

Marquette Area Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
Central Administration Office Board Room
1201 West Fair Avenue

MINUTES

- **Call to Order**

A special meeting of the Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education was held Wednesday, April 9, 2008, in the Board Room of the Central Administration Office. The meeting was called to order by Board President **Alan Hawker** at 5:17 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Members Present

Alan Hawker	President
Kellie A. Holmstrom, DVM	Vice President
Scott Brogan	Secretary-Treasurer
Mark Smith	Trustee
Laura Songer	Trustee (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)
Joseph Lubig	Trustee
Tony Retaskie	Trustee

Central Administration Present

Jon Hartwig	Superintendent
Deborah Veiht	Assistant Superintendent
Tim Yeadon	Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Sharon Thum	Human Resources Manager
Jackie Winkowski	Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Present

None.

- **Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Kellie Holmstrom to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

- **Approve Minutes of March 25, 2008, Regular Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Kellie Holmstrom and seconded by Tony Retaskie to approve the minutes of the March 25 regular Board meeting as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

- **Board Governance Discussion**

Board Governance and the concept of a different, possibly Doug Eadie-based governance model for MAPS were discussed. Board Executive Committee minutes from February 11 and March 11 and a packet of materials reviewed recently by the Executive Committee shared with all board members were reviewed and discussed.

Laura Songer arrived at 5:30 p.m.

From 5:50 p.m. to 6:25 p.m., the Board members and administrators were engaged in a conference call with **Debra Mexicotte**, an Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education member. Ms. Mexicotte, who has served on Ann Arbor's Board for five years, advised that she experienced and was active in the transition from her district's former more traditional governance model to a Doug Eadie-based model. She mentioned some of the challenges during the transition and that it took three years to get to the point they're at now. However, she reported that the new governance method functions well and is successful, in that facilitates integration and provides opportunities to look both back and forward regarding any issue. She described it as a more holistic way for the Board to look at their district. When asked what might improve Ann Arbor's current model, Ms. Mexicotte responded she believes having "committee of the whole" work sessions, perhaps quarterly, would be helpful.

Discussion continued after conclusion of the conference call. It was mentioned that if the MAPS Board were to decide to change to a different governance model, certain policies and bylaws would need to be suspended or rewritten. There was discussion about the concept of holding one business-type board meeting each month and one work session. All Board members expressed support for continuing to explore a new governance model for MAPS, based on the Eadie model and as described in the materials provided them, for possible implementation July 1, 2008. Review and discussion will continue at the April 14 Board meeting.

Al Hawker recessed the meeting from 6:38 p.m. to 6:43 p.m. Deborah Veiht and Tim Yeadon left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

- **Employee Discipline Discussion (Recess to Closed Session, pursuant to subsection 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to consider complaints against an employee, at the request of the employee)**

A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Scott Brogan to recess to closed session, pursuant to subsection 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to consider complaints against an employee, at the request of the employee. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Al Hawker, Kellie Holmstrom, Scott Brogan, Joe Lubig, Tony Retaskie, Mark Smith, and Laura Songer

Nays: None.

Motion carried; recessed to closed session at 6:45 p.m.

- **Reconvene to Open Session**

Al Hawker reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:58 p.m.

- **Comments from the Public**

None – no public present.

- **Board Members' / President's Comments**

Tony Retaskie extended an invitation to Board members and Mr. Hartwig to attend the April 24 “Career Fair” at Lakeview Arena. He advised the “hands-on” activity will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m.

- **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Kellie Holmstrom and seconded by Tony Retaskie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 7-0; adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Alan Hawker
President

Scott Brogan
Secretary-Treasurer

Jackie Winkowski
Recording Secretary