



Beaver Island Community School

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2016 – 10:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anderson, Boyle, Engelsman, Marsh, Myers, Welter

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Avery

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judy Gallagher, Jack Gallagher, Kerry Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

REVIEW AGENDA

President Myers called the meeting to order at 10:00 am to go over financials and new hires and applicants. Krosnicki joined the meeting by phone to discuss the final audit.

FINANCE REPORT:

Budget Discussion/Clarifications:

- Welter was confused by the year-end report before the audit because the year-end amount was much less than what the audited balance actually was at the end of the year. Krosnicki explained that they make the best effort to try to budget as conservative as possible. She explained that you try to keep a cushion in the budget to try and not go over. The Budget is normally modified or amended in December or January. Districts know what the State funding is by that time. Krosnicki made some changes in the finance report so it is easier to read.
- Gallagher proposed the following recommendations with hiring, which will have implications on the budget. We lost a special education teacher and have gained more special education students (10-12). Gallagher proposed hiring a teacher to fill that position and she also proposed that our kindergarten teacher be moved to help with special education part time and career counseling part time. The elementary aide and Title I aide would be shifted to help as a part time aide in special education. We lost 1 special education para-pro at the end of the year and Gallagher proposed not filling this position. The career counselor can provide the support needed for work placement and life skills sets and can be paid out of CTE funds and by hiring 2 elementary teachers, and shifting the elementary aide to special education and Title I the assignments come out \$3500.00 ahead of the budgeted amount. The monies would basically be a wash, except for some possible moving expenses.
- The Special Education teacher's salary is already in the budget and by moving Crosswhite and Cull into special education and CTE support we can cover most of the salary costs. This scenario will strengthen the special education staff, and provide 4 elementary teachers so that no elementary teacher has to cover more than 2 grades at a time. And it allows 6.75 secondary (middle & high) teachers so we can

effectively cover all core subjects at high levels. The board discussed the number of staff and hearing from the community. BICS receives special funding from the State as a geographically isolated district. It is recommended that there are no more than 4 elementary teachers, and no more than 3 middle school teachers but no less than 4 high school teachers. Class sizes should not determine what is offered, as every child deserves the best education possible.

- If approved by the Board, Gallagher has the recommendations for the actual staff. Engelsman made a motion to accept the finance report, 2nd-Boyle, all in favor.

APPLICANTS/NEW HIRES:

Gallagher explained that Sue Avery decided not to renew her temporary permit for the special education position. We did not actually succeed in finding an actual Special Education teacher, but a teacher that applied for the elementary position expressed her interest in the Special Education position and is willing to enroll in classes in order to get a temporary permit approved by the State. Gallagher would like to offer this position to Jenna Wilk. Wilk is on EMS but Beth Croswite would be here to help take over if Wilk needs to leave the building. The administrator can negotiate Wilk's salary. Marsh made a motion to accept Jenna Wilk as the special education teacher, 2nd-Engelsman, all in favor.

Gallagher would like to recommend Kate DeJonge to teach 2nd & 3rd grade and Maeve Green to teach Kindergarten and 1st grade. If they do not accept the offer Gallagher would recommend Samantha Chandler for either position. Boyle made a motion to accept Kate DeJonge and Maeve Green as the new elementary staff, 2nd-Engelsman, all in favor.

Boyle made a motion to adjourn, 2nd-Engelsman, all in favor.

Minutes submitted by,

Kerry Smith
Recording secretary