

**Board of Education
Official Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
April 10, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

President Zanotti called the Regular Board Meeting of the Bay City Public Schools Board of Education to order on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 7:23 p.m., in the Media Center at Western Middle / High School, 500 W. Midland Road, Auburn, MI.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Baird and recited by all present.

ROLL CALL

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA

President Zanotti requested that Item C on the Consent Agenda, Recommended Expulsion, be moved to the Regular Agenda as Item K. No other changes were presented.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

Rick Meeth, President of the Bay City Education Association, 1483 S. Valley Center Drive, Bay City, MI, addressed the Board in support of Agenda Item G, Wenona Alternative High School, and encouraged stakeholder input.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Trustee Sepeda made the motion, supported by Trustee Rademacher, to approve the Agenda with the one change noted, moving Item C, Recommended Expulsion, to Item K on the Regular Agenda. Approved unanimously (7-0).

PRESENTATION

Western High School Drama students provided an entertaining musical presentation from their recent production, GREASE: School Version.

RECOGNITIONS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD

Dustin Vanderveer, Instrumental Music Instructor at Handy Middle School, was recognized by the Board of Education and received the *Make a Difference Award for April* from Superintendent Greif.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

The Board was asked to approve minutes from the March 8, 2017 Board Workshop, March 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, March 13, 2017 Executives Session and the March 20, 2017 Board Workshop.

MONTHLY EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses for the month of March 2017 were presented to the Board for acceptance.

RECOMMENDED EXPUSION

Moved to the Regular Agenda as Item K.

UPDATE ON THE TENNIS COURTS PROJECT AT THE FORMER THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board was asked to approve an update on the tennis courts project at the former Thomas Jefferson School Property as presented by Patrick Tobin, Director of Facilities.

RECOGNITION OF TENURE

The Board was asked to acknowledge individuals who have successfully completed the tenure process including Andrea Kershaw, Janelle Lind and Mark Heinz.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Board was asked to approve Personnel changes for the month of March 2017.

Trustee Bauer made the motion, supported by Trustee Sepeda, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended (Item C, Recommended Expulsion, moved to the Regular Agenda). Approved unanimously (7-0).

COMMUNICATIONS

Bay-Arenac ISD Update: Doug Newcombe, Bay-Arenac ISD Board representative, shared an update with the Board of Education via email on April 3, 2017; he was also available at the meeting for questions.

Communications and Marketing Committee: Trustee Rademacher shared that this committee has met; printed and distributed over 2,000 postcards; designed, printed and placed yard signs targeting our registration timetable; and is in the process of updating our websites. The Committee has seen positive results.

Board Activity Calendar: As shared.

Board Member Building Visits:

- Trustee Rademacher visited Wenona and observed an atmosphere of respect and an organized teacher reporting process. He also enjoyed a visit to the 20 Minutes a Day event at Handy Middle School.
- Trustee Jeske visited Hampton's Family Night and observed a positive partnership with MSU. She also attended the softball games and enjoyed seeing Western High School take the win. Additionally, she enjoyed a Lansing field trip with her grandson and other Mackensen 3rd graders.

REGULAR AGENDA

WENONA ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

The board was presented with the history of Wenona Alternative as well as its current status and challenges. Additionally, the Board was presented with three options for consideration and direction. Board members felt there was a great deal of information to consider before they could provide direction but felt it was important to continue to support our student population who have other needs than a mainstream setting. Other items to consider included offering additional opportunities in the program (i.e. daycare, the ability to participate in extracurricular offerings like sports and drama in collaboration with the other two high schools). Discussion also included identifying other support strategies (i.e. a social worker, successful co-op partnerships, community partnerships and community health grant initiatives), as well as ways to offer support to help reduce and/or prevent student drug use issues and in addressing student attendance. Establishing a standard criteria process for entering/exiting the program and removing "Alternative" in the school name should be considered.

No action taken.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HVAC – NORTH WING

The Board was presented with the status of the Administration Building's HVAC system, in particular, the north wing, including five potential options as provided by MacMillan Associates Consulting Engineers. The Board requested additional information for the options presented related to the ability for better use of the north wing, including the boardroom, office space and restrooms.

