

ISD 877
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, March 28, 2011
Board Room
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Patti Pokorney, Doug Olson, Sue Lee, Dave Wilson, Melissa Brings, Jeff Mattson, Rolf Mohwinkel, Carmen Huhn; Student Representative

2. PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comment

DS – asking the board to table the resignation of the wrestling coach and take some time for consideration. There are some concerns. Acknowledge the number of people here this evening in support of coach Arens.

JD – youth team coach – rich wrestling tradition in this community. Building a successful club growing young men. Have seen great growth in the coach.

AM – parent of two wrestlers – have been very successful in the short time they have been in the activity. Have seen the strength of the program grow over the last 6 years. Also a large participation at the middle school level. Please reconsider and also make sure the investigation and information gathered is valid.

MS – sophomore wrestling participant – support for coach Arens. Feels the board has not been given all the information needed for this decision.

CM – coach – feels coach Arens has improved the wrestling program. Please wait with decision.

AM – wrestler – program has positively affected him and his brother.

JW – coach – was a student who participated in Buffalo activities throughout his schooling and then in college. Has had good coaches. Supports coach Arens ability. Commitment is now yearlong, not just during the season. The parent support shown by their attendance this evening, speaks to their confidence in coach Arens with their children.

DJ – parent of wrestler – would like the board to reconsider the resignation of coach Arens. Will be difficult to replace this person and his integrity and honor. Feel incident was handled with appropriate discipline.

KS – parent of wrestlers – coach Arens has served as a mentor, role model and teacher for these students. Feel there have been omissions in the investigation. Concern with the procedures used in the investigation. Please table this decision.

We trust this coach with our children.

DS – Thanked the board and superintendent Thielman for the time the board allowed for comments.

C. Approval of Agenda

Lee/Brings to approve

Motion carried 7-0

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Student Council Report, Carmen Huhn – silly band fundraiser held for Crossroad Animal Shelter. Working on Teacher Appreciation event.

B. Proud of

1. The BHS Hoofprint publication students - Hoofprint.net was named a Pacemaker finalist by the National Scholastic Press Association in their nation-wide competition. Ryan McCallum is the Advisor.
2. Montrose Elementary students who raised \$2070.18 for the Pennies for Patients campaign.

C. Board Calendar Dates

1. Monday, April 11 - Board Workshop, 4:30 p.m., Hanover Elementary
2. Saturday, April 16 - ECFE Family Fair, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Discovery Center Gym
3. Monday, April 25 - Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Board Room

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel Consent Agenda

APPOINTMENTS - All appointments are contingent upon satisfactory completion of a criminal background check. Approve the following appointments:

1. Jaime Anderson, Food Service Aide at Montrose Elementary effective March 14, 2011. This is a replacement for Betty LaRoque.

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT – Approve the following resignations/retirements:

1. Deanna Folkerds, Special Education ESP at Northwinds Elementary, resignation effective March 3, 2011.
2. Gloria Rose, Counselor at Buffalo High School, retirement effective June 10, 2011.
3. Pat Soule, Head Engineer at Parkside Elementary, retirement effective May 20, 2011.
4. Jeff Erickson, Science Teacher at Buffalo Community Middle School, resignation effective June 10, 2011.
5. Todd Lubben, Agriculture Teacher at Buffalo High School, resignation

effective June 10, 2011.

6. Paul Arens, Head Wrestling Coach, resignation effective March 24, 2011.

TRANSFER/CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT - Approve the following transfer/change in assignment:

1. Katie Kunz, English Teacher at Buffalo High School, teach one additional section during 4th term, effective April 11, 2011 and ending June 10, 2011.
2. Julia Lund, ECSE ESP, increase from 15.5 to 20.5 hours/week effective March 15, 2011. This is due to student needs.
3. Deb Schultz, ESP at Northwinds Elementary, increase from 30 to 31.25 hours/week effective February 14, 2011. This is a correction.
4. Betty LaRoque, Food Service Aide, from Montrose Elementary to Discovery Elementary effective March 14, 2011. This is a replacement for Heather Keelin.
5. Leesa Sherman, from Special Education Teacher at Buffalo High School to Wright Choice Program Teacher effective March 10, 2011 and ending June 10, 2011.
6. Barbara Moll, from Special Education Teacher to Assessment Teacher at Buffalo High School effective March 10, 2011 and ending June 10, 2011. This is a replacement for Leesa Sherman.
7. Dan Manz, Head Engineer, from Buffalo Community Middle School to Parkside Elementary effective on or about May 20, 2011.
8. Peggy Vandergon, Special Education ESP at Northwinds Elementary, increase of 15 minutes/day, effective March 7, 2011. This is for transportation needs.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Approve the following requests for leave of absence:

1. Bonnie Skoglund, Kindergarten Teacher at Hanover Elementary, leave of absence effective May 9, 2011 and ending June 10, 2011.
2. Bill Bartlett, Painter/Warehouse/Delivery Custodian, extension of leave of absence to end on or about May 11, 2011.
3. Julie Mundahl, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Buffalo High School, leave of absence effective May 6, 2011 and ending June 10, 2011.
4. Joanne Thompson, Food Service Assistant at Buffalo High School, leave of absence effective March 7, 2011 and ending April 11, 2011.

