

Pending approval.

February 1, 2010

Regular Meeting of the Lawrence Public Schools Board of Education.

Members Present: Julie Beam, Chuck Carpp, Dave Garvison, Jeff Johnson, Gerry Martin, Tom Reynnells, Carol Sjoquist. All present

Administration Present: John Overley, Sue McQueen, Jay Peterson.
All present

Athletic Director: Jeff Miller, Present.

Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Sjoquist moved and Beam supported the motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2010 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Carpp moved and Martin supported the motion to approve the bills of \$452,022.49. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from the public:

Jim Sanborn expressed his concern regarding the sports scheduling for next year.

Discussion was held. Overley stated the concern had been brought up at a joint meeting of the SAC superintendents, principals and athletic directors.

McQueen presented the elementary principal's report highlighting the Reading Renaissance rewards for the students, the recent spelling bee and the 5/6 grade band concert.

Peterson presented the Jr./Sr. High principal's report highlighting the "Data for Student Success" program, the school improvement team's training on the "Michigan Department of Education's School Improvement Framework" and the upcoming Michigan Merit Exams. He also stated scheduling for next year has begun, the professional development day training would be on "OdysseyWare" and the homecoming week is scheduled for February 15-19.

Miller presented the athletic director's report. Senior Nick Beam has been named a MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award Finalist. He stated the concerns expressed at the last board meeting had been addressed.

Miller presented a request from Dale Gribler to take the baseball team to the Cleveland Georgia White County High School over spring break. Carpp moved and Garvison supported the motion to approve the trip. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

The slate of spring coaches were presented as follows:

Dale Gribler, varsity baseball head coach

Charlie Cammire and Phil Beeching, varsity baseball assistants

Bill Lux, varsity softball head coach

Jeff Johnson, varsity softball assistant

Patti Feuerstein JV softball head coach

Jenny Tunstall, JV softball assistant

Pete Alburtus, varsity track head coach

Troy Zimmerlee, varsity track assistant head coach per 20 athletes

Val Marsh, Jr High track head coach

Aaron Amthor, Jr High track assistant head coach per 20 athletes

Carpp asked for a motion to approve. Beam moved and Sjoquist supported the motion to approve the spring slate of coaches. Motion carried 6-0 with Johnson abstaining. The JV baseball position is still open.

Nick Beam, representing the senior class, asked for approval for a senior class trip to Kalahari Resort/water park, Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio on June 1-3, 2010. Carpp moved and Reynnells supported the motion to approve the request for the senior class trip to Ohio. Motion carried 7-0. Overlay noted the students would need to fill out the proper paper work and agree to the school's policy regarding appropriate behavior.

Beam noted the senior class will be presenting the school with a tree to be placed in front of the school to replace the one lost this past year.

Overlay presented the bids received for the updating of the district's phone system and recommended we go with the low bids and that the payment would come from the Technology Bond. He thanked Gene Butler for his work in researching and obtaining the bids. The All-tronics representative gave an overview of what his organization could provide.

Beam moved and Sjoquist supported the motion the board accept the low phone bid of \$48,018 from All-tronics including a 5 year warranty; the low T1 bid of \$502 12 month bid from AT&T; the low Cable/modem bid of \$109.90 12 month bid from Comcast. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Overlay presented the updated general fund budget. He stated we would end the year with a deficiency of \$286,939 however the ending fund balance would be \$1,180,638. Reynnells moved and Carpp supported the motion to approve the updated general fund budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Sjoquist moved and Martin supported the motion the operating millage renewal proposal be placed on the ballot stating "Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Lawrence Public Schools, Van Buren County, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2 years, 2010 and 2011, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2010 is approximately \$750,000 (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 2009 tax levy)?" and the summary of ballot proposition to be inserted in the notices of last day of registration and election. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Reynnells moved and Beam supported the motion to approve the contract with Butler Computer Service for web page management at a cost of \$5,000 for 60 hours of service. Motion carried 7-0.

Overlay stated there will be three board seats open for the May election. The seats open are the seats currently held by Carpp (a 4 year seat), Martin (a 2 year seat) and Reynnells (a 1 year seat). He stated applications for these positions have been picked up.

Overlay gave a brief legislative update concerning the laws passed dealing with the Race to the Top application. These are now state law, regardless of whether the Race to the Top grant is awarded to Michigan. He presented Cyberschool information and the new proposal for retirement. The drop out age has been increased from 16 years of age to 18 years of age beginning with the current 6th grade class.

Linda Marshall had paid a January total of \$279.64 restitution towards the embezzlement.

Johnson stated administrative evaluations were forthcoming.

Discussion was held regarding scheduling for the 2010-2011 school year.

Discussion was held regarding cooperative efforts with other schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Pat Garrod, Recording Secretary