

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education New Buffalo Area Schools

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of New Buffalo Area Schools was held Monday, February 8, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Media Center.

1. Call to Order by President Pano Arvanitis - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Roll Call: Lee Artz, Pano Arvanitis, Charles Heit, Roger Lijewski, Frank Magro, Lisa Werner, Judith Zabicki

Absent: Artz, Lijewski
Magro (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Also in Attendance: Mark Westerburg, Superintendent of Schools
*Absent: Yvonne Homolka, Sec to Superintendent
Minutes recorded by Ms. Zabicki.*

3. Expressions from the Public:

Mrs. Donna Messinger inquired about the length and dates of the summer school program. Supt. Westerburg replied that summer school will be incorporated into the summer recreation program so students will be able to attend both programs.

4. Items too Late for Printed Agenda: None

5. Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion: Zabicki
Second: Heit
All ayes, motion carried

6. Presentation: High School

Students, Nicolas Bowen and Nigel Durham, addressed the Board requesting the dress code be amended in the Student-Parent Handbook. The change would allow boys the choice of wearing a headband. The Board felt this was a reasonable request.

Motion by Heit, second by Werner, to amend the Student-Parent Handbook in favor of allowing boys to wear headbands.
All ayes, motion carried.

(Mr. Magro arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

7. Communications:

Ms. Zabicki read a letter from Alan B. Koenig regarding the vacancy on the MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) Board of Directors for Region 6. He is asking the Board of Education to support him as a candidate.

8. Committee Report(s):

Personnel met on 1/25/16 and discussed teacher tenure.

Finance met on 2/03/16 and discussed the budget being presented at the next BOE meeting (2/22/16).

9. Second Reading: Policies #3217, 4217, 5772, 7217, 8400

10. The superintendent recommended the Board adopt Policies #3217, 4217, 5772, 7217, 8400.

Motion: Magro

Second: Zabicki

All ayes, motion carried.

11. Remarks from the Superintendent:

Parent-Teacher Conferences held on February 4 went well.

12. Remarks from the Board President and Members: None

13. Discussion Item(s)

A. Superintendent Evaluation:

President Arvanitis distributed paper copies of the evaluation packet (will email as well) and requested completion by the next meeting, February 22. A Closed Session will be held at the meeting to discuss the evaluation.

14. Other Business: None

15. Adjournment:

Motion: Magro

Second: Heit

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith H. Zabicki, Secretary
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