

APPROVED Minutes of January 14, 2013, Regular School Board Meeting

General

President Jessica Anderson called to order a regular meeting of the Beaver Island Community School Board of Education at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2013.

Present

Jessica Anderson Dawn Marsh Karen Johnson
Nancy Tritsch Barb Schwartzfisher

Absent

Dana Hodgson Brian Cole

Others

Kitty McNamara Alice Belfy Beth Croswhite
Missy Williams Julie Martin

Public Comment

Julie Martin and Missy Williams formally recognized the board for their service as board members and in particular for their commitment to the work involved in the recent hiring of the new administrator/principal.

Appointment of Chair Pro-Tem, Nomination and Election of Officers

President Anderson appointed McNamara Chair Pro-Tem for the purpose of electing board officers. Moved by Schwartzfisher, supported by Anderson, to maintain the current slate of officers until January 2014: President Jessica Anderson, Vice-President Dawn Marsh, Secretary Dana Hodgson, and Treasurer Karen Johnson. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Johnson, supported by Tritsch, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012, meeting as presented with the following additions:

1. The Search Committee reported they have developed interview questions for the administrator/principal candidate interviews.
2. McNamara reported on the school's newly established recycling initiatives.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Johnson reported on two new postings at the ISD in Finance and Human Resources and BICS eligibility for 2012-2013 Title 1 funding. The State Budget Consensus Meeting was held last Friday. It is expected that the MDE'S next fiscal budget will remain the same or slightly higher than this year's. Consensus meetings are held three times a year. BICS's first proposed 2013-2014 draft budget will likely be presented at the April board meeting

Approval of Depositaries And Signatories

Moved by Schwartzfisher, supported by Marsh, to name Charlevoix State Bank as our Depository, and the President, Treasurer, Superintendent/Principal, and Senior Administrative Assistant as signatories on all school accounts effective January 2013 to January 2014. Motion carried.

**Setting of Meeting
Dates, Time, and
Location**

Moved by Schwartzfisher, supported by Marsh, to meet at 7:30 p.m. at Beaver Island Community School the second Monday of the month, except for the month of February, with April's meeting to be held on the third Monday of the month. Two board work sessions will be held at the school on the 4th Monday of the months of September and March at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

**Committee
Appointments**

Moved by Tritsch, supported by Tritsch, to extend current committee memberships to run from January 2013 to December 2013. Motion carried.

Current/Extended Assignments are as follows:

Finance – Schwartzfisher and Johnson
Building – Marsh
Curriculum & Technology – Tritsch and Cole
Negotiations – Schwartzfisher & Tritsch
School Improvement – Cole and Hodgson
Scholarship – Johnson
Policy & Personnel – Hodgson, Marsh, and Anderson

Lead Teacher Report

Lead Teacher Beth Croswhite reported that we have one student in Social Review for the 3rd Marking Period. Weekly meetings will be held with the student, Ms. McNamara and Lead Teacher Mike. Myers with the hope of getting the student on the right track. Mrs. Croswhite reported that she has been planning the high school intersession trip which will include a museum visit, college visitations, and job shadowing for Juniors and Seniors. She has scheduled a Financial Aid Night for college-bound students and their parents, received additional training in Powerschool, and has Seniors scheduled for their Senior Presentations in addition to finalizing second semester schedules. Lead Teacher Deb Robert has been involved with addressing requirements of the Title 1 Application, is working with the elementary staff in developing guidelines for a new standards-based report card; has ordered math materials for review that are in-line with the Common Core State Standards; and monitoring student use of web-based programs used in conjunction with the current curriculum.

Other

Beth Croswhite answered a question on our Sex Education Curriculum, explaining the requirements, public hearings, and processes required for sex ed in Michigan Public Schools.

**Superintendent/
Principal
Hiring**

The Search Committee will be discussing Superintendent/Principal contract negotiations with Mark Eckhardt and reviewing sample contracts. Kitty shared Diane Litzenburger's draft press release on Beaver Island's new Superintendent/Principal hiring.

Policy

A final (third) reading was held on the following policies: Suspension and Expulsion of Students; and Searches on School Property. The policies are adopted (see attached).

First Readings were held on the following policies: Bylaws and Board Operations; and Parent-School Communications and/or Parent Involvement Policy.

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Discussion: The Bylaws and Board Operations policy was referred back to committee for further research and discussion on public comment i.e., where on the agenda, how often on the agenda.

Discussion: The Board has no authority over board member attendance. Members were elected by the voting public and there is nothing in state law that allows a board to remove members.

Administrative Update

McNamara reminded the board of the board/staff holiday party; reported the timeliness of her decision to carry forward our 2012-2013 Title 1 funds; scheduled a Dashboard Project Committee Meeting with Pete Plastrik, Bill Aeten, Char-Em, Kitty McNamara, Jessica Anderson, Adam Richards, and Miranda Rooy. Beaver Island along with other ISD schools are offering students an on-line Spanish Class second semester. This is a pilot project in which the teacher of record will travel to Beaver Island from Boyne City periodically throughout the semester. Beth Croswhite reported on the high school intersession and job shadowing under the Lead Teacher Report. Kitty also provided information on the strings program – numbers, concert practices, funding - and will have more info on the program for the next meeting.

Round Robin Adjournment

Each board member had an opportunity to comment or bring up a concern. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted _____
Alice Belfy, Recording Secretary

Policy Attachments

- (1) Suspension and Expulsion of Students
- (2) Searches on School Property

