to do so. Yeas: Trustees Bauer, Helmling, Jeske, Rademacher and Sepeda. Nays: President Zanotti and Trustee Baird. Motion passed 5-2.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine Jeske, Secretary
LAS/smg