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Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
April 12, 2010

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President Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Freeman, Palmer, Ryckman, Van Sickler, Peglow (arr. at 7:01 p.m.)

Members absent: Butler, Keyes

Administrators Present: Myers, Beal, Hubbard, Kelly

Administrators Absent: None

Visitors Present: Tracey Reed, Lori Avery, Sara Millerov, Marcie Peglow, Larry Koutz

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Palmer to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion CARRIED 5-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Questions on Building Reports: None

Communications

Letter from Chuck Drake – Ferris State University – on Math Counts
Myers talked to the board about a letter he received from Ferris State University. Mr. Drake commended teachers Lori Wolfe and Lisa Zimmer on the work that they do with the students.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ryckman, support by Peglow to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 8, 2010 as presented.
Motion CARRIED 5-0
Motion by Ryckman, support by Van Sickler to approve the minutes of the Executive meeting held March 8, 2010 as presented.
Motion CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer's Report- April

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve the bills as monies become available.
Motion CARRIED 5-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A. FMLA

1. Mayna Spohn – Bus Driver

B. Resignation

1. Howard Stanton – Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

Motion CARRIED 5-0

New Business

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to approve Tenure for Lori Avery.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Peglow questioned the process for Tenure in education. Superintendent Myers explained the process.

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to approve the continued probationary status for the following:

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| a. Peggy Throop | 4 th Year |
| b. Heather Dawe | 3 rd Year |
| c. Richelle Davis | 2 nd Year |

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to approve Contract Extensions for the following:

- a. Barbra Alexander
- b. Susan Hansen
- c. William Bloomfield
- d. Sara Millerov
- e. Anna Spindler

Ryckman and Palmer questioned this process. Myers stated that it is the same as the probationary status.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Press Box named after Dick Davis

Myers stated that this was brought to the board a couple of years ago. The district would like to do the presentation at Homecoming 2010.

Ryckman questioned whether there will be a sign made. Peglow questioned if the field will be named after Dick Davis. Myers stated that the field would remain the Keats R Wood Field. Van Sickler mentioned that the district should re-dedicate the field to Keats Wood at Homecoming.

Motion by Palmer, support by Peglow to approve the Press Box being named after Dick Davis at the September 24, 2010 Homecoming game.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Montcalm ISD Budget

Myers stated that this is information for the board to look at. The board does not need to vote on this until May.

Other Business: None

Old Business

Technology Discussion – netbook quantity cost

Tabled until next meeting. Lindsey was not able to make it to the meeting tonight due to car problems. The board would like the information emailed to them as soon as possible.

Motion by Peglow, support by Van Sickler to table until no later than the regular board meeting in May.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Voluntary Separation Agreement

Superintendent Myers and the board discussed the voluntary separation agreement.

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve the voluntary separation agreement.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to enter executive session at 7:35 p.m. (P.A. 197Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph c.)

Administrative Contracts

Roll call: Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler – yes, Freeman - yes

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Palmer, support by Van Sickler to re enter regular session at 8:28 p.m.

Roll call: Palmer-yes, Peglow-yes, Ryckman-yes, Van Sickler-yes, Feeman-yes

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to table administration contracts until the May board meeting until further information can be attained on the budget from Lansing.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Freeman thanked the administration for their patience.

Recognition of Guests: None

Works in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule

Add: Administrative Contract Rollover.

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the elementary media center.

Members present: Freeman, Keyes, McNerney, Peglow, Van Sickler, Palmer (arr. @7:07 p.m.)

Members absent: Ryckman

Administrators present: Beal

Administrators absent: Hubbard

Visitors present: Marcie Peglow, Darby Weaver, Tammy Dickman, Bonnie Walker, Bill Walker, Kathy Gates, Larry Koutz, Connie Marshall, Karen Gostomski, Jackie Gostomski

Approval of Agenda

Van Sickler amended the agenda, by adding to

XII. Works in Progress

F. Board Goals

G. Superintendent Evaluation Toll

Motion by McNerney, support by Peglow to amend the agenda as stated.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Communications: None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on July 12, 2010 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Peglow, support by Freeman to approve the bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Freeman thanked Mr. Beal for the treasurer's report. It is very detailed and the board can see where the money is being spent.

Mr. Beal stated to the board that they should thank Mrs. Walker. Bonnie is invaluable to the district.

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Consent Agenda

1. Resignation

- A. Dave Cramer – Bus Driver
- B. Taylor Hansen – Varsity Football Assistant and Varsity Baseball Coach

Motion by Freeman, support Keyes to approve the resignations.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

2. Reinstate

- A. Betsy Snyder – Bus Driver
- B. Mike Jones – Custodian

Motion by Keyes, support by Palmer to approve the reinstatements.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

3. Employ

- A. Jodi Fessenden – Special Education Teacher

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve hiring Jodi Fessenden, Special Education Teacher.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

- B. Darby Weaver - Elementary Principal

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve hiring Darby Weaver, Elementary Principal.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

- C. Steve Lott – Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to approve hiring Steve Lott, Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

- D. Dan Ryckman - Junior Varsity Football Coach

Motion by Keyes, support by Peglow to approve hiring Dan Ryckman as the JV Football Coach.

Roll call: Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

New Business

Motion by Peglow, support by McNerney to enter executive session – Student Reinstatements/Expulsion (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph b.) at 7:18 p.m.

Roll call: Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Motion by Palmer, support by Peglow to re-enter regular session at 7:28 p.m.
Roll call: Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes,
Peglow – yes, Van Sickler – yes
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve Student A to be reinstated
for the school year of 2010-2011 under a behavior contract.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Discussion Shared Services with ISD – Technology

Interim Superintendent Beal and board discussed shared technology services with
the ISD. Beal will bring back more information to the at the September board
meeting.

School Bond Loan Fund Resolution

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the School Bond Loan Fund
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approve/Accept Milk/Bread Bids for the 2010-2011 school year

Motion by Peglow, support by Freeman to approve the milk and bread bids for the
2010-2011 school year.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Other Business

Palmer stated that he spoke to Dan Calverley about moving the pole and the cost.
Calverley stated that the summer youth league is having two poles moved on
school property for the t-ball fields. Palmer stated that they are moving the poles
for free.

The board discussed the power pole and the cost of having it moved. Beal stated
that as of right now the power company would want to move it across the street
and take out the churches maple tree. McNerney stated the church would have a
pretty dim view of that.

Freeman asked if they could at least put a new pole in there instead of the old
pole.

Beal stated that the initial quote from Consumers was 12,000 –15,000 to move the
pole.

Beal stated lets cross the finish line with the building project before we spend the
entire contingency fund.

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Old Business

Approval of MSAC Constitution

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the MSAC Constitution.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approval of the Student/Athletic Handbook

Motion by Peglow, support Mc Nerney to approve the student/athletic handbook.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

High School Principal Contract Rollover

Beal spoke to the board about approving the high school principal's contract.
Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve Brandon Hubbard's contract roll over for the 2011-2012 school year.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Works in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule

Election of Officers mid year

Beal spoke to the board that since the board extended terms until December, that the board would need to elect new officers in January. We do not have any terms running out until 2011.

Bid process for Auditor

Beal is working on this.

Security Cameras

Beal stated that Mr. Shelden brought him a per camera price. It would cost the district 40,000. Beal stated that we should table this until the bond project is finished. Then speak with administrators about a per camera basis when the district knows what the contingency balance is.

Transportation Fee

Beal stated to the board that the board should drop this at this time. Beal stated that the district would not collect money from athletes for transportation for the 2010-2011 school year.

Board Goals

Beal would like to discuss with the board where they see the district in 1 year, 3 years, etc.

Superintendent Evaluation Tool

Beal stated that the board adopted an evaluation tool last year. Mr. Beal will send that to the board to see if that is what the board would like to use for the superintendent evaluation. Mr. Beal would like comments from the board and will bring this to the September board meeting.

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Recognition of Guests

Karen Gostomski would like to thank the board for reinstating Mike Jones to the custodial staff. Karen stated that Mike has been sorely missed for the last six months. Karen stated that Mike Jones does a wonderful job of keeping the lower elementary section very clean.

Bonnie Walker stated that while the board was in executive session the visitors toured the high school. Bonnie questioned who picked out the colors for the lockers?

Items for next Board Meeting September 13, 2010
RFP for the tech position bid.

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the high school classroom #2113.

Members present: Freeman, Keyes, McNerney, Palmer, Ryckman, Van Sickler

Members absent: Peglow

Administrators present: Beal, Hubbard, Weaver

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Tracey Reed, Bill Bloomfield, Steve Lott, Darby Weaver, William Gillaspie, Larry Koutz, James Hodges, Connie Marshall, Bonnie Walker, Adam Arntz, Tara Marsh, Jody Zinn, Brian Zinn, Jody Johnston Vissman, Kellie Adams, Nancy Valenta, Kendra Dalrymple, Cody McNulty, Hallie Rentsman, Melissa Benavidez, Akisha Benavidez, Kristi Wainman

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests

Connie Marshall 8615 Crystal Rd, Vestaburg – teacher – she understands people need to come to the board meeting to speak about their conflicts, she would hope that this is something that could be dealt with Mr. Beal in a private meeting instead of a public meeting.