B. Check Disbursements

Payroll checks # 191249 through 191671, and 133354 through 135577, amounting to \$4,188,650.00. P-card disbursement checks 22438 to 22792 and 22798 to 22802 totaling \$95,633.72. Handwritten checks 146410 through 146416, Bill-pay wires 22434 through 22437. Employee reimbursement checks 90002507 through 90002553, and Accounts Payable checks 149484 through 149940, and 1004 through 1009, for the period of January 24 – February 21 as follows:

02	FOOD SERVICE	128,027.79
04	COMMUNITY SERVICE	58,512.76
05	CAPITAL OUTLAY	106,303.35
06	NEW BUILDING	.00
07	DEBT SERVICE	100.00
09	ACTIVITY FUND	29,160.65
16	ALTERNATIVE FACILITIE	<u>.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,070,325.84

C. Electronic Fund Transfers

A list of the electronic fund transfers occurring in the official depositories (for the period of Feb. 1 – Feb. 28) is as follows:

Date	Vendor & Purpose	Amount
2/01/11	Xcel Energy – Utility	2,926.23
2/04/11	BMO Corporate MasterCard – P-Card	95,633.72
2/04/11	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	12,255.83
2/08/11	Xcel Energy – Utility	8.94
2/08/11	Xcel Energy – Utility	998.68
2/08/11	Xcel Energy – Utility	2,590.71
2/09/11	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	4,104.98
2/15/11	MN Dept. of Revenue – State Taxes	49,757.11
2/15/11	Chicago USA Tax Pmt – Federal Taxes	276,200.18
2/16/11	Eds Benefit Consultants – Deferred Annuities	30,361.00
2/16/11	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	7,818.90
2/18/11	MN Dept. of Revenue – Sales Tax	113.00
2/25/11	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	2,481.40
2/28/11	MN Dept. of Revenue – State Taxes	56,471.24
2/28/11	Chicago USA Tax Pmt – Federal Taxes	<u>311,615.99</u>
	Total	853,337.91

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E. Donations/Grants

1. \$150 from InterBank FSB to BCMS
2. \$100 from RMG Refer a Friend - Jaime Baker to the District
3. \$75 from Wells Fargo Support Campaign - Clarise Reichardt to BCMS
4. 2 - Ti-83 Plus Calculators at a value of \$147.60 each from DonorsChoose.org to BHS
5. \$1000 from Graco Foundation to the Swim Teams. When a Graco employee volunteers 50 hours or more during one calendar year to a nonprofit organization, a financial gift is made possible.
6. \$158.40 from Wells Fargo Support Campaign to HES

Pokorney/Olson to approve
Motion carried 7-0

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Appointment of Matt Lubben as Principal at Buffalo Community Middle School effective July 1, 2011, Moreen Martell

Builds positive relationships with students and staff. His entire career has been here at BHM school district. People polled - Passionate, personable, reliable, involved, trusting and awesome.

Lee/Mattson to approve
Motion carried 7-0

- B. 2011 Arts Magnet Trip - London, Paris, Rome, Scott Thielman

This was presented at the March workshop. Trip has been coordinated through the Arts Magnet Program.

Brings/Lee to approve
Questions were asked at the workshop and policy 610 is being reviewed.
Motion carried 7-0

- C. 2011 Marching Band Trip- Washington D.C., Scott Rabehl

Itinerary has been provided. 153 students are planning to participate.

Mohwinkel/Pokorney to approve
Have had to turn down chaperones who were interested. Great performance venues are planned.
Motion carried 7-0

- D. Joint Powers Agreement - St. Michael-Albertville Schools, Gary Kawlewski, Josh Swanson

Agreement allows district to make joint purchases, provides hold harmless and dispute resolution and orderly separation language and the process for any third party usage of the fiber optic infrastructure. Has been reviewed by legal counsel.

Brings/Lee to approve
Has been approved by St. Michael-Albertville at their recent board meeting
Motion carried 7-0

6. REPORTS

A. First Reading - Policy 610, Field Trips, Gary Kawlewski

Clear separation for trips whether they are school-sponsored or not. Creates less liability for the district. Staff have been involved in these revisions.

Should we have staff involved in reviewing this policy who have coordinated these types of trips – this can be done.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PPokorney – NWSISD

DOlson – CE Advisory Council, ADEDK – results are being reviewed by the principals

MBrings – CE Advisory Council, Montrose residents are positive about the Education Center

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Legislative – Omnibus Education bills have been passed by the House and Senate. Hearing that there will most likely be an extended session and a possible state-wide shutdown. Currently, education funding is not proposed for any decrease.

9. OTHER

Chair Wilson thanked the audience for their comments.

Olson/Mattson to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Brings, Clerk
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