No action taken.

PRE-LABOR DAY START UPDATE

The Board was presented with an update as it relates to their directive to complete an application for a pre-Labor Day start for the 2017-18 school year. Since the District did not qualify to apply for the waiver for the 2017-18 school year according to the four criteria listed by the State, the Board was asked to consider direction related to positioning the District to qualify for the application process for the 2018-19 school year along with other local districts and the ISD. There is currently legislation that, if approved, would allow a Pre-Labor Day Start in the 2018-19 school year for the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday prior to Labor Day.

No action taken.

BOARD REPRESENTATION ON NEGOTIATION TEAMS

Following discussion at the March 20, 2017 Board Workshop, President Zanotti presented the Board an opportunity of representing the Board on the Administrative Team when negotiating with the eight various bargaining units in the District. Board members would act as observers rather as participants and assist in negotiations updates to the full Board.

Trustee Rademacher made the motion, supported by Trustee Baird, to approve Trustee Bauer as a representative on the District negotiating team with the Bay City Education Association (BCEA). Yeas: Trustees Baird, Bauer, Helmling, Jeske, Sepeda and Rademacher. Abstained: President Zanotti. Motion passed (6-0).

RECOMMENDED EXPULSION

President Zanotti requested that a previously suspended 5th grade student receive homebound services for the remainder of the school year. Agreed.

A 12 year old, 7th grade, male student from Handy Middle School was recommended for expulsion for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year for violation of the Student Code of Conduct in regard to persistent disobedience – student assault. Student will receive home-based services while expelled.

Trustee Helmling made the motion, supported by Trustee Bauer, to approve the student expulsion as recommended. Approved unanimously (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Baird suggested the Board plan a team-building retreat since there are three new members. Consensus was to wait until the new superintendent is selected so that our new superintendent could also be part of the process.

SECOND CALL TO AUDIENCE

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Ed Clements, Bay City, MI, BCPS Co-op coordinator/City-District Liaison, suggested the District may be able to partner with City Hall for meeting space. Also, the City had a recent team building experience and he could share that information if the District is interested.

Pam Skillman, Bay City, President of the Bay City Central Booster Club, spoke in support of the great relationship they have had with the current BCC Athletic Director, Mr. Fraser, who is retiring. Mrs. Skillman shared that the Booster Club felt the AD position was an important one and they've been able to offer concessions at all events due to that great relationship. She further shared that, with that relationship, the Booster Club has been able to provide substantial support to the school and our students with the money raised.

Jeff Cooley, Kawkawlin, MI, a Western High School parent of a softball player, spoke in support of Coach Popp, her coaching ability, and that recent issues related to the program have been embarrassing and should be addressed.

Jeff Dillon, Auburn, MI, a 20-year teacher with the District and parent of a sophomore and a senior in the District, spoke in support of settling the teachers' contract. He stated he appreciates all in our District but that we have lost good teachers because of the lack of wage increases.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Baird made the motion, supported by Trustee Sepeda, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving an update on negotiations; discussion on setting the May 2017 School Calendar; and discussion of a personnel matter, as permitted under Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act. Following advice from our District Counsel, Mr. Allsopp, on items of discussion allowed during Executive Session related to adding "discussion of a personnel matter" to the motion, a vote was taken. Yeas: Trustee Baird. Nays: Trustees Bauer, Helmling, Sepeda, Rademacher and President Zanotti. Abstained: Trustee Jeske. Motion Failed.

Trustee Jeske make the motion, supported by Trustee Rademacher, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving an update on negotiations and to discuss setting the May 2017 School Calendar, as permitted under Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act. Approved unanimously (7-0).

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 10:15 p.m.

FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MAY 2017 CALENDAR

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Trustee Baird made the motion, supported by Trustee Bauer, to approve the recommendation of Administration to set the May 2017 School Calendar as presented in a memo dated April 11, 2017. The school calendar is a negotiable item and the 2016-17 calendar has not been finalized. Approved unanimously (6-0); Trustee Helmling was not present for the vote. (Attachment A).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorraine A. Jeske". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lorraine Jeske, Secretary
LAJ/smg