Tara Marsh 11029 S. Winn Rd, Shepherd, parent, has had a problem with a teacher, she is not worried about her own students safety but she is concerned about the other students safety. She would like to make sure something is done to take care of this situation.

Brian Zinn 4324 Pine Grove Rd, Edmore, parent/spouse, back in September the board decided to layoff the current technology director and go with the ISD to cover the technology needs of the district. He is concerned that the technology needs are piling up. Mr. Zinn wanted to make sure that there is a tracking system for the technology requests that have been requested. Mr. Zinn would like to sit down and talk with someone to make sure that this is taken care of before it gets out of hand.

Questions on Building Reports

None

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Communications

Mr. Beal stated that with the cancellation of school today the presentation from the 5th grade will be rescheduled to next month.

Mr. Van Sickler read a thank you letter from Sharle Wilmot for listening to her concerns and responding to her questions.

Mr. Van Sickler brought to the board's attention that the transportation department received a certificate of excellence for passing their school bus safety inspections.

Mr. Hubbard announced that there is a plaque that was dedicated in memory of Chester Throop. It will be on display above the washer, dryer and stove that was donated to the school from Chester's Throop's scholarship fund. Mr. And Mrs. Throop were here tonight to accept the plaque and spoke about the scholarship fund.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by McNerney, support by Ryckman to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held November 8, 2010 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Executive meeting held November 8, 2010 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Treasurer's Report- December

Mr. Van Sickler presented to the board the treasurer's report. Motion by Van Sickler, support by Freeman to approve the bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda

A. Employ

1. Bill Johnson – Junior Varsity Softball Coach

2. Scott Marshall – Varsity Baseball Coach

Motion by McNerney, support by Keyes to approve Bill Johnson as the JV Softball Coach

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve Scott Marshall as the Varsity Baseball Coach

Freeman would like to table Consent Agenda number 2 until the January board meeting.

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New Business

Mr. Beal went over a proposed amended budget for 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Beal explained some of the increases in cost and some areas of savings.

Mr. Beal stated by the end of the school year the fund balance will be 17%. Beal is asking the board to accept the amended budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion by Freeman, support by Ryckman to approve the amended general fund budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Freeman thanked Mr. Beal for his hard work on amending the budget.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

High School Media Center Recommendation

Beal had given the board some suggestions on how to cover the high school media center at the November board meeting. Beal stated that he cannot make a recommendation at this time. The district has cut positions, cut hours and the district is still running in the red so he does not believe that the district should hire a new employee at this time. Mr. Hubbard stated that Doris Johnson covers the elementary media center 3 days a week and the high school media center 2 days a week. The high school media center is also covered periodically from other paraprofessional staff. Beal wanted to thank all of the paraprofessional staff for the hard work with getting the high school media center ready. Mrs. Weaver stated the both media centers are open everyday. Weaver also stated that they are looking at having a book fair for the high school to earn money for new books. The elementary media center raised \$1500.00 for new books from the book fair they held this fall. McNerney asked if there are any parent volunteers that could help with the physical labor of setting up. Freeman asked if the school district has talked with the Richland Township Library to coordinate with them for availability.

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to enter Executive Session to Discuss Correspondence from Thrun Law Firm (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph e.) at 7:41 p.m.

Roll call: Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Freeman, support Palmer to re-enter regular session at 8:20 p.m.

Roll call: Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Other Business - None

Old Business - None

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Items for Discussion

Shared Services Co-Op MAISD

Beal spoke to the board about Shared Services. This is something that the state is pushing. What the district is looking at is forming a co-op to provide services like the district is doing with technology. With the technology the ISD has hired another part-time person at their expense to help with the back log of technology issues. The ISD would like to form a committee and would like 1 board member from each school district. Beal stated that Dr. K will be coming to the board meeting next month to discuss some of these ideas.

McNerney stated that he is upset that the district paid 5000.00 above and beyond the technology director's current salary to complete a bond project and the new technology person is finishing bond issues and trying to do the day to day needs of the district. Beal stated that other districts are watching Vestaburg and Montabella to see how the shared services are working because they are looking at the same issues with budget cuts.

1st Reading of Neola Policies #0167.3, 0168.3, 2260, 2260.01, 2623, 3122.02, 3160, 3362, 3419.02, 3430.01, 4122.02, 4140, 4160, 4362, 4419.02, 4430.01, 5136, 5517, 9160
Beal stated this is the first reading and he would like them to look them over during the next month for the 2nd reading in January.

Work in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule
Election of Officers Mid-Year
Bid Process for Auditor

Recognition of Guests

Beal stated that if you speak during public comment, you will receive a letter inviting you to come in to meet with Mr. Beal about those issues

Connie Marshall, 8615 Crystal Rd., Vestaburg, teacher, talked about airing dirty laundry during a public meeting earlier tonight. Then during the consent agenda you ask for part of the agenda to be tabled. Marshall stated that board members receive their board packet the week before. Board members should have had time to check with Mr. Beal for clarification before the meeting.

Steve Lott 8828 Second St., Vestaburg, parent, he would like to thank the board and Mr. Beal for the uncomfortable position that they have been put in by having to deal with this situation.

Jody Zinn 4324 Pine Grove Rd., Edmore, teacher, she would like to thank Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Beal for listening to the middle school staffs concern about the reading attack program and having Mr. Cook's help.

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Brian Zinn 4324 Pine Grove Rd., Edmore, parent/spouse, stated that earlier one the board members talked about parent volunteers. He is not sure who is in charge of volunteers but he would like to help.

Kristi Wainman, 11374 Crystal Rd., Vestaburg, parent, she questioned if parents have a concern, and she knows there is a chain of command. If you don't feel like a situation is not being handled in a timely manner with the principals, the parents then go to Mr. Beal. Isn't the Board of Education the next step?

Beal stated yes by all means, go to the teacher first, then to the principals, then to the superintendent. If you do not feel that your questions are being answered then by all means you should come to the board. Wainman stated that we are all very passionate about making sure that our kids are safe. McNerney stated that he is thankful that they are passionate about that. Beal stated to please come and see him.

Kelly Adams, 1010 Archambault Lane, Vestaburg, parent, the thing that she loves about this school is that there is a lot of parent involvement and the school is very open to that. She stated that as a board member you need to handle situations appropriately. She stated that two different board members were questioned by students about the current situation. The one board member handled it very appropriately and stated that he did not know what was going on at this time and when the teacher would be back. The other board member told students that the teacher was going to be fired. If you have students at home, you need to be careful what you say in front of them because they will talk to other kids.

Items for next Board Meeting January 10, 2011.

- Superintendent's evaluation
- Dedicating the track in Ron Cain's name
- Scott Marshall Varsity Baseball Coach
- 5th Grade Presentation
- Mr. Koutz Quiz Bowl Team

- Mr. Beal stated that the board will have their own competition with the Quiz Bowl Team

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jeff Beal, Interim Superintendent

Karen Grover, Administrative Assistant, Central Office

Bonnie Walker, Business Official

Brandon Hubbard, High School/Middle School Principal

Kim Whitney, Administrative Assistant, High School/Middle School

Darby Weaver, Elementary Principal

Kathy Gates, Administrative Assistant, Elementary

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President Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the elementary/middle school gym.

Members present: Butler, Freeman, Keyes, Palmer, Peglow, Ryckman, Van Sickler

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Myers, Beal, Hubbard

Administrators absent: Kelly

Visitors present: Tracey Reed, James Hodges, Larry Koutz, Carol Jane Koutz, Michael Breidinger, Nancy Valenta, Brent McQueen, Mary Lu Throop, Betsy Snyder, Bonnie Walker, Bill Walker, Doris Johnson, Rhonda McNerney, Sharon Gerlach, Ashton Cornell, Lindsey Shelden, Bambi Grossett, Laura Little, Chris Grossett, Danielle Wright, Kerry Krzymicki, Bridget LaMarre, Sara Millerov, Lori Avery, Taylor Hansen, Mike Delacourt, Lisa Delacourt, Jody Zinn, Erin King, Dianne Wilson, Karen Gostomski, Janell Kilmer, Traci McCormick, Connie Marshall, Scott Marshall, Jody Johnston, Ryan Elsea, Carol Herman, Karen Nickerson, Coty Prestage, Breann Hernandez, Genevieve Prestage, Crystal Prestage, Sharon Davis, Tara Johnson, Heather Dawe, Darlene DeHate, Marcie Peglow, Steve Keeler, Wendy Keeler, Rich Wrisley, Rebekah Wrisley, Mike Jones, Jacob Day, Jacob Olson, Teresa Hammond, Mitch McCormick, Laura Neelis, Phyllis Marshall, Dave Cramer, Bill Holley, John Mills, Kathy Gates, Ashlee Elliott, Lisa Rogers, Kate Rogers, Melissa Martin, David Martin, Amy Johnston, Richelle Davis, Barbra Alexander, Heather Rons, William Bartlett, Roy Denman, Bob Calverley, MaryBeth Calverley, Cassie Calverley, Mayna Spohn

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Peglow, support by Van Sickler to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Recognition of Guests

Mr. Larry Koutz – teacher, spoke to the board about their decisions to make cuts tonight. One of those positions would be the high school media center paraprofessional. Currently her job description is 4 pages long and who will pick up those responsibilities once her position is eliminated. Mr. Koutz suggested that Mrs. Koutz take a leave of absence and save the district money. Would this save her position to come back to after the construction is finished?

