

APPROVED
MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD
MEETING
9-14-09

A regular meeting of the Essexville-Hampton Board of Education was held on Monday, September 14, 2009, in the Garber High School Library, 213 Pine Street, Essexville, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE RECITED

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

- Members Present

John Martin, Charles Rochow, William Mahoney, Joseph Pergande, Jill Urban, Michael Rowley

- Member Absent

David Lovely

ALSO PRESENT

John Mertz, Doug Trombley, Tom Trombley, Barry Kenniston, Joan Douglas, Jim Glasgow, Lori Flippin, Mike Leppek, Cindy Luczak, Jan Stefaniak, Bonnie Middleton, Nancy Reder, Carol Morse, Paul Sansburn, Michelle Ouellette, Ann Hebert.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS
FROM BOARD /
SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Mertz commented on the following:

1. The district made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) with four of our schools receiving an 'A' and one school getting a 'B'. Superintendent Mertz is extremely proud of all of our students and staff for meeting AYP and on our MEAP scores.
2. The United Way held its annual Day of Caring last Saturday, September 12. In partnership with Leadership Bay County, volunteers and parents gave their time, talent, expertise and supplies at Bush Elementary and Cramer Junior High schools. At Bush they created an outdoor reading section and painted the playground area on the blacktop, and at both schools they cleaned up the grounds and upgraded the landscape. The district is extremely grateful to United Way, parents and the volunteers for their efforts.

STATEMENTS

There were no statements from the audience.

MINUTES
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Moved by Charlie Rochow, supported by Mike Rowley, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting and executive session held August 18, 2009, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Martin, Rochow, Mahoney, Pergande, Urban, Rowley

No: None

TREASURER'S
REPORT
ACCEPTED

Moved by Bill Mahoney, supported by John Martin, to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Mahoney, Pergande, Urban, Rowley, Martin

No: None

EXPENDITURE
REVIEW
COMMITTEE
REPORT
APPROVED

Moved by Bill Mahoney, supported by Charlie Rochow, to approve the Expenditure Review Committee report in the amount of \$820,285.91 for the month of August 2009 as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Mahoney, Pergande, Urban, Rowley, Martin, Rochow

No: None

Members appointed to the Expenditure Review Committee for October are trustees Joe Pergande and Jill Urban.

CASH FLOW
STATEMENT
APPROVED

Moved by Joe Pergande, supported by John Martin, to approve the Cash Flow Statement as written.

Roll Call: Yes: Pergande, Urban, Rowley, Martin, Rochow, Mahoney

No: None

SCHOOL
ELECTION
DATES
PRESENTATION

Superintendent Mertz stated that many school districts are considering changing their election dates as a cost saving measure. He asked Cindy Luczak, Bay County Clerk, to speak to the board regarding legislation on school election dates.

Ms. Luczak briefly reviewed the state law associated with a school board election. This legislation became effective January 1, 2005. At that time, county clerks became responsible for school elections rather than school districts. One component of the legislation was that districts could choose from four election dates per year: February, May, August or November. There would be virtually no cost to districts if they chose the November date, in conjunction with a regularly scheduled municipal or state election. Local districts chose the May election date since it was the closest to the traditional June date.

The May election date, with low voter turnout, has proven costly for districts. Several local districts have changed to the November even-year election option. Should the board consider the November election date, the board would need to adopt a resolution by the end of this year and would require changing the length of board member terms of office. It would be the board's option to have four or six-year terms.

It was noted that if a board moves its elections to November, a bond or millage election can still be held on one of the other dates.

This presentation was for informational purposes only, and Superintendent Mertz did not make a recommendation at this time.

RFPs FOR
BANKING
SERVICES

As recommended by the board, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for banking services was prepared and distributed to local banks. The next step in the process is to form a committee to review the proposals. Current committee members include John Mertz, Tom Trombley and the business office staff. Superintendent Mertz requested that a board member serve on the committee as well. After review of the RFPs, the committee will then make a recommendation to the board as a whole.

- Mike Rowley
to Serve

Mike Rowley volunteered to serve on the Banking Committee as the board representative.

SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
WAGES
SET

Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District, along with PCMI West, has been providing substitute teacher management services to local districts. The Intermediate School District has requested that all districts adjust the common starting rate for substitute teachers to \$68 per full day and \$34 for a half day. Our current rate of pay is \$70 per day. The I.S.D., in consultation with local districts, feels that this cost saving measure is justified given the current state of school finances. It is the recommendation of administration that the board set the beginning substitute pay rate at \$68 per day and \$34 per half day.

Moved by Joe Pergande, supported by Jill Urban, that the board set the beginning rate of pay for substitute teachers at \$68 per day and \$34 per half day as recommended by administration.

Roll Call: Yes: Urban, Martin, Rochow, Mahoney, Pergande

No: None

Abstain: Rowley

MASB
DELEGATE
CERTIFIED

The MASB Delegate Assembly will begin on Thursday, October 22, 2009, prior to the MASB Fall Conference. The board can certify two delegates and two alternates for the assembly. Only delegates and alternates certified by a board of education may offer motions and vote on issues, however all board members may speak on issues and participate in debates.

Superintendent Mertz encouraged board members to take advantage of this professional development opportunity and attend the MASB Annual Fall Conference. This year the conference will be held in Lansing on October 23 – 25, and the Delegate Assembly will begin on Thursday, October 22, 2009. Professional development funds are available for any board member who would like to attend.

Moved by Mike Rowley, supported by John Martin, that Dave Lovely be designated as the Essexville-Hampton Board of Education's MASB Delegate for the 2009 Delegate Assembly on October 22, 2009.

Roll Call: Yes: Rowley, Martin, Rochow, Mahoney, Pergande, Urban

No: None

EHEA
CONTRACT
RATIFIED

Tom Trombley reviewed with the board the tentative contract with the EHEA (Essexville-Hampton Education Association). The agreement was recently ratified by the EHEA.

The tentative contract includes a 170 day calendar, a wage increase including FICA and retirement totaling \$10,178 for the 2009-2010 school year, and a change to self-funded dental beginning January 1, 2010.

Administration recommendation that the board approve the contract with the EHEA as presented.

Moved by Mike Rowley, supported by Bill Mahoney, that the board ratify the contract with the EHEA as previously TA'd.

Roll Call: Yes: Martin, Rochow, Mahoney, Pergande, Urban, Rowley

No: None

Mr. Trombley stated that the EHEA would like to begin working on next year's contract immediately. They will meet every four to eight weeks until a contract is agreed on. The goal is to get the contract completed as soon as possible.

STATEMENTS
FROM THE
BOARD/PUBLIC

1. Mike Rowley inquired if a special meeting should be held for the board to consider board election date changes. Superintendent Mertz suggested that this issue be a topic of discussion at the special board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, since the board will be considering a number of cost-saving items. Board members agreed to this suggestion.
2. Jill Urban acknowledged the following people for their efforts with remodeling the press box: Ray Lingle, Paul Spencer, Brian Knopp, and Scott Ayala. These men spent a great deal of time on the press box and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

President Martin requested that the board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations.

Moved by Joe Pergande, supported by Charlie Rochow, that the board of education and those persons recommended by Superintendent Mertz, namely Doug Trombley and Tom Trombley, move into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations at 7:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Mahoney, Pergande, Urban, Rowley, Martin

No: None

RECONVENE

Moved by Joe Pergande, supported by Charlie Rochow, to reconvene the regular meeting.

Roll Call: Yes: Mahoney, Pergande, Urban, Rowley, Martin, Rochow

No: None

President Martin called the meeting back into open session at 7:50 p.m.

BOARD
WORKSHOP
REMINDER

Superintendent Mertz reminded board members about the board workshop to be held Wednesday, September 30, 2009, in the Jaffe Administration Office conference room from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURN

Moved by Joe Pergande, supported by John Martin, to adjourn.

Roll Call: Yes: Pergande, Urban, Rowley, Martin, Rochow, Mahoney

No: None

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill M. Urban
Secretary