

April 15, 2008 Special Board Meeting of the Lawrence Public Schools Board of Education.

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

Administration Present: John Overley, Sue McQueen, Bob Gendron, Phil McAndrew (arrived 8:15)

Student Representative Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Johnson at 7:34 p.m.

Beam moved and Nicholas supported the motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2008 as presented. Motion carried 4-0 with Carpp and Sanborn abstaining.

Beam moved and Nicholas supported the motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2008 and March 26, 2008 as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Sanborn moved and Beam supported the motion to approve the bills of \$488,944.43 as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried 6-0.

Comments from the public:

Ms. Carpp asked questions regarding the salaried position of Gene Butler. The board addressed this question.

Mr. Hicks presented a bus concern to the board. Overley stated the concern had been addressed and discipline measures had been taken with the students involved with the incident. The board stated that measures had been taken to assure bus videos not be taped over for at least 48 hours. The board further stated his concerns regarding a bus driver would be looked into. Board members Sjoquist and Sanborn, Supt. Overley and Transportation Supervisor Rowe will meet on

4-16-08 to discuss the concern and will contact Mr. Hicks following the meeting.

McQueen presented the elementary principal's report highlighting the excellent conference turnout stating more students had been on the honor roll than ever before. Upcoming events include the Tera Nova testing; Kindergarten Roundup and several field trips. She stated the 6th grade MEAP scores were outstanding.

Gendron presented the Jr./Sr. high school principal's report highlighting the Spring Leadership Summit, the band and the Jr. Science Olympiad team are going to State competition, the Sr. Lit play, the Alumni donkey basketball games and the upcoming Tiger Strut PE day. He congratulated Mr. Salvano, boys' basketball coach on receiving honors. Matt McAndrew and Luke Petersen have been named as valedictorian and salutatorian.

McAndrew arrived.

Gendron presented an overview of the new Michigan Merit Curriculum and Lawrence's goal to help our students be most successful. He will be making the same presentation next week to parents of 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade students.

McAndrew presented the Athletic Director's report highlighting the spring sports. The SAC is working on an Athlete's Code of Conduct and a finished copy will go to the Superintendent/Principal/A.D. meeting in May.

Overley reminded the audience the school election will be May 6. Two board members will be elected and there is also a request for a renewal for the 18 mil non-homestead property tax.

Sanborn moved and Sjoquist supported the motion to support the resolution to approve the Van Buren Intermediate School District Budget. Roll call vote: Beam Y, Carpp Y, Nicholas Y, Sjoquist Y, Sanborn Y, Johnson Y. Motion carried 6-0.

Overley presented the 2008-2009 Van Buren ISD common calendar for the school year to the board. The County Superintendents will vote on the calendar later this week.

Discussion was held on allowing the VBISD Summer Migrant Program to use 11 rooms in the elementary school for its summer program due to construction at their site at no cost to the Lawrence district. Overley was directed to look into the proposal suggesting a stipend be paid by VBISD along with assuring they would cover the liability for students/staff and that they would not be using our supplies, copier or teacher workroom.

Overley stated he had been looking into using bio-diesel for bussing, but had not found it to be an option at this time.

Sjoquist moved and Carpp supported the motion to approve the Equity Funding Resolution that supports permanently instituting a 2X funding plan to provide greater yearly funding increases to those districts at the bottom of the funding scale until funding is equalized. Motion carried 6-0.

Sanborn stated he had received a letter from a student requesting a golf club be created for those students not involved with spring sports. Discussion was held. Sanborn will have an announcement made to the students and have a meeting to see if students were interested.

Linda Marshall had paid \$323.44 in March, 2008 leaving a balance of the embezzlement owed to the district of \$56,399.65.

The meeting moved into closed session at 9:20.

Pat Garrod, Recording Secretary

The meeting returned to open session at 9:50. Sanborn moved and Sjoquist supported the motion to allow Gendron to approach the LEA concerning renegotiation of the Athletic Director's pay increase. He is authorized to enter into a Letter of Understanding for the purpose of looking at that specific position of Schedule B. Specifics would be a rate of 30% of BA-0, first year. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:53.