

**WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wayne County, Michigan**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Westwood Community School District Board of Education was called to order by Sandra L. Rich, President, at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2010, in the Equilla F. Bradford Administrative Center.

Present: President Sandra L. Rich, Vice President Roderick Means, Secretary Timothy T. Emery, Treasurer Gregory D. Stephens, Trustee Dr. Catherine L. Garcia-McDonnell (arrived at 7:42 p.m.), Trustee Cheryl Bell, Trustee K. Isaac King, Superintendent Ernando F. Minghine, Business Manager Sherry Lynem, Director of Operations David E. Stull, Attorney Anthony S. Guerriero, Human Resources Coordinator Jennifer Copes, and Recording Secretary Pamela Kilpatrick

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Treasurer Stephens, supported by Trustee King the Board approve the minutes of the May 18, 2010, Special Meeting with any necessary corrections.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

PRESENTATIONS

Administration of the Oath of Office

Mrs. Sherry Lynem administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Timothy Emery, Re-elected Board Member, and Cheryl Bell, Newly Elected Board Member.

Certified Board Member Awards

President Rich presented Trustee King with the Award of Merit and Level One Certification, and Trustee Cheryl Bell with the award of Level One Certification from the Michigan Association of School Boards. She indicated these achievements are received after by taking a number of classes on Boardsmanship through the MASB.

Update on the Early Child Development Program

Miss Millie Hursin and Kristen Szajnecki gave an update on the Early Child Development Program. The program began this school year providing services for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Early Childhood Developmental Delay, Other Health Impairment, and Speech & Language Impairment. The progress made since the program began, last year has been tremendous. Twenty-one students were serviced.

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The program has a capacity of 24 students. We currently have six students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, two with Early Childhood Developmental Delay, one with Other Health Impairment, and twelve with several language impairments. She indicated all students made tremendous progress. This year nine students will be going to kindergarten next year, some with regular ed, some with special ed assistance. Four of the parents were present to speak about the tremendous progress their children have made .

Students of the Month for May 2010

Mrs. Leslie Simmons gave the presentation for the Students of the Month for May 2010. She introduced each student, recited the student's accomplishments stating the reasons they were selected, and presented each student with a certificate of appreciation. The Student of the Month were (1) Sabrina Robinson, Robichaud High School (absent), (2) Michaela Davis, Tomlinson Middle School; (3) Emily Lominac, Thorne Intermediate (absent); (4) Demarco Wilson, Thorne Primary and (5) Savion Buchanan, Daly Elementary.

Student Council Report

Raymond Robinson talked about the activities of the Student Council at the high school, the Michigan Roundtable Diversity Summit, students working hosting and working at the Senior Citizens Dinner Dance, the Wayne Prosecutor's Office came in to talk about domestic violence, the Interact Club raised \$200 from the Blood Drive, selected students participated in academic games and took place, Pennies for Pasta raised \$200, flowers are being made for the Memorial Day Parade, and selected students are working with Eco Tech Labs to construct an electric bike.

Cyber High School Student Council Report

The Student Council President reported on the activities at the Cyber High School. The first dance was a success. Students will be attending Henry Ford Community College on June 23. They had a meeting regarding improving their lives. They have set up an Urban Garden Committee to help with the planting. They finished and signed their Constitution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- o The Summer Program and the participation are increasing.
- o The Urban Garden Planting Day will be postponed until June 5, because of the wet weather.
- o Staff members attended the Inkster Memorial for Fallen Officers.
- o The Inkster Clean Up had 14 students participating.
- o The Ombudsman Graduation of June 2.
- o The Athletic Banquet is on June 10, 2010 at Burton Manor
- o The Dearborn Heights TIFA Board approved funds the track renovation.
- o Bishop Stargill reported that they received of 10,000 grant for the Wheatley Park Renovation.

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Trustee Garcia-McDonnell arrived at 7:40 p.m.

RECESS

President Rich called a ten minute recess at 7:52 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Treasurer Stephens, supported by Trustee Bell, the Board approve the minutes of the May 18, 2010, Special Meeting with any necessary corrections.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The Board Secretary read a message from Wayne RESA regarding the Proposed Enhancement Millage. They reported that only 27% of the County School District voted in support of the Millage Proposal. Therefore, this item will not be placed on the Ballot for August 2010.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion by Treasurer Stephens, supported by Trustee King, the Board approve checks in the amount of \$711,068.10.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM - Personnel Actions

Motion by Treasurer Stephens, supported by Vice President Means, the Board accept the personnel actions under a consent agenda and approve the seventeen (17) personnel recommendations of the Superintendent outlined in Attachment A.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution on Local District Vote on Wayne RESA Budget for 2010/2011

Motion by Treasurer Stephens, supported by Trustee Cheryl Bell, the Board support the Wayne RESA Proposed Budget for 2010/2011. (Attachment 1)

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution for 2010/2011

Motion by Treasurer Stephens, supported by Vice President Means, the Board adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership for the 2010/2011 School Year. (Attachment 2)

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

Scholarship Donation and Activity Fund Account

Motion by Treasurer Stephens, supported by Secretary Emery, the Board authorize the Business Manager to Establish an activity fund account for a Scholarship of \$500.00 for a high school senior. (Attachment 3)

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

Recommendation of the Transportation Committee

Motion by Treasurer Stephens, supported by Trustee Cheryl Bell, the Board approve the 2010/2011 Transportation Plan proposed by the Transportation Committee. (Attachment 4) A question was raised regarding district liability from the use of bus passes. The Board Attorney did not see this to be a problem.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

First Reading of the Revision of the Board Policy Manual

Vice President Means reported that the Board Policy Committee has been working on changes for the Board Policy Manual for the last three years in cooperation with the Michigan Association of School Boards. He indicated that most of the committee members were present at this meeting tonight. Attorney Guerriero stated that the procedure in place at this time requires a first and second reading. If the Board presents the first reading this evening, and waives the first reading, there must be twenty seven days before the second reading can take place. It will be twenty eight days until the

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next board meeting of June 17, 2010. The proposed policies have been placed on the web site so that the public is able to review them.

Motion by Vice President Means, supported by Treasurer Stephens, the Board present the first reading of the proposed Board Policy Manual and waive the first reading.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Maureen Molloy provided an update on recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee. The first Goal is to "Improve Student Achievement." The committee suggested that Special Projects and Program be spotlighted at the Board Meeting each month.

BOARD REPORTS

The Booster Club will be helping to decorate and work at the Athletic Banquet.

The Tomlinson Track Team participated in a competition with 22 schools. Their attitudes were great. A suggestion was made to write a letter of recognition.

Trustee King attended a meeting in Lansing with the Michigan Council of Bishops and the Governor's Aid assisted in having her speak with him. She indicated to him at the state aid would remain at \$8,275. He asked about the Race To The Top Funds and was told that it was preferable to have union support.

OTHER

Resolution to Authorize Issuing Notes in Anticipation of Taxes Current and next Fiscal Year

Motion by Treasurer Stephens, supported by Trustee King, the Board adopt the Resolution Authoring Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of Taxes - Next Succeeding Fiscal year and Current Fiscal Year in the amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy T. Emery, Board Secretary

Pamela Kilpatrick
Pamela Kilpatrick, Recording Secretary