Mr. Koutz and Mrs. Koutz love serving this community and hope to continue to do so.

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Mitch McCormick – student, handed out a paper to the board and spoke to them on the budget crisis. He understands that budget cuts are necessary. But this affects the student's lives dramatically. This affects their future.

Brent McQueen – parent/business owner, suggested to the board that instead of putting the bid out for the mowing contract as normal with all of the construction, he suggested that the district bid it out per hour to save the district money.

Mrs. Grossett – parent, came to the board about the special education program. She brings her kids to Vestaburg from the Montabella school district. She believes that Vestaburg has a wonderful special education program. Mrs. Grossett stated to the board how much Kim Hansen is an asset to this program. Kim has been there for 20 years and keeps the program stable. They need that stability. She questioned where the touch screens and special computer programs are that were bought with special education funds. There are not in her sons' classroom.

Mike Delacourt – parent, thanked the school board and Mr. Myers for their hard work in trying to balance the budget. Mr. Delacourt went back through the past board minutes since he does not come to all of the meetings to make himself aware. Mr. Delacourt suggested pay to play for sports. This would save money for other areas. Mr. Delacourt was concerned about the steering committee having permission to make 50,000.00 in changes. Mr. Delacourt commended the administration for taking a pay freeze. He talked about busing and not buying a bus this year and lay off one bus driver. He wished the board good luck with their decisions.

Questions on Building Reports - None

Communications

Mr. Myers presented a certificate to the principals to show his appreciation for all of the work that they do. He also reiterated that they did take a pay freeze to try to help save money.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Butler, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 11, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Van Sickler to approve the Executive Minutes of the Regular meeting held January 11, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

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Motion by Butler, support by Peglow to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held January 20, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held January 27, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Treasurer's Report- February

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to approve the bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Butler, support by Van Sickler to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

New Business

Right of Way Easement for Verizon and Tri County

Superintendent Myers stated to the board that we have to give them the right of way. This way they can keep their lines clear.

Motion by Butler, support by Peglow to approve the right of way for Verizon and Tri County

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Summer Tax Collection Discussion

Myers talked to the board about summer tax collection. This would change the tax collection from winter to September 14. This would help with the two months that we go without state aid. After checking into this possibility Myers found out that there would be a charge of around \$5000.00. Myers recommends that we stay with the winter taxes and save the district money for the charges. Summer collection would have only been for non-homestead.

Other Business - None

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Old Business

Discussion of Performance Contract with TEPG

Myers suggested that we do not go with the performance contract with TEPG at this time because of budget constraints. TEPG could bid for a regular contract for the 2009 Bond

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to reject the performance contract with TEPG.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Budget

Bonnie Walker presented to the board financial statements. Bonnie thanked Tracey Reed for volunteering her time to come in and help her. She explained the difference between the bond fund and general fund money.

Bonnie talked about the loss of students to the districts. Peglow questioned the number of students that we lost.

Bonnie showed the board the cash flow of revenues and expenditures from July 1st through January 31st 2010. Ryckman questioned the athletic expenses. Bonnie stated this is FICA and Medicare for the athletic director and PESG coaches.

Bonnie also went gave the board a projected cash flow through October 31, 2010. Bonnie went through the decrease of Revenue including state aid that the state withheld because of money that we were suppose to get from Federal. Loss of pupils, State reduction, salary increase for teachers and support staff, increase in MESSA insurance and increase in retirement.

Freeman questioned the projected deficit as of October. Freeman asked what would the fund balance be. Bonnie stated it would be 0 % fund balance.

Bonnie stated that if we don't make changes we would be borrowing and living state aid to state aid.

Peglow thanked Bonnie for all of the extra time she put in to get these figures.

Ryckman and Freeman also thanked Bonnie and Tracey for the hard work with the financial statements.

Reductions

Myers suggested that the board look over the information that was given to them tonight on the budget before the special meeting on the Monday, February 15th.

Staff Reductions due to construction

- a. 1 Custodial
- b. High School Media Center Paraprofessional

Peglow questioned the voluntary layoff. Why can't we bring her back after a voluntary layoff? Myers stated that he could check with the lawyers to see how that would work.

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Ryckman asked if this was the same custodial position that went from night to day. Myers stated yes that is the same position; it was just temporary having him come in during the day to help out with moving stuff for construction.

Myers stated that there is a possibility that this custodian could be contracted with Triangle. Myers stated that this is just until the beginning of next school year. Freeman questioned if the custodian does not get picked up by Triangle the district will have to pick up the unemployment.

Motion by Ryckman, support by Van Sickler to remove 1 custodian due to construction.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Butler to table b. high school media center paraprofessional until next week.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Bond Technology Proposal

Lindsey Shelden presented to the board a technology proposal for the 2009 Bond. Lindsey met with staff and discussed their needs for technology. Some of the items on the proposal included Netbooks, 2 carts with 30 each to be checked out to any classroom. Other areas of technology were Mini Slate, document camera, classroom sound enhancer. Update phone system. Video surveillance for entrances. Two new servers, a file server and an email server.

Ryckman stated that if there is extra money in the bond to add that to technology.

Freeman questioned if we have received anything on the kitchen bid. Myers stated that we did not receive anything yet.

Motion by Ryckman, support by Peglow to accept the 198,410.48 technology proposal. Ryckman would like Lindsey to bring updated figures on the office software.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Works in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule

Recognition of Guests

Larry Koutz – teacher, thanked the board for their willingness to look into their suggestion.

Teresa Hammond – parent, has called the congressman and legislatures. One congressman told her that there were not cuts to school funding. She was told that maybe we could raise our taxes to raise money for the school.

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Mike Delacourt – parent, concerned about the buyout. How many can take the buyout? Is that going to put another strain on the budget next year when you have to start paying that 10,000.00 for three years.

Unemployment costs could hurt the budget. Why not lower their hours and keep them instead of paying them unemployment. He would like community members and board members to sit down and brain storm ideas on how to save money for the districts. He has gone back through the board minutes to try to catch himself up. It would be nice if the budget could be listed on the web page to keep them informed.

Freeman stated that if you have concerns, please call. They are always willing to listen and work on ideas.

Karen Gostomski – teacher/parent, wanted to let the board know how much they will miss Mike Jones. He does a wonderful job and will be missed. Karen also wanted to thank Sara Millerov for organizing the ACT Workshop. It was a great program for the kids.

Lisa Rogers wanted to talk to the board about Lindsey's technology proposal. Video Surveillance is needed. She works for the Montcalm County Prosecutor office and she stated that the crime rate in Montcalm County is going through the roof. She said that if we are going to have the state of the art technology in the building then security surveillance is needed.

Bob Peglow would like from the Athletic Director how much it would save to have pay to play.

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Freeman stated he would like a financial statement from February to March.

Ryckman would like Bonnie's financial statement that she presented tonight to be on the web page for people to digest it.

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Karen Grover
Recording Secretary

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President Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary media center.

Members present: Butler, Freeman, Keyes, Palmer, Ryckman, Van Sickler, Peglow (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

Members absent: none

Administrators present: Myers, Beal, Hubbard, Kelly

Administrators absent: none

Visitors present: Tracey Reed, Betsy Snyder, Candace Schilling, Kim Hansen, Chris Carie, Tammy Dickman, Sharon Davis, Stephanie Winter, Jody Johnston

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ryckman, support by Van Sickler to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests

Chris Carie, Vestaburg High School Student Council President, presented the board with a gift certificate from the Student Council for Board Appreciation Month.

Questions on Building Reports

Mr. Van Sickler questioned Mr. Beal on the progress of the middle school student council. Ryckman asked Mr. Myers what was left for TEPG to complete. Myers stated they only had weather stripping and a few other odds and ends to complete. Should be completed soon.

Communications

Superintendent Myers presented the board with a certificate of appreciation for the work they do.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Butler, support by Van Sickler to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held December 14, 2009.
Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held December 21, 2009.
Motion CARRIED 7-0

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Treasurer's Report- January

Motion by Peglow, support by Van Sickler to approve the bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Butler, support by Van Sickler to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

New Business

Rich Wrisley – Student concern (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph a.)

