

Webberville Community Schools Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2004

The public hearing was called to order at 6:45pm. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public input and discuss the selection of a regular election date. There was no public comment.

Ms. Shanabrook moved, Ms. Brenner seconded a motion to approve the resolution to designate a May regular election date in both even and odd years as presented. A roll call vote was done:

Simmons: Y

Shanabrook: Y

Chamberlain: Y

Brenner: Y

Westbrook: absent

Crandall: Y

Beauvais: absent

Motion passed 5/0. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

This regular meeting of the Webberville Board of Education was called to order by Board President Simmons in the Webberville Elementary Library on Monday, September 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Clifford H. Simmons II, Patricia Shanabrook, Teri Chamberlain, Kristine Brenner, and Dorris Crandall.

Absent: Kathe Westbrook, Tina Beauvais, Bill Skilling, Greg Glover

Also present: Brian Friddle, Suzi Slater, Jerome Learman, Barbara Weathers, and student representatives Samantha Farmer and Eric Holmes.

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Shanabrook moved, Ms. Crandall seconded a motion to approve the Agenda of the Regular Board of Education Meeting being held Monday, September 20, 2004 as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Westbrook arrived at the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Ms. Chamberlain moved, Ms. Brenner seconded a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations:

Mr. Ed Lorenz, Clark Construction, gave an update on the building projects. The monthly reports will be delivered this week. The concession stand is bricked. The projects in the MS/HS should be wrapping up this month. The elementary brick and steel work should be done by late October. The roof should be completed in November. The plans for the greenhouse are with the engineer. The bleacher drawing should be done this week. The elementary playground will be started in October and finished in November, but there may not be access to the playground. Mr. Lorenz will meet with Dr. Skilling and the architect this Friday to proceed with the media center in the high school.

Ms. Beauvais arrived at the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Mr. Brian Friddle, Secondary Principal, gave a presentation on the new secondary handbook.

Reports:

Policy Committee - Ms. Westbrook stated that we are waiting to receive the latest revisions on the board policy handbook from NEOLA.

Finance Committee - Ms. Brenner stated that the finance committee met with Janet Yachim from the ISD. We are still in transition in regards to payables and payroll. The auditors are finished and the audit will be presented at the October board meeting. The ISD will provide the first payroll in October which will include direct deposit. The budget should be available for review in December.

Building and Grounds Committee - Ms. Chamberlain stated that they are meeting weekly with the architects regarding the community center. Community Voices is also included in the meetings. They hope to have drawings within two months.

Personnel Committee – Ms. Shanabrook stated they did not meet.

Legislation - Ms. Beauvais reported on an update from MASB regarding school district being vocal with their legislators about school funding. There is an action plan available at MASB.org. She stated that a poll was conducted of parents and the results showed that parents believe that the biggest problem facing schools is proper funding.

ISOA – Ms. Brenner presented the professional development handbook developed by the ISD. There are many opportunities for teachers to get PD. She also noted that Cathy Fitzgerald was featured on the cover. Ms. Brenner mentioned the Quality School Portfolio program offered through the ISD. The ISOA also decided that the Legislative Forum is not of value to attend but would instead send a questionnaire which will be shared with the board when completed.

Student Representative – Samantha Farmer and Eric Holmes were introduced as the student representatives to the board. They reported that homecoming will be October 8 th. Spirit Week is Oct 4-8 th. The theme this year is cartoons. The parade is at 5:30, tailgate at 6:00, King and

Queen crowning at 6:20. October 9th is the Homecoming Dance at the high school from 7:30pm – 11pm. They still need chaperones.

Elementary School – Ms. Slater gave an update for the elementary school. The year is off to a good start. The monthly professional development will include working on teacher websites. The teachers learned how to use the videostreaming. The elementary boosters bought DVD/VCR's for the school. The preschool has 20 students. Open house went well and enrollment is currently at 306.

Secondary School – Mr. Friddle reviewed his report on progress at the secondary school. He mentioned that the student class representatives and student council had been selected. The new journalism lab is up and running. The ISD will be meeting with the teachers to discuss payroll issues. The current enrollment is 328.

Athletic Department – Mr. Friddle read a report from Mr. Glover. He gave updates on the current athletic teams, homecoming activities, and a review of the winter coach positions that are currently available.

Superintendent - Dr. Skilling was not present at the meeting.

Technology – Dr. Learman gave an update on the technology within the district. The network is up and running in both the MS/HS and elementary.

Marketing – Ms. Weathers gave an update on the marketing activities. The October newsletter will be mailed September 24th or 27th. We will advertise the Meijer Community Rewards program and the Target Rewards program. This is an easy way for the schools to receive money. The website is being updated weekly. The next project in the district annual report.

Communications and Petitions:

None

Action Items:

Ms. Brenner moved, Ms. Beauvais seconded a motion to certify the 04-05 general fund, sinking fund and debt retirement fund tax levy as presented. Motion passed 7/0.

Ms. Shanabrook moved, Ms. Beauvais seconded a motion to approve the 04-05 snow removal bid from County View Sales and Service as presented. Motion passed 7/0.

Questions or comments from the audience:

Ms. Trisha Cook, 381 North Haywood, Webberville, addressed the board regarding the decision to eliminate the bus service to the Capitol Area Career Center. She is concerned with students having to drive themselves to the CACC.

Mr. Jim Gale, 2323 Elm Road, Webberville, addressed the board regarding the decision to eliminate the bus service to the CACC. He disagrees with the decision and does not believe students should have to drive themselves.

Mr. Patrick Shanabrook, 2353 Gramer Road, Webberville, asked if the school district would provide a certificate of liability insurance for the FFA tractor pull. The Webberville Village Council is requesting a certificate of insurance before they will allow the tractor pull to take place on Main Street.

Questions or Comments from the Board of Education:

Mr. Eric Holmes, student representative, stated the 2003-2004 yearbook should be available soon. It was delayed due to some problems with the printer.

Adjournment

Ms. Shanabrook moved, Ms. Beauvais seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The Webberville Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Teri L. Chamberlain

Secretary, Webberville Board of Education