

## **Approved Minutes of January 9, 2012, 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, January 9, 2012.

**Present**- Barb Schwartzfisher, Dawn Marsh, Nancy Tritsch, Karen Johnson, Brian Cole, and Jessica Anderson.

**Absent** - Dana Hodgson

**Others Present** - Kitty McNamara, Alice Belfy, Mike Myers, Lynn Cary, Dusty Cushman, Cindy Cushman, Kim Jones, Kaylyn Jones, Yvonne Crandall, and Kat Sheldon.

**Public Comment** - None

**Approval of Minutes**- Moved by Johnson, supported by Anderson, to approve the December 10, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - McNamara updated members on the current year budget, addressed questions, and reported on regularly scheduled business manager/finance committee meetings.

Moved by Cole, supported by Tritsch, to approve the proposed 2011-2012 Mid-Year Budget Amendment as presented (see attached). Motion carried - unanimous decision.

**Lead Teacher** - Mike Myers was present to report on the work of the lead teachers Connie Boyle, Beth Croswhite, Deb Robert, and himself.

**Math Review Update** - McNamara prepared and distributed the attached Draft Mathematics Report to BICS Board of Education, January 9, 2012, high-lighting major points.

Parent recommendations include:

1. sharing the report with students; and
2. an evening math workshop on Chicago Math for parents with math consultant Bill Aten.

Board recommendations include:

1. determining the number of Michigan districts using Chicago Math; and
2. comparing math grades after the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period

**Policy Committee Report** - Second readings were held on the following draft policies: Board Member Compensation; Credit Card; and Food Allergies. Unless changes are suggested, these policies will be adopted as of the third reading in February.

First readings of Curriculum Review and Bullying are tabled until next month.

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**School Elections** – New school election laws require board member elections to take place in November of even-numbered years, lengthening current terms by at least six months. School districts have the option of electing board members to four or six year terms. Operating millage renewals can still take place in May, but we may want to consider putting this to the voters every two years rather than every year.

**Administrative Update** – McNamara reported on the submission of a school garden grant application; all day kindergarten ; MEAP scores, Adam Richards selection to participate in the Gates Foundation Big History Project; long-term subs re: maternity leaves; HOSA competition; holiday party; technology; and her vacation dates.

**Other** – Tritsch will be absent from the February and March meetings.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Alice Belfy, Recording Secretary

### Attachments

1. Budget Amendment
2. Draft Mathematics Report to BICS Board of Education, January 9, 2012 (11 pages).