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to enter executive session at 7:12 p.m.

Roll call: Butler – yes, Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion by Butler, support by Peglow to reenter regular session at 7:25 p.m.

Roll call: Butler – yes, Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler - yes

Other Business

None

Old Business

Athletic Due Process Policy

Hubbard stated that the committee had two different meetings. Throughout the investigation the committee contacted and consulted with several other school districts. The committee decided it is important to make contact with parents. The policy would read: "In instances where a coach determines that a player is a distraction to the team, does not demonstrate good character or sportsmanship, has problems following school or team rules, or demonstrates other discipline problems to the extent that the player may be removed from the team, the coach must attempt to contact the parent of that player. The purpose of contacting the parent is to inform them of the behavioral problems, in hopes that the problems may be resolved before the student is not allowed to participate with that team any further."

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Keyes to approve the policy that the committee presented.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

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Building Progress

Superintendent Myers reported to the board on the Asbestos removal and building progress. Ryckman questioned whether we are on schedule so far. Myers stated that we are right with the timeline. Ryckman questioned whether there was a good turnout for the contractors meeting. Hubbard stated that there was a very good turnout. Freeman stated that looking at Jack's letter from Triangle there have been several hits to the website on the bids.

Myers asked the board to please let anyone know that might be interested on bidding that bids are due on Thursday. Mr. Myers stated that he made several personal calls the make sure local people knew the deadline for the bids.

Work in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule

Recognition of Guests

Tammy Dickman thanked the board for their support in her maternity leave.

Items for next Board Meeting February 8, 2010

Palmer questioned budget cuts, will the board be asked to make decisions on cuts at the next board meeting. Myers stated that it might be necessary to have a special board meeting to discuss cuts otherwise the budget will be on the February agenda.

Myers stated that the committee has been brainstorming with ideas on how to make cuts. Now it is time for the administration to make decisions on where the cuts should be made to present to the board.

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Karen Grover
Recording Secretary

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President Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the elementary media center.

Members present: Freeman, Keyes, Palmer, Peglow, Ryckman, Van Sickler

Members absent: Butler

Administrators present: Beal, Hubbard, Kelly

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Lindsey Shelden, Connie Marshall, Larry Koutz, Jim Hodges, Sharon Gerlach, Bonnie Walker, MaryBeth Calverley, Janell Kilmer, Nick Kilmer, Dianne Wilson, Steve Lott, Marcie Peglow, Melissa Martin, David Martin, Barb Alexander

Recognition of Guests

Steve Lott - 8828 2nd St., Vestaburg. Mr. Lott stated he came to the board last year on a teacher and submitted a FOIA request for this teachers record again this year. He gave copies to all of the board members. He would like a definition on reasonable and just cause.

Building Reports - None

Communications - None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held May 10, 2010

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Van Sickler to approve the minutes of the Executive Session on May 10, 2010

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Keyes to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held June 7, 2010

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Van Sickler to approve the minutes of the Executive Session I held June 7, 2010

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Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to approve the minutes of the Executive Session II held June 7, 2010

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Treasurer's Report- June

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve the bills as monies become available.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to approve the consent agenda A

A. Retirement/Severance Incentive

1. James Hodges
2. Deb Jewell
3. Sharon Gerlach

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Palmer to approve Consent Agenda B1 reinstate 1 teacher, Janell Kilmer

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to approve the consent agenda B2 reinstate administrative assistant, MaryBeth Calverley.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

New Business

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Keyes to approve the commencement date of June 5th, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Peglow to approve the 2010-2011 School Calendar. Van Sickler stated he sat in on negotiations and the calendar went very well.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Odd year November School Elections

Hubbard stated that this would be less confusing on ballots. Peglow questioned when a member's term is up in May. Bonnie stated that they would continue their term until the end of December. The newly elected member would start in January.

Freeman questioned the number of voters. Would the district lose voters because of the snowbirds?

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to approve the odd year November School Elections.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Van Sickler to approve moving the 2005 Debt from Firstbank to Chemical Bank.

Bonnie stated that it would just save writing an extra check. Palmer questioned why we would not stay local. Bonnie stated that Firstbank charges 25.00 a wire transfer fee each time. Chemical does not charge a wire transfer fee.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Set Special Board Meeting Date - State Aid Borrowing

Hubbard gave the board an overview of why the board would need to meet. Bonnie stated that the district has not borrowed in 20 years. This is quite a process. After Bonnie has her numbers ready she will submit them to Thrun for Thrun to look over and draw up the resolution.

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Ryckman to have a special meeting Monday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. to approve the borrowing process.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approve Furniture Bid

Hubbard gave the board an overview of the bids for the furniture. The basic difference is the warranty. The board and administration discussed the bids. The board also discussed the chairs that were purchased for the middle school computer lab.

Freeman stated to have the steering committee look at the chairs and make a recommendation to the board to approve at the special meeting on Monday.

Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to table the furniture bid.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to move into executive session at 8:01 p.m. Interim Superintendent discussion (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph c.)

Roll call: Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler – yes, Freeman - yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Palmer, support by Van Sickler to reenter regular session at 10:30 p.m.

Roll call: Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler – yes, Freeman – yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Hubbard stated to the board and the visitors present that he has had struggles with this decision but he has decided to withdraw his name for the interim superintendent for family reasons. Hubbard fully supports the person the board will appoint for superintendent.

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to appoint Jeff Beal as the interim superintendent for the 2010-2011 school year.

Roll call: Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler – yes, Freeman – yes

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Other Business: None

Old Business

Hubbard spoke to the board about the transportation fee. Hubbard questioned what are the board's wishes. Peglow would like to see the budget first.

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to table the transportation fee until after the budget meeting.

Hubbard questioned whether the board would want to move this to works in progress. The board members agree to move the Transportation fee to Works in Progress.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Hubbard and the board discussed the netbooks. Ryckman questioned that the district already purchased some of the netbooks on a cart. Mr. Shelden stated that the district has two carts with 30 netbooks on each. The board requested to move net books to works in progress. Mr. Shelden questioned the software portion. Shelden stated he would need to start setting up computers. The software was not included in the 60 netbooks already purchased. They did not have the software because Mr. Shelden stated he would want it for the whole school district not just part of it.

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to table until the Special Meeting June 21, 2010.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests

Shelden questioned if the company that the district bought the chairs from for the middle school lab knew to put furniture bid in.

Works in Progress

- A. Bus Replacement Schedule
- B. Administrative Contract Rollover

Items for next Board Meeting July 12, 2010

Reminder: Budget Meeting June 28,2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Reminder: Organizational Meeting July 12, 2010
begins at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Peglow to adjourn at 10:46 p.m.

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary

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President Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary/middle school media center

Members present: Butler, Freeman, Keyes, Palmer, Peglow, Ryckman

Members absent: Van Sickler

Administrators present: Myers, Beal, Hubbard, Kelly

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Kristen Davenport, Jeremie Smith, Malynda Smith, Tracey Reed, Elizabeth Snyder, James Hodges, Marcie Peglow, Sharon Davis, Mike Delacourt, Joanne Rhode, Dawn Humphrey, Lori Wolfe, Joanne Rhode, Wayne Lewis, Larry Koutz, Thomas McNerney, Bonnie Walker, Bill Walker

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Butler, support by Keyes to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests

Kim Hansen – on behalf of the class of 2011, would like to invite the board members and a guest to attend the Junior/Senior Class prom and banquet held in the high school gymnasium.

Lori Wolfe – teacher, discussed the letter that was sent out to staff concerning the severance/retirement package.

Joanne Rhode – teacher/VEA rep., discussed discrepancies on the budget that was presented at a board meeting.

Peglow stated he would like a meeting set up with board members and VEA reps and Bonnie to discuss the discrepancies.

Questions on Building Reports

Myers asked the board to look at the severance incentive package to make sure that it is what the board wanted.

Butler questioned when the letters were given to staff. Myers stated he emailed the letter last week.

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Communications - Fifth Grade Marble Runs – Mrs. Davenport

Mrs. Davenport and several of her 5th grade students presented to the board their marble runs using simple machines, gravity and push.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held February 8, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held February 15, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to approve the executive minutes of the Special meeting held February 15, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Keyes, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held February 22, 2010

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Treasurer's Report- March

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Keyes, support by Peglow to hire Kathy Russell for the 6-hour temporary kitchen position.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve Kerry Kelly's contract for 1 more year.

Butler questioned whether the board is considering going to two principals.

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to table Mrs. Kelly's contract until a later date.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Keyes to table the administrative contract for the high school and middle school administrator's contracts.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

The board will discuss administrative contracts at the April board meeting.

Motion by Peglow, support by Butler to table the executive session until the end of New Business.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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New Business

The board appointed Freeman and Peglow to hand out diplomas at graduation on June 6, 2010.

