

Draft- Minutes of November 14, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting

General- President Schwartzfisher called to order the regular meeting of the Beaver Island Community School Board at 7:30 pm on Monday November 14, 2011.

Present- Barb Schwartzfisher, Dana Hodgson, Dawn Marsh, Nancy Tritsch, Karen Johnson, Jessica Anderson.

Absent- Brian Cole

Others Present – Kitty McNamara, Mike Myers

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes- Moved by Hodgson, supported by Marsh, to approve the October 12, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Members met twice in the last two weeks. Waiting to see where the new bookkeeper aligns the budget to see how the school's financial outlook will be. There will be some changes in revenue.

Lead Teacher – Report attached to these minutes. Also, Myers reported that Glenn Cashman has started a Chess Club. McNamara also reported on the professional development day. She also stated that she attended seminars on Core Standards and Professional Evaluations.

Policy Committee Report- Report of minutes attached. Moved by Marsh, supported by Anderson to adopt the Graduation Policy Requirements as presented. Motion carried.

MASB Conference Members were pleased with the conference in general. Discussion on Succession Planning with regards to the replacement of Superintendent McNamara. Members learned that the current average length of time a MI superintendent serves a district is 3 – 5 years. Members also learned that in regards to salary compensation for the new Superintendent there would likely be little savings to the district if the wish to hire an experienced administrator.

Administrative Update McNamara reported that the Holiday Party is set for January 20, 2012; The end of the marking period has high school student with 80% showing a 2.0 GPA or higher & 31% are a 3.5 GPA or higher; Winter Sports program is underway; Mentor Program is up & running; McNamara gave members a hand out on MEAP Cut Scores; Scott Kelly's meeting with students and parents on Substance use & abuse.

Round Robin – Hodgson and Marsh reported on the success of the mentor program with their personal experience with their son's involvement.

Submitted by: Dana Hodgson, Secretary, Board of Education