

Draft Minutes of April 15, 2013. Regular School Board Meeting
Beaver Island Community School

General President Jessica Anderson called to order at 7:30 pm

Present Anderson, Tritsch, Johnson, Marsh, Hodgson, Schwartzfisher

Absent Cole

Others Kitty McNamara, Julie Martin, Missy Williams, Jenna Wilk, Connie Boyle, Riley Justis, Jacque LaFreniere, Patti Cull & Don Tritsch

Public Comment - Julie Martin asked if teacher evaluations are ever made public. She stated that students should be asked to complete a survey just like parents did at the last parent teacher conference.

Approval of Minutes - Tabled until corrections could be made on minutes from March 11th & March 25th meetings.

Lead Teacher Report from Connie Boyle - Deb Robert is working on Title 1 application. Crosswhite finished college visits. Boyle attended a math conference on common core state standards. Seniors have all finished their Senior Presentations. Robert & Boyle attended the MACUL Technology Conference. Barb Schwartzfisher wanted it mentioned in the official minutes that this is Connie Boyle's 27th year at Beaver Island Community School.

Treasurers Report - Johnson: Proposed Budget is in but the Finance Committee needs more time to review. She stated that our expenditures will exceed revenues however we have a healthy fund balance. There is a possibility of an increase in 22d funds. Finance Committee will come back next month with an updated draft of the final 2012-13 budget and proposed 2013-14 budget.

21CCLC - Jenna Wilk: Working as a team with Jacque LaFreniere and Patti Cull. There has been expansion in the after school program. There was a debate club this year and students are really taking ownership of these programs. Elementary programs are going strong and are very popular. She has concerns about future funding and community support is needed.

Strings Report - Sheri Richards: Sheri displayed a program from the April 13th strings concert and covered what her job expectations were. The majority of the program is paid for by the Dorothy Gerber program at Crooked Tree Arts Center. Other funders are the BICS general fund, the after school program, and the Glen McDonough Fund. Most instruments are owned by the school. Students are taught by level not age group. McNamara commented that there was music instruction K-6 when Miranda Roy was more available. McNamara stated that we do need to look at other options for music instruction.

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Policy - Final reading and approval of Bylaws & Board Operations tabled until next meeting for changes to be made. McNamara read thru the detailed functions of the board.

Legislative Update (See notes from McNamara)

Administrative Update - Working on staff scheduling for next year. McNamara is in touch with Riley Justis. Will have a tentative staff schedule for May board meeting. Title 1 and School Improvement Plan moving forward with lots of input from staff. Finding out what the state requires. Health occupations meeting with Deb Plastrik on behalf of the EMS and Beaver Island Rural Health Center coming up. McNamara is putting together a technology report for us and wants to see about contacting web designer to improve our website and keep it current. Marsh will administer the 8th grade diplomas. Tritsch & Anderson will administer 12th grade diplomas.

Other - Riley Justis spoke to a new way of evaluating teachers with a software program called PD360 which ties identified needs with specific professional development.

Round Robin - Each board member had Tritsch wants a better communication device for when she is gone for 3-4 months. Anderson thanked Marsh for running the previous board meeting. She also thanked Patti Cull and Janet Nank for doing such a great job in Miranda Rooy's absence. Johnson mentioned that there would be a new student next fall. Marsh expressed concern that not all parents saw survey at Student led conferences.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Submitted by _____
Dana Hodgson, Secretary, Board of Education