Mowing Contract Discussion

Superintendent Myers and the board discussed the mowing contract with the construction going on.

Motion by Palmer, support by Peglow to have Brent McQueen mow for this mowing season until the construction is completed. The board would continue with the bid process next spring.

Roll call: Butler-yes, Keyes-yes, Palmer-yes, Peglow-yes, Ryckman-yes, Freeman-abstained

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Ryckman stated that even though we are not taking bids the total that McQueen comes up with for the hourly wage needs to be brought to the board for approval. The board agreed.

VEA and VESPA Negotiations – Board Representative

Myers asked the board for a volunteer to sit on the negotiations with the VEA and VESPA for their contract negotiations. Ryckman thought that Mr. Van Sickler was interested in helping with this. Freeman stated that if Mr. Van Sickler is not interested that he would sit on the contract discussion. Myers stated that the information is confidential until it is opened up and agreed upon. Kerry Kelly stated that the board has the final say in the contract.

Motion by Butler, support by Peglow, to appoint Van Sickler as the board representative for the contract negotiations.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

The board would like Executive Session for contract negotiations added to the agenda for next month.

Motion by Peglow, support Ryckman to enter executive session at 8:23 p.m. (P.A. 197 Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph c.) Superintendent Negotiations

Roll call: Butler-yes, Keyes-yes, Palmer-yes, Peglow-yes, Ryckman-yes, Freeman-yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Palmer, support by Peglow to re-enter regular session at 8:59 p.m.

Roll call: Butler-yes, Keyes-yes, Palmer-yes, Peglow-yes, Ryckman-yes, Freeman-yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Other Business

Estimated Revenue

Myers went over the estimated revenue for next year. This is nothing to vote on, just information for the board.

Old Business

Construction – Priority List for additions

Superintendent Myers and the board discussed the priority list for add ons.

Myers stated that when you ask for a millage you could only do the items listed on the millage.

Steering committee meeting on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Ryckman stated it would have been nice to have more notice.

Myers stated that they are just waiting on DEQ on the septic system at the football field.

Works in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule

Recognition of Guests

Lori Wolfe wanted to let the board know that two of the middle school students lost their father this week. The middle school students wanted to do something to help the family, so they have organized a bake sale every morning to try to help the family.

Items for next Board Meeting April 12, 2010

Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

Karen Grover
Recording Secretary

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President Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the elementary gym.

Members present: Butler, Freeman, Keyes, Ryckman, Van Sickler,
Palmer (arr. at 7:03 p.m.)

Members absent: Peglow

Administrators present: Myers, Beal, Hubbard, Kelly

Administrators absent: none

Visitors present: Laura Neelis, Todd Neelis, Jim Hodges, Jeanne Morey, Nate Nisonger, Jeren Smith, Malynda Smith, Jamie Fockler, Karen Gostomski, Rock King, Sandy King, Tracey Reed, Betsy Snyder, Arden Throop, Monica Throop, Marcie Peglow, Rashel Johnson, Mandy Snyder, Lindsey Shelden, Pat Wilmot, Barry Wilmot, Meri DeGroft, Lori Avery, Bridget LaMarre, Kerry Krzymicki, Sara Millerov, Phil Millerov, Taylor Hansen, Cindy Wright, Carol Jane Koutz, Larry Koutz, Danielle Wright, Janell Kilmer, Nick Kilmer, Valorie Holmes, Mitchell Holmes, Heather Holmes, Jack Ferguson, Payton Holmes, Peggy VanLuven, Keith VanLuven, Ben Hoskins, Sharon Gerlach, Traci Latham, Connie Marshall, Stephanie Wojtowicz, Brad Scharaswak, Dawn Scharaswak, Lesley Scharaswak, Lydiah Scharaswak, Justin Gifford, Sharle Wilmot, Shelby Wilmot, Makenna Wilmot, Randy Marsh, Larry Keeler, Ione Keeler, Barb Richards, Jeff Richards, Brad Johnston, Noah Johnston, Lori Wolfe, Beverly Stratton, Tammi Daymon, Dalton Daymon, Steve Keeler, Wendy Keeler, Trent Keeler, Erin King, Kathy Gates, Amy McQueen, Megan Hale, Kelsey Hale, Jamie Fockler, Taylor Fockler, Sadie Fockler, Tracey Bos, Carol Herman, Kim Strecker, Rob Strecker, Shelby VanHorn, Shayle VanHorn, Barbra Alexander, Mary Fockler, Calverley family, Graham family, Shelby Stansberry, Dena Stansberry, Tina Wood, Tim Wood, Barbara Brauher, Janice Jourdan, Shana Angell, Genevieve Prestage, Bill Walker, Bonnie Walker, Dan Beebe, Jody Johnston, Sharon Davis, Mary Lu Throop

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Butler to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Recognition of Guests: None

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Building Reports:

Van Sickler questioned the middle school building report. Van Sickler wondered about the professional development if it has been done. Beal stated the professional development will be on Tuesday and in two weeks they will hold another professional development.

Van Sickler questioned Mrs. Kelly on how the Carnival did. Mrs. Kelly stated that the Carnival was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves. Karen Gostomski stated the pig raffle raised about 5800.00.

Communications:

Letter from Janell Kilmer on her plans not to take maternity leave.

Mrs. Kelly presented MEAP, Read-A-Thon and Accelerated Reader awards to elementary students.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Ryckman, support by Keyes to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held April 12, 2010 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Van Sickler to approve the executive minutes of the regular meeting held April 12, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Treasurer's Report:

President Freeman gave the treasurers report.

Motion by Palmer, support by Keyes to approve the bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Keyes to approve the consent agenda.

A. FMLA

1. Rhonda McNerney - Paraprofessional

B. Resignation

1. Steve Lott – Junior Varsity Football Coach

Motion CARRIED 6-0

New Business:

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to approve the organizational meeting for July 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Motion by Van Sickler, support by Ryckman to approve the overnight trip to Cedar Point for the high school band.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Butler, support by Keyes to approve the Race to the Top - 2nd round.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

2010-2011 Projected Revenue/Expense

Superintendent Myers and the board discussed the projected revenue and expenses for the 2010-2011 school year.

With the expenses for next year the administration recommends that the board reduce 7 professional staff, 1 administrative assistant, reduce 1 administrative assistant days and 1 administrator.

Myers stated they would be sitting down with the union reps tomorrow to make sure they are all set with highly qualified and certified.

Freeman stated that these people could be called back in the fall. Myers stated that is a possibility.

Motion by Ryckman, support by Van Sickler to accept the recommendation from the administration on staff reductions.

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to enter executive session at 7:44 p.m. (P.A. 197Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph c.)

Administrative Contracts

Roll call: Butler – yes, Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler – yes, Freeman – yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Palmer to reenter regular session at 8:24 p.m.

Roll call: Butler – yes, Keyes – yes, Palmer – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler – yes, Freeman - yes

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion to accept recommendation from the administration.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Other Business

Budget Meeting Reminder – June 28, 2010

Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

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Old Business

Motion by Butler, support by Palmer to accept the MAISD General Education Budget
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Mr. Shelden gave the board some options for netbooks through the bond. Shelden also talked about upgrading software.

Myers stated you couldn't use mileage money for technology software.

Shelden's recommendation would be to go with the Apple Ipad or HP Slate. Shelden stated that if students are going to be allowed to take them home. Administration/Board would need to come up with some type of policy/procedure.

Freeman stated that this should go to the steering committee.

Motion by Ryckman, support by Butler to table until the steering committee meets.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

The board had decided to revisit the transportation fee when dropped in the fall.

Superintendent Myers stated that Mr. Walderzak gave the board some options to look at.

Motion by Ryckman, Support by Butler to table the transportation fee.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests:

Karen Gostomski – asked the board if it is going to be a transportation fee for just athletics or should academic competitions be included in that.

Karen also gave the board more information about the money raised from the carnival.

The money would be used for the students.

Works in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule

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Items for next board meeting June 14, 2010

Participation Fee

Netbooks

Motion by Van Sickler, support by Palmer to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Karen Grover
Recording Secretary

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Freeman, Keyes, McNerney, Palmer, Peglow, Ryckman, Van Sickler

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Beal, Hubbard, Weaver

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Alan Marshall, Phyllis Marshall, Mike Delacourt, Lisa Delacourt, Connie Marshall, Fred Vaughn, Jeanette Vaughn, Tami Emmons, Mayna Spohn, Lori Wolfe, Jerry Allison, Lynn Mason, Karen Garvey, Kristi Wainman, Doris Johnson, Sharle Wilmot, Randy Marsh, Justin Smith, Michelle Smith, Dawn Perrien, Dana Scott, Traci McCormick, Tracey Reed, Betsy Snyder, Serena Houseman, Mary Halley, Marcy Harting, Sharon Gerlach, Nancy Valenta, Ervin Pratt, Janell Kilmer, Marcie Peglow, Dianne Wilson, Jim Hodges, Sharon Davis, Larry Koutz, Barbra Alexander, Rhonda McNerney, Bill Walker, Bonnie Walker

Approval of Agenda

Van Sicker amended the agenda under new business move B below C.

