

Webberville Community Schools Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 18th, 2011

This regular board meeting of the Webberville Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Michael Chase, in the Webberville Spartan Center on Monday, July 18th, 2011 at 7:01PM.

Present: Michael Chase, Scott Sparkia, Matthew Kulaga, Caron Guidroz, Mark Miller and Dan McMillen.

Absent: Chris Hondzinski

Administration Present: Brian Friddle and Tim Dowker

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kulaga moved, Mr. Sparkia seconded a motion to approve the agenda of the regular Board of Education meeting being held on today's date, Monday, July 18th, 2011 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Kulaga seconded a motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentation

Ms. Liz Lentz, Ingham Intermediate School District, gave a presentation on the Transportation Services Proposal. The proposal would outsource district transportation services to Dean Transportation.

Communications and Petitions

The public was invited to speak regarding the transportation services proposal.

- Dwayne Curtis – Mr. Curtis asked what would happen to the driver's who are not vested?
Mr. Friddle stated that all drivers would become Dean Transportation employees.
Mr. Curtis stated that the bus drivers the district currently has should be kept at any cost because they go above and beyond for the students and parents.
- Melissa Williams - Ms. Williams asked what would happen to the current school of choice students who are bussed by the district? *Mr. Friddle stated that the district will still make the decision as to bussing school of choice students.*
Ms. Williams also asked about seniority. Would seniority go by all Dean employees or would it be seniority within the drivers for Webberville? *Mr. Friddle stated that seniority would be within the Webberville drivers.*
- Sarah Howard - Ms. Howard asked how much money was really going to be saved in terms of fuel costs. *Mr. Friddle stated that Dean buys fuel in bigger quantities and gets a better price.*
Ms. Howard asked about field trips; was the cost included? *Ms. Lentz stated that the cost of field trips was included.*

Ms. Howard asked about whether or not the bus drivers had been asked if they wanted the extra perks that Dean Transportation offers? *Mr. Friddle stated that he had met with most of the drivers, but not all. He will be scheduling a meeting between the drivers and Dean Transportation.*

Dawn Preadmore - Ms. Preadmore asked whether or not Dean Transportation does background checks on bus drivers? *Mr. Friddle stated that Dean does the same kind of background checks that the school district requires.*

Terry Johnson - Ms. Johnson stated that the current drivers know the kids and know the neighborhoods. They will call before they drop off a student if they don't see a car at home. They are considerate of the kids and the parents. She asked if parents would receive a letter saying what route they would be on this fall? *Mr. Friddle stated that if the district goes with Dean Transportation, Dean will want the transition to be seamless to the parents and students. They want to use the same drivers if possible and the busses will still say Webberville Community Schools. Parents would receive letters and information as to routes and drivers.*

Reports

Policy Committee – Did not meet.

Finance Committee – Mr. Kulaga stated that the Finance Committee went over the transportation proposal.

Building and Grounds Committee – Did not meet.

Personnel Committee – Did not meet.

ISOA – Did not meet.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Friddle reported on the following items:

Band camp and cheer camp are both taking place this week.

Interviews are currently being conducted for the Dean of Students/AD position. Interviews for the varsity football coach position should be completed this week.

WEA grievances – information will be forwarded to the board.

Professional Development – Teachers and Administration are currently going through the “21 Things” course offered by the IISD.

Foreign exchange students – the district will be working with two organizations to bring foreign exchange students to the district.

Communications and Petitions

Kathy Pierman – WEA President – Ms. Pierman thanked the Board of Education for working with the WEA during negotiations. The WEA membership ratified the new teacher contract agreement.

Action Items

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Kulaga seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Rachel Kommit to fill the 6th grade teacher position. Motion passed. 6-0.

Ms. Guidroz moved, Mr. Kulaga seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Dean Thompson to fill the mathematics and tier II co-teaching position. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Guidroz moved, Mr. McMillen seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Melissa Klimkowski to fill the speech and language pathologist position. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kulaga moved, Mr. Sparkia seconded a motion to approve the secondary handbook as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kulaga moved, Ms. Guidroz seconded a motion to approve the preliminary school loan revolving fund application as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kulaga moved, Mr. Sparkia seconded a motion to approve the transfer of the remaining 2003 debt funds to be applied to the 2002 debt retirement fund as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kulaga moved, Mr. Miller seconded a motion to ratify the teacher contract as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Comments from the Audience

None

Comments from the Board

Mr. Chase thanked the WEA negotiating committee for their work on the teacher contract.

Adjournment:

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Sparkia seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0. The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:26PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caron Guidroz, Secretary
Webberville Board of Education