

Pending Approval

September 10, 2007      Regular meeting of the Board of Education  
Lawrence Public Schools, Van Buren County, Michigan

Members Present:      Julie Beam, Chuck Carpp, Jeff Johnson, Dave Nicholas, Carrie Rokos,  
Jim Sanborn

Members Absent:      Carol Sjoquist

Administration Present: Sue McQueen, John Overley, Bob Gendron

Administration Absent: Phil McAndrew

Student Representatives Present: Jayson Bowman, Josh Gendron

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Johnson.

Carpp moved and Rokos supported the motion to approve the August 6 and August 20, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Beam moved and Sanborn supported the motion to approve the bills of \$517,344.17 as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried 6-0.

Comments from the public:

Holly Reyna thanked the board for hiring the new third grade teacher in such a timely manner.

Sanborn moved and Beam supported the motion to award a WWII diploma to Arthur Haney Jr. per board policy. Motion carried 6-0.

Gendron presented his monthly principal's Jr./Sr. High School report to the board highlighting the positive feedback from teachers regarding the professional development in August; the development of a student assistance team; the student count has increased at this point; the school improvement team focusing on reading, writing and self-respect/school pride; a very positive beginning to the new school year and athletic season.

McQueen presented her monthly principal's Elementary School report to the board highlighting the positive feedback from teachers regarding the professional development in August; the positive student count at this point; the upcoming events including the school wide fundraiser to support student field trips, the Open House on the 19<sup>th</sup>, picture and count day on the 16<sup>th</sup>; the addition of a new teacher in the KG room and in the third grade classroom.

McAndrew was needed at another meeting and was not present to present the athletic report.

Beam moved and Carpp supported the motion to hold commencement exercises for the Class of 2008 on June 1, 2008 at 2:00 in the gymnasium. Motion carried 6-0.

Rokos moved the milk prices be raised from \$.25 to \$.35 per carton for grades 1 through 12. Sanborn supported the motion with the addition that the KG parents may pay the \$.25 per carton this year only, if they pay for the whole year by September 21, 2007. After that date, the price would be increased to \$.35 per carton for grades KG through 12. Discussion was held. Motion carried 6-0. The lunch supervisor will be directed to send a note to the KG parents on 9/11/07.

Nicholas moved and Carpp supported the motion to approve the hiring of Suzie Stambek to teach third grade and Misty Balkema to teach Kindergarten, pending background and fingerprinting checks. Motion carried 5-0 with Sanborn voting no.

Johnson welcomed and introduced the student body representatives Josh Gendron and Jason Bowman.

Carpp moved and Rokos supported the motion to approve Erika Uribe as Jr. High Cheerleading volunteer coach and Mary Ann Nunez as Jr. High volleyball volunteer pending background checks. Motion carried 6-0.

Nicholas reported he had been contacted regarding some property near the school that may be available for purchase. The board directed him to contact the people for more details.

Sanborn moved and Beam supported the motion to approve the prom be held on May 3, 2008 at South Western Michigan College. Motion carried 6-0.

Sanborn moved to rescind #1 of his motion on August 20, 2007 stating "Lower the Kindergarten bus rate to \$32.00 per hour." and moved to set the Kindergarten bus rate @ \$40.00 per run. The motion was supported by Carpp. Discussion was held. Motion carried 6-0.

A report was presented showing the amounts paid and amounts due from the embezzlement by Linda Marshall. The grand total embezzled was \$74,535.00. Marshall has repaid a total of \$5,947.13 since December of 2004.

Arthur Haney Jr. was presented his WWII diploma by Superintendent Overley and Principal Gendron.

The meeting adjourned 8:15

Pat Garrod, Recording Secretary