Motion by McNerney support by Palmer to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Recognition of Guests

Connie Marshall, teacher - She believes that privatizing the custodians is wrong. She was told that this change would save money without affecting kids.

Jerry Allison, bus driver - represented the support staff and presented the board with over 170 signatures against the privatization.

Sharle Wilmot, parent – She has spoken with parents, board members and Mr. Beal. She stated that everyone she has talked to is against the privatization and will not vote yes again for any other millage proposal. Sharle stated this will hurt our community, the voters will not support this.

Karen Garvey, former teacher at Vestaburg, now at Montabella. She stated that her school went with privatization. The staff began to notice that cleaning was not being done. She had to personally clean her room to not lose her license for the preschool program. She stated that the company was allowed 11 minutes to clean the rooms. She stated that after 1 year they went back to their in house custodians.

Mary Hilly - she is here representing Melina Doll. Melinda is not able to attend due to the fact that she is working her shift. Melinda is asked to do different jobs like set up and tear down for special events on top of her normal duties. Melinda helps the teachers when they need something taken care of.

Mike Delacourt, parent - he does not believe that privatizing is a good plan. Do you know who is coming into the building to clean? One of our custodians has been here 22 years that is dedication. You asked the voters to approve this new building, now you are taking their jobs away. He does not believe that is fair. He believes you need to stay with the people that are dedicated to this community and school.

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Nancy Valenta, MEA Rep. - Speaking for Todd Vaughn, he has worked 22 years for the district. He has saved up over 80 sick days that is a dedicated employee.

Marcie Harting, representing Bob McMullen, he has worked many years for the school district and has developed a relationship with the teachers and knows their likes and dislikes. If the teachers do not want strangers in their classroom, how are the kids going to feel.

Ervin Pratt, MEA Rep – Representing James Fortunes, as a custodian he would like to thank the board for the opportunity to work for the Vestaburg School system. During negotiations he felt that they were working hard in good faith to agree on a contract that would help the budget.

Lynn Mason, It hurts her when privatization comes up. It hurts everyone. She knows that being a board member is not easy. She is on the county commissioners board. She would like to make sure that the board members think about the reason they got on the board and remember their beliefs. You want people here that are vested in the community. You're talking about 5 people that make custodian wages. That is not a lot of money. What academic goal is going to be achieved for privatizing?

Jan Vaughn, mother, grandparent and taxpayer. Todd is very dedicated to the school. Monday night was a night off and at 4:45 Todd was called and told there was a volleyball game and was asked if he could come to work. Todd left their family dinner to come to work for the school.

Lisa Delacourt, parent - She has a concern about the background checks on the employers that this private company hires. Also take into consideration that the custodians are here working their shifts instead of defending their jobs.

Kristi Wainman, talked about the public health issue, when the school has to close down, who is here scrubbing floors, disinfecting the building. Please remember that.

Questions on Building Reports: None

Communications

Dan and Valorie Palmer voiced their appreciation for the quality work that has been done on the Update.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held October 11, 2010 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Freeman to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held October 11, 2010 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held during the Regular meeting on October 11, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Peglow, support by Freeman to approve the bills as monies become available. Peglow also read the wire transfers to the board for approval.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the consent agenda.

A. Employ

1. Kim Whitney – High School Administrative Assistant
2. Troy Johnston – JV Girls Basketball

Mr. Hubbard introduced Mrs. Kim Whitney.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Mr. Beal also introduced Mr. Bill Willis as the new technology technician from the MAISD.

New Business

Mr. Beal gave the board a brief description of the middle school course changes for board approval.

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve the course changes.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Mr. Beal talked to the board members, staff and community members about the reasons why the board is looking at privatization. Beal talked about the Foundation Allowance, local taxes and state taxes. Beal stated that a year ago the state cut \$165.00 per pupil. The projection for this year was 700 students. The pupil count for this year came in at 696. We came into this school year 365,000.00 in the hole. Preschool costs, retirement increase. Giving the projected balance at a 450,000.00 deficit. If we do nothing we will be out of money in August 2013. The district borrowed money for the first time in years to make payroll in September. That money has to be paid back this year. The teachers, support staff and administration group all made concession with insurance. Ed jobs are Federal Stimulus money of 140,000.00 that is suppose to come to the school. This is one time only and will not be here next year.

Beal stated I know this is hard; his recommendation to the board is that they look at the company DM Burr for a contract for the next 3 years.

DM Burr gave a presentation to the board. Their employees are insured and bonded. They go through a formal interview process. They would hire people from this area. They do mandatory drug and alcohol testing. They also go through the state police finger printing along with the live scan. DM Burr offers an employee benefit program. They also have incentive programs for their employees, cash rewards, certificates and quarterly bonuses.

DM Burr stated that they have 100% retention rate after signing on a school district. The company makes each employee go through several trainings, including chemical, OSHA, etc. There would be an onsite supervisor that would do daily inspections. Jerry Cox would be the overseer and he has the highest recognition for their company. He also oversees Gratiot Community Hospital. There will be 1-day shift person.

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Set up and tear down is all included in their bid. In their job description their employees are responsible for making sure that the building is locked down and secure.

Palmer asked about our current employees. DM Burr stated that they would automatically interview our current employees first.

Beal stated that he is recommending to the board that the district pursue privatization of the custodial services through Dm Burr.

Freeman would like to look at the communication from Thrun before they make a vote.

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to enter Executive Session - (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph e.) attorney/client privilege at 8:53 p.m.

Roll call: Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNERney – yes, Palmer – yes,
Peglow – yes, Ryckman – yes, Van Sickler – yes

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to return to regular session at 9:12 p.m.

Roll call: Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNERney – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – yes,
Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Ryckman, support by Peglow to accept the resolution to accept the bid from DM Burr for Custodial Services.

Freeman stated that it is not the presentation that bothers me. It is a great company, but the timing is what is bothering him. The board just accepted a tentative agreement with the current staff and Freeman does not feel it is ethical.

Ryckman stated that this is not something the board is just jumping on. The board has been discussing this for the last 5 months.

McNERney stated that he does not like sitting up here as a target. When guests state that the board has not done their homework, he personally has done his homework. He does believe that the district will still have community members working for the school. McNERney stated we do not take these decisions lightly. It is not personal. Just because we have to make tough decisions does not mean we do not care. Ryckman stated that he tries to separate business from personal. Just because the board has to make tough decisions, does not mean that they do not care.

Freeman stated at some point we need to make that budget work. It is not easy to be a board member.

Freeman stated he is not opposed to this move, he is opposed to the timing.

Palmer does not like the timing. Palmer understands that cuts are coming.

Freeman stated that the board is a multi million-dollar business and the community expects them to make sure it is run properly. We have to be responsible with our spending.

Keyes spoke to the community, when the superintendent proposes to the board a solution; the board needs to look at those options.

Roll call: Freeman – no, Keyes – yes, McNERney – yes, Palmer – no, Peglow – yes, Ryckman – yes,
Van Sickler - no

Motion CARRIED 4-3

Motion by Ryckman, support by Peglow to approve the resolution to layoff the current custodial staff.

Motion CARRIED 6-1

Old Business

Beal spoke to the board about the Student Memorial that was presented to the board from a community member.

Kristi Wainman spoke to the board about the design and implementation of a student memorial wall. Kristi called 20 area schools. Out of the 20 districts only 3 do not have a student memorial. Some schools have books in their libraries; one school had a memorial hill. Kristi had checked on the issue of vandalism and none of the schools have had a problem.

The other issue that was a concern to the board was who decides on who goes up on the wall. Kristi stated that all of the schools except 1 stated that the family decides if they would like their family member listed on the wall or not. Kristi stated that she started a page on Facebook and she has 362 supporters for the memorial wall. Kristi brought in pictures of examples for a memorial wall.

Beal stated he is not opposed to a student memorial venue. Mr. Koutz has worked very hard on starting that. Beal stated it is the board's wish to have a second memorial.

Koutz stated that the Walk of Pride would be between the sidewalk and the school building. The area could hold 1000 bricks.

Mrs. Vaughn mentioned a student that might have a hard time seeing it everyday walking into school.

Mr. Delacourt stated that he would hate for that to make it hard for his nephew to walk by everyday and possibly not want to come to school because of it.

Kristi is not against the other venue.

Hubbard stated that you are not going to please everyone.

Motion by McNerney, support by Freeman that we incorporate the student memorial with the Walk of Pride.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Items for Discussion

Beal stated that it is taking longer than expected to get the high school media center ready. Beal gave the board 5 options.

