

Boyne Falls Public School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education



March 18, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Cousineau, at 6:30 p.m. in the board conference room.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Cousineau, Carson, Brunmeier, Haug, Powers

Members Absent: Loper, Pickering

Others Present: 12

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Haug, support by Carson, to approve the agenda as printed.

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

V. Approval of Minutes and Corrections

Motion by Brunmeier, support by Powers, to approve the minutes of regular board meeting of February 12, 2024.

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

VI. Payment of Bills

Motion by Brunmeier, support by Carson, to approve the payment of the following bills:

- General Fund \$ 104,527.14
- Food Service Fund \$ 27,702.09
- Special Revenue \$ 15,155.50
- Sinking Fund \$ 947.00

Motion Carried 5 to 0.

VII. Faculty Feature- Nancy Wind and 4th graders

- Postcard project and recent MACUL conference.

VIII. Discussion Items

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Executive
- b. Policy

- Read 2200 policy series
 - 2201- Board Powers- General Powers
 - 2202- Authority to Enter into Contracts
 - 2203- Authority to Establish Curriculum
- c. Building/Grounds/Transportation
- d. Other
- X. Student Success Advisor**
- a. Update
 - After school clubs started and going well.
 - AR and honor roll recognition last week. AR earned book vending machine token and honor roll earned a trip to the Otsego County Sportsplex.
 - Winter rec awards.
 - Lisa and Chris Montague will take over winter rec program for next year.
 - Cartoonist coming to visit students with a presentation on Tuesday.
 - PBIS celebrations on Wednesday. Elementary dance party. MS/HS karaoke and pizza party.
 - Class of 2025 community basketball game being held on April 12.

XI. Principal's Report

- a. Update
 - Elementary basketball ended. Successful program.
 - Baseball and softball season has started.
 - Golf team starting after spring break. Boyne Mountain will be our home base.
 - First Tee of Northern Michigan here Tuesday to give students the opportunity to learn more about golf during gym time.
 - Spring planting has started with the help of Emily Putnam.
 - Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians here to demonstrate tapping maple trees.
 - High school students to attend the junior achievement entrepreneurship summit conference at NCMC with Mr. Hamilla on Tuesday.
 - Spring break open gym on March 28 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

XII. Superintendent's Report

- a. General Updates
 - Heard message from the community on lack of support for bond initiative. Will not pursue again.
 - Building and Grounds will meet to plan and prioritize future projects that need to be addressed.
 - Sound system will be addressed immediately. Goal is to have repaired for graduation.

- Front door is ordered and will be replaced on March 21.
 - FOB system will be installed and camera system finished over spring break.
 - Site visit from Set Seg to do a risk walk through.
 - Current outdoor bleachers do not meet code.
 - Bleacher discussion. Presented bids.
 - Tape off top 2 to avoid injuries and continue discussion.
 - Received quote for blue light system and boot locks.
 - 27K program explained. Board of Education will sign a letter of approval and establish section 127 plan.
- b. Legislative
- Dyslexia screening requirements passed by Senate. Being considered by the house.
 - School cardiac emergency response plan already in place.
 - Mandatory kindergarten proposed in Senate.
- c. Other
- MS track team requested and being explored.
 - Secured 31A grant for this year and 31AA will help fund Nurse Tracy's position for 2024-2025.

XIII. Recognition of Audience

- a. The board will recognize anyone willing to address them. They do reserve the right to limit the time devoted to a specific topic and ask that arrangements be made in the superintendent's office in advance to be placed on the agenda.
- Randy Matelski- Salaries and Char-EM ISD students.
 - Questioning why we do not bid out our property insurance.
 - Superintendent salary. Smallest district, highest salary in ISD. Compared to Alanson Principal and Superintendent wages.
 - Administration salary way above average and teachers below average.
 - Sandy Erber
 - 30% of students going to Boyne City. 10% going other places.
 - Asked Board of Education if we are in or out of formula.
 - Don't want to see the school fail.
 - Out of 7 board members, 3 have been appointed.
 - Freedom of Speech.
 - Payton Bauman
 - If Char-Em wasn't in Boyne Falls school, would we still service them.
 - Can tour school during school hours. Reached out to the Sheriff.
 - Frank Wasylewski
 - Disappointed that we aren't revisiting bond proposal. If you drop it, you don't really need it.

- Ballot language terrible.
- Should pursue it. Or, was it really a necessity?
- Renee Fitzgerald
 - Not opposed to all, opposed to parts. Would still like repairs done.
- Mary Matelski
 - If students couldn't go on senior trip last minute, was policy revisited.
 - Community feedback is members support upkeep and preschool classrooms.

XIV. Action Items

- a. Motion by Carson, support by Brunmeier, that the Board of Education affirm Frank Hamilla as the softball coach and Tory Thrush as the baseball coach for the 2024 season.
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

XV. Board of Education Business

- a. Activities Report
b. Other

XVI. Adjournment

Motion by Carson, support by Haug, to adjourn.
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

Time adjourned: 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Herman, Recording Secretary