

Draft Minutes of March 14, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting – Beaver Island Community School

General - President Barb Schwartzfisher called to order the March 14, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting of the Beaver Island Community School Board at 7:30 p.m.

Present- Barb Schwartzfisher; Karen Johnson; Dana Hodgson; Jessica Anderson; Brian Cole; and Dawn Marsh.

Absent – Nancy Tritsch

Others - Kitty McNamara; Mike Myers

Public Comment – None.

Approval of Minutes – Moved by Johnson, supported by Cole, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011, School Board Meeting with the following corrections: Deb Harwood was should be listed as attended, Matt Ritchie and Dan Martell should not be listed as attending and language in Feb 7 minutes was actually from the January 10, 2011 minutes *Probationary teachers Matt Ritchie & Dan Martell each gave a presentation to the board, including information such as their educational background, their assignments and roles at BICS and the benefits/disadvantages of teaching at Beaver Island Community School.* Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Lead Teacher Report – Mike Myers reported on the work of lead teachers. Eighth and ninth graders are scheduled to take the ACT Explore Test and interested Juniors will partake in a 3 day trip to visit 6 Michigan colleges at end of the month. The last Technology Planning Meeting focused heavily on discussion of student and district needs for next year. Behavior Specialist Vikki Seger of Char-Em ISD presented a workshop for teachers about motivating secondary students, Seger also met individually with several high school students.

Treasurer's Report

Five accounting firms responded to our request for audit services. Moved by Cole, supported by Johnson, to contract services with low bidder Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth of Traverse City (\$4,200.) for two years. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

McNamara reported that we are sitting tight on our current year budget spending and waiting on whether there will be State of Michigan Section 22d funding for FY 11-12 – this could mean up to \$114,000.00 less for 2011-12. Superintendents from other section 22d schools will be invited to Beaver Island for April 15 meeting with legislators.

Johnson urged fellow board members to convey the significance of section 22d funding to our legislators via emails.

Annual School Election – An informational flyer to be mailed to all Beaver Island box holders on the upcoming annual school election was reviewed and phone calls to voters will be made as the election nears.

Policy – The Third Reading of Policy IICA – Field Trips was held. Moved by Marsh, supported by Cole, to approve Policy IICA as presented. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

The second reading of Policy JKB – Student Fundraising Activities was held. There was discussion about whether or not school fundraisers should be held in circumstances where alcohol might be served, such as at a local restaurant. The policy committee will discuss this further before the third reading of this policy.

Technology – Students are able to login to PowerSchool from home and a parent/student meeting on PowerSchool will be scheduled in the near future. Most of this year’s technology goals have been met. Goals for next year include the purchase of thin clients for older students and web filtering for special access.

Administrative Update - A board work session with Mark Eckhardt to discuss the transition of a new superintendent will be scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2011. Spring parent/teacher conferences (student led) are the afternoon of March 28; MEAP scores look good; and Deb Robert has been nominated to receive MEA’S OPIE (Outstanding Person in Education) Award this year.

Round Robin - Each board member had a chance to make a comment or bring up a concern.

Adjournment- Moved by Hodgson, supported by Cole, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried – unanimous decision.

Executive Session – Executive session was not held.

Dana Hodgson, Secretary, Board of Education