1. Do nothing. Doris Johnson staffs both media centers. The elementary would be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The high school would be open Tuesday and Thursday. This represents no additional cost to the district and would staff the media center for 5 hours a day respectively.
2. Hire a 3-hour para-pro to staff the high school media center, leaving Doris in the Elementary 5 days a week.
3. Hire a 5 hour para-pro for the high school media center position.
4. Staff the high school media center with current para-pro or existing para-pros. This option would cost nothing but would take services away from other areas.
5. Restore Doris to full time status. This would still require her to work T & Th in the high school media center and M-W-F in the elementary media center.

Work in Progress

Bus Replacement Schedule
Election of Officers Mid-Year
Bid Process for Auditor

Recognition of Guests

Nancy Valenta, she asked when Mr. Beal first contacted DM Burr about these services. Beal stated that DM Burr dropped of a business card in July. Beal stated he talked to the custodians in July; he talked to the board in August, September and October. Beal asked the board in August if the district should pursue this.

Lisa Delacourt – she apologized for making the board members think that the visitors thought the board members were ignorant. She felt that the community should have been able to ask questions to the DM Burr Company. It was presented in a community forum and the community should be able to ask questions. She also asked what happens if you don't like their service in 1 year. The district is planning to lock in a 3-year deal. Lisa also stated that I know the building fund is separate money but when you build on you should expect the maintenance fees to go up.

Marcie Harting, MEA - You have just ended the retirement for these people.

Mike Delacourt – stated he looked at the minutes for the last few meetings and he knows that the board has discussed the custodial privatization. You have talked about fairness and now these people are out of jobs. Did they get the opportunity to take a pay cut. They were not given that opportunity. He stated that the board really needs to check that contract, make sure there is an exit clause if you are not satisfied with their work.

Kristi Wainman – She asked if the company could put in their contract that they guarantee they would hire at least 3 of our current custodians. Since the district is signing a 3-year contract, couldn't they guarantee that they would hire 3 of our current staff? Kristi believes it is the superintendent's duty to take care of the staff just laid off.

Brandon Hubbard – spoke on behalf of the Throop family, Mr. Throop called the school today and on behalf of the Chester Throop Scholarship Fund the family has purchased a washer, dryer and stove for the CI classroom.

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Motion by Freeman, support by Palmer to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Special Board Hearing
10-11-10

President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the elementary media center.

Members present: Freeman, McNerney, Palmer, Peglow, Ryckman, Van Sickler

Members absent: Keyes

Administrators present: Beal, Hubbard, Weaver

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Tracey Reed, Connie Marshall, Nancy Valenta, Larry Koutz, Jody Johnston, Lindsey Sheldon, Marcie Peglow, Jim Hodges, Bill Walker, Bonnie Walker, Robert Cook, Doris Johnson, Kristi Wainman

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve the agenda as presented.

Guest Recognition: None

Odd Year Elections

Beal spoke to the board about the rationale for moving school elections to Odd Year November Elections. This would make it so that the school elections would not be on the ballot during the even year elections when all of the big issues are on the ballot and school issues may be missed. This would require extended board terms. Beal explained how the terms would be extended. Beal recommends that we move forward with the Odd Year Elections.

Beal stated he could put this on the November agenda and send it out in the Update that this would be up for discussion for public comment at the November board meeting.

Guest Recognition:

Connie Marshall does not believe that many people pay attention to how many years a board member serves. She believes they are just thankful that someone will run.

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the elementary media center.

Members present: Freeman, McNerney, Palmer, Peglow, Ryckman, Van Sickler,
Keyes-arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Beal, Hubbard, Weaver

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Tracey Reed, Connie Marshall, Nancy Valenta, Larry Koutz, Jody Johnston,
Lindsey Shelden, Marcie Peglow, Jim Hodges, Bill Walker, Bonnie Walker, Robert Cook, Doris
Johnson, Kristi Wainman

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the agenda as presented
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Peglow questioned if anyone from the last meeting had any questions. Beal stated he sent letters
to all of those who spoke during guest recognition.

Questions on Building Reports: None

Communications

Beal stated that he received a nice card from the Delmac group stating how well
organized our event was and that they appreciated our group and could not wait to come
back next year.

Audit Report

Rehmann presented the audit report to the board. Rehmann stated that the school district
received the highest level you can receive on an audit.

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held
September 13, 2010 as presented.
Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held
during the Regular meeting held September 13, 2010 as presented
Motion CARRIED 7-0

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Motion by Peglow, support by McNerney to approve the bills as monies become available.
Motion CARRIED 7-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Peglow, support by Ryckman to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A. Resignation

1. Mary Beth Calverley – High School Administrative
2. Katie Bissell – Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

B. Employ

1. Robert Cook – Part Time Social Studies Teacher
2. Jim Hodges – NHS Advisor

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Mr. Hubbard introduced Mr. Cook to the board. Mr. Van Sickler welcomed Mr. Hodges back and stated the he will miss Mrs. Calverley and Mrs. Bissell

New Business

Motion by Ryckman, support by Freeman to enter executive session at 7:28 p.m.

Roll call: Freeman-yes, Keyes-yes, McNerney-yes, Palmer-yes, Peglow-yes, Ryckman-yes, Van Sickler-yes

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to re-enter regular session at 8:38 p.m.

Roll call: Freeman-yes, Keyes-yes, McNerney-yes, Palmer-yes, Peglow-yes, Ryckman-yes, Van Sickler-yes

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to accept the tentative agreement with the support staff.

Roll call: Freeman-yes, Keyes-yes, McNerney-yes, Palmer-yes, Peglow-yes, Ryckman-yes, Van Sickler-yes

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Other Business: None

Old Business (Items for action)

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer that the board move to odd year November elections with the specifics of board terms to be determined.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Technology Consultant

Shelden gave the board a copy of the PowerPoint that he presented on February 5, 2010.

Motion by McNerney, support by Keyes in good faith that the board pay Mr. Shelden 5000.00 for the work that was completed over the school year. McNerney stated that he was hired in July but the proposal was not presented until February. At that time no monetary amount was discussed.

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Roll call: Freeman-yes, Keyes-yes, McNerney-yes, Palmer-yes, Peglow-yes, Ryckman-no, Van Sickler-yes

Motion CARRIED 6-1

Mr. Van Sickler thanked Mr. Shelden for the work that he did as the technology consultant.

Items for Discussion:

Contract Renewal

Beal stated he would like to move this to a motion item. There is no increase for these people, this is just a good faith contract.

Motion by McNerney, support by Peglow to move this from discussion to a motion item.

Freeman asked if we approve these contracts and the district decides to let one of these employees go, is the district bound by this contract for the duration of the contract year.

Beal stated that would not be the case. Beal stated he would like to approve these contracts tonight and bring them back in March with the other Administration contracts.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve the following contracts.

1. Central Office Administrative Assistant
2. Business Specialist
3. Food Service Director
4. Maintenance and Grounds
5. Mechanic

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Conference fees paid from Title I

Mrs. Weaver discussed conference fees paid from Title I. This includes professional development for principals, teachers and Para pros if they believe it will be beneficial for them.

Mrs. Weaver is attending an administrator boot camp. There is professional development for reading strategies, math, etc.

Beal stated this is federal money that comes in every year and needs to be used specifically for professional development.

Student Memorial

Beal stated that a parent came to him about a student memorial for students and staff that have passed away while attending school here.

Beal stated that a student memorial is a good idea, but feels that each student digests death differently.

Kristi Wainman came to the board to speak about a student memorial. She would like a memorial wall put in the hallway by the cafeteria. Wainman stated that her

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family would pay for the tree (memorial wall). Wainman stated you could either put pictures or just names on plaques or names on just a leaf.

McNerney asked what are the qualifications for being on the wall. Who makes those decisions on who does and doesn't go on the wall, i.e. suicides, etc.

Beal stated he wants our halls filled with hope, pride and promise.

McNerney would like Mrs. Wainman to bring a picture and more information on controls for the November meeting.

Mr. Beal thanked Mrs. Wainman for the discussions that they have had.

H.S. Media Center Staffing

Mr. Beal and the board discussed some options on how to staff the high school media center. Beal stated we have an elementary person that we could increase hours to cover both areas. The district could hire a new para pro. That would give the current Para pro the option to bump to that position. If the board decides to hire someone new, the board would need to figure out how to pay for that position. Mr. Beal stated that Ms. Johnson has been working very hard to get the high school media center set up.

Freeman asked Mr. Beal for some dollar figures for the next board meeting on the options he suggested. Beal stated he would have those figures for them in November.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Beal and the board discussed the process and timeline for the superintendent's evaluation. Beal stated he was going to fill out the same evaluation form and they would go over all of their forms at a board retreat.

Update on the Renovation project and Punch List

Beal gave the board an update of the project. There is a punch list of items that need to be finished still. Construction and the punch list items should be wrapped up within 30 days. Beal believes that he will have a list for the November or December for the board to decide what items are the most important. Triangle and C2AE are still working very hard on finishing the project.

Ryckman is concerned about the footings at the parking lot east of the school. A community member called him that is a construction worker and he did not see mesh put in and was not dug deep enough. Beal stated he would check into it.

Work in Progress

- Bus Replacement Schedule

- Election of Officers Mid-Year

- Bid Process for Auditor

- Security Cameras – Beal stated he would love to have them but to do it right there will not be enough money left.

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Recognition of Guests

Ken Carll – when they were talking about the memorial he was going to suggest the Wolverine Walk of Pride, but she had already stated that some parents did not like that idea. They would be afraid of gum being stuck on it or something.

Kim Hansen was not sure about the Memorial Wall. She felt it might be hard for some students.

Bonnie Walker thanked the board for approving the contracts. Walker has asked for this for the last two years and it has not been brought to the board.

Peglow asked how many bricks have been sold. Mr. Koutz stated that there have been 110 bricks sold.

Mr. Koutz stated he told his wife he would not say anything. Mr. Koutz is disappointed that the person that was in the position was not even an option for the board for the high school media center position. Mr. Beal stated that when Mrs. Koutz did not use her bumping rights she lost her seniority. Beal stated that if they post this position it is a contract item and it is out of his hands.

Items for next Board Meeting November 8, 2010

Odd Year November Elections

Student Memorial Wall

High School Media Center Staffing

Motion by Freeman, support by Ryckman to adjourn at 9:58 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

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Recording Secretary

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the elementary media center.

Members present: McNerney, Palmer, Peglow, Van Sickler, Freeman (arr. at 8:46 p.m.), Keyes (arr. at 7:50 p.m.)

Members absent: Ryckman

Administrators present: Beal, Hubbard, Weaver

Administrators absent: none

Visitors present: Tracey Reed, Lindsey Shelden, Lori Wolfe, Sharon Davis, Sharon Gerlach, Dianne Wilson, Bonnie Walker, Bill Walker, Jody Zinn, Brian Zinn, Larry Koutz, Jim Hodges, Connie Marshall, Scott Koenigsknecht

Approval of Agenda

President Van Sickler amended the agenda by moving Roman numeral X, items A, B and C to Roman numeral XII.

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion CARRIED 4-0

Recognition of Guests

Larry Koutz stated to the board that a memorial fund was started in the name of Ron Cain (former teacher, athletic director, track coach) years back when he passed away suddenly to build a track. At the time there were not enough funds to make that possible. Mr. Koutz asked the board to possibly name the new track the Ron Cain Memorial Track.

Questions on Building Reports: none

Communications

Mr. Beal stated that the ISD applied for a grant and Vestaburg School District will receive 7 narrow band radios for the bus fleet through this grant. The district will only need to pay for the installation.

Approval of Minutes

McNerney would like a couple of changes made in the minutes on page 2 change moral to morale in two paragraphs.

Motion by McNerney, support by Peglow to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held August 6, 2010 as amended.

Motion CARRIED 4-0

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Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held August 9, 2010 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 4-0

Motion by Palmer, support by Peglow to approve the minutes of the Executive Session I of the Regular meeting held August 9, 2010 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 4-0

Treasurer's Report- September

Motion by Peglow, support by McNerney to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Motion CARRIED 4-0

Consent Agenda

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 4-0

New Business

Motion by Palmer, support by Peglow to enter Executive Session (P.A. 1976 Amended by Act. No 256 of 1978, per 15.268, Section 8, paragraph c.) VEA Negotiations at 7:27 p.m.

Roll call: McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Van Sickler – yes

Motion CARRIED 4-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to re-enter regular session at 8:43 p.m.

Roll call: Keyes – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Peglow, support by Palmer to accept the tentative VEA Agreement.

Roll Call: Keyes – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Presentation: Dr. Koenigsknecht – MAISD Shared Services

Beal introduced Dr. Koenigsknecht, Superintendent from the MAISD

Dr. K gave the board a proposal and dollar amount for contracting the ISD for technology services. The ISD is offering this service for a 1-year agreement.

Board and Dr. K discussed compensation and number of days for technology services.

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Resolution to Eliminate Technology Director Position

Mr. Beal stated that currently the technology director does not have a contract. Motion by Freeman, support by Peglow to approve the recommendation to eliminate the technology director position. McNerney stated that this is a hard decision and the board needs to make some tough decisions to balance the budget. Roll Call: Freeman – yes, Keyes – yes, McNerney – yes, Palmer – yes, Peglow – yes, Van Sickler - yes
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Resolution to Contract Technology Services through MAISD

Motion by Freeman, support by McNerney to approve the resolution to hire a technology director for 2 ½ days a week. Palmer questioned the mileage. Dr. K stated it is .50 a mile. Peglow asked if that is the state rate.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Old Business

Odd Year Elections

Beal stated he would like to hold a public hearing at the October 11th board meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. This would allow the public to voice their concerns with the changes to Odd Year November Elections.

Motion by Peglow, support by Keyes to hold a public hearing at 6:30 on the regular board meeting of October 11, 2010.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Items for Discussion:

Technology Consultant (Bond)

Superintendent Beal and the board discussed the technology consultant position. Mr. Beal invited Mr. Shelden to speak to the board. Mr. Shelden stated that the board has never agreed on the pay amount for that position.

Peglow would like to research the August and September 2009 board minutes to find the proposal that Mr. Shelden presented. Mr. Peglow asked to have those minutes emailed to the board.

Mr. Shelden is here tonight to find out what his compensation will be.

Beal stated that what he thinks the board is looking for is the presentation on what the updates would be and what was done on top of Mr. Shelden's daily activities.

Peglow stated he would like to know what was different from Mr. Shelden's normal duties.

Freeman stated that the amount should have been agreed upon before the work began.

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Shelden stated that he should have had a contract signed beforehand but did not feel he needed to worry about that with this board.

Beal asked Mr. Shelden if there was a compensation figure that he was thinking. Mr. Shelden stated that at the board meeting when the architects did their presentation that the board stated why hire someone else if Mr. Shelden was capable of taking care of the needs of the district. Shelden stated that the board said something about the same pay as the lowest bidder, around 15,000.

Sub-Contracting Custodial

Beal stated that this is something to look into to save money for the school district. This is just an option if the board would like Mr. Beal to pursue this issue. Freeman asked if the company would hire any of our current employees. The company that Mr. Beal talked to would hire our employees if that was the boards' wishes.

Beal stated the district would need to put out an RFP and take bids. Beal stated he could put this on as a discussion item for October and he could get bids for the board to look at.

McNerney would like to know the whole scope of work that the current custodians do. Hubbard stated that the custodians have a daily and weekly checklist.

Maintenance needs of new facilities

Beal stated the board needs to look at the maintenance needs of the new facilities and form a sub-committee of the board to look at these areas.

Peglow, Keyes and Ryckman will be on the committee.

Works in Progress

- Bus Replacement Schedule

- Election of Officers Mid-Year

 - Beal stated this will be dealt with after the October Public Hearing

- Bid Process for Auditor

 - Bonnie is working on taking bids.

- Security Cameras

 - On hold until bond project is complete to see how much money is left.

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Recognition of Guests

Connie Marshall stated that she knows that decisions are really tough. She believes that Mr. Sheldon should receive a lot of thanks for all of the work he has done for the district and the money that he has saved the district. Marshall stated that she recalls the meeting when the board listened to the presentations from the technology architects. She stated that the board decided they would rather pay someone that is already in house then hire some other company when the district already has someone here on staff.

Brian Zinn stated that Dave Freeman stated it best, but he believes that the board should do more research before making this decision. Now you are going to lose an everyday person that can fix it and make the repairs quickly. You might be saving money for the district but making more headaches for the staff when computers are down.

Lori Wolfe would like to go back to the beginning of the meeting where Mr. McNerney wanted the minutes changed where it talked about the morale of the staff. She stated that her position was changed 3 weeks ago. Mrs. Wolfe stated she is happy to be in the high school but worries about the middle school with 35 kids in a class. She stated that the morale is not good with the staff. Lori stated she has 19 years with the district and she loves her job but the morale is not good.

Larry Koutz was not going to say anything but feels he needs to. In February the board laid off two employees because of lack of work.

Now the board has hired back one of those employees because of work and nothing has been done about the other position. Mr. Koutz has come to the board twice and nothing has been discussed on the media center position. Mr. Koutz would like to know what is going to be done about no books on the shelves in the media center and kids not able to check anything out. Mr. Koutz is also very worried about not having a tech person in district. Lori Wolfe hit it on the head when she stated that morale is very low.

Items for next Board Meeting October 11, 2010

Freeman stated that the board needs to look into the high school media center position.

Public meeting starting at 6:30 October 11, 2010

Motion by Freeman, support by Keyes to adjourn at 9:52 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary