

Marquette Area Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
1201 W. Fair Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855
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Rescheduled Regular Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
MAPS Central Office Board Room
1201 West Fair Avenue

MINUTES

- **Call to Order**

A rescheduled regular meeting of the Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education was held Monday, January 28, in the Board Room of the Central Administration Office. The meeting was called to order by Board President **Alan Hawker** at 10:01 a.m. In the absence of Scott Brogan, Al Hawker appointed **Laura Songer** as Temporary Secretary-Treasurer.

- **Roll Call**

Members Present

Alan Hawker	President
Kellie A. Holmstrom, DVM	Vice President (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)
Laura Songer	Trustee / Temporary Secretary-Treasurer
Joseph Lubig	Trustee
Tony Retaskie	Trustee

Members Absent

Scott Brogan	Secretary-Treasurer
Mark Smith	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

Mining Journal Reporter Miriam Moeller; TV6 Reporter

- **Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by **Tony Retaskie** and seconded by **Joe Lubig** to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, 4-0.

- **Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2008, Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by **Joe Lubig** and seconded by **Laura Songer** to approve the January 14 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried, 4-0.

- **Superintendent's Report**

Jon Hartwig welcomed everyone to the meeting. He presented no formal report.

Kellie Holmstrom arrived at this point, 10:05 a.m.

- **Comments from the Public (agenda items only)**

None.

- **Board Financial Issues**

Report on January 16 Board Finance Committee Meeting – Al Hawker reported on January 16 Board Finance Committee discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The committee addressed the following: Potential sale of Toivo Seilo property; updates and reports on an easement request / land near Bothwell Middle School; MSHS athletic facility upgrades, capital projects fund update, facility use guidelines, future agenda items, and change in Finance Committee meeting time from 4:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the remainder of 2008. The committee also discussed and recommended Board approval of the following **action items**:

Consider Consent Agenda – A motion was made by Joe Lubig and seconded by Tony Retaskie to approve the consent agenda, including December 2007 Receipts and Disbursements; and December 2007 Financial Reports, as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

Consider Recommendation to Award Bid for Independent Audit of MAPS Financial Statements – A motion was made by Joe Lubig and seconded by Tony Retaskie to award the bid for independent audit of MAPS financial statements to Anderson Tackman & Company, PLC, as presented (bid detail attached), for 2008, 2009, and 2010. Following discussion, the motion carried, 5-0.

Consider Recommendation to Authorize the Administration of Negotiate and Enter into Lease Purchase Agreement for Two School Buses – A motion was made by Joe Lubig and seconded by Kellie Holmstrom to authorize the Administration to negotiate and enter into a lease purchase agreement, as presented, with Blue Bird Financial Services for the two Holland (Bluebird) 77-passenger buses: Quote #56649, \$75,385, regular bus, payable in six payments of \$13,954.41; and quote #56650, \$81,480, ortho bus; payable in six payments of \$15,082.64. It was noted the buses would be received for the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. **Following discussion, the motion carried, 5-0.**

HS Counselor Chris Swadley entered the meeting at this point, 10:18 a.m., handed Jon Hartwig a document, then left.

- **New Business**

Consider Ratification of MAPS-MAEA Master Agreement – Jon Hartwig explained details of the MAPS-MAEA Tentative Agreement reached January 11; and he reported that on January 24, MAEA members voted to ratify the contract. He expressed appreciation to the MAPS negotiating team and those who assisted and recommended the Board ratify the three year agreement, effective for the 2007-08 school year through June 30, 2010.

A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Joe Lubig to ratify the MAPS-MAEA Contract (copy of Tentative Agreement attached) as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

Consider Adoption of MDE 2007-08 Michigan School Readiness Program Resolution – Deborah Veiht explained MAPS’ involvement with the Michigan School Readiness Program and the proposed resolution. A motion was made by Joe Lubig and seconded by Kellie Holmstrom to adopt the MDE 2007-08 Michigan School Readiness Program Participating Resolution (copy attached) as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

• **Other Board Committee Reports**

None.

• **Comments from the Public (General)**

None.

• **Board Member Comments**

Board members’ comments covered the following topics:

- Appreciation to Jon Hartwig, Sharon Thum, Tim Yeadon, and Michelle Carne for their work related to negotiations; appreciation to our community / congratulations to all involved in reaching the contract settlement.
- Favorable comments regarding additional class sections at MSHS.
- Proceeding with strategic planning.
- MSHS grades.

• **Board President’s Comments**

Al Hawker:

- expressed appreciation for the efforts that led to the contract settlement.
- mentioned that a Board work session on the topic of governance will be scheduled in the near future.

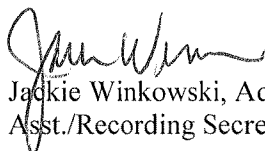
• **Announcements and Other Meetings**

Board Executive Committee Meeting	Board Room	February 11	5:15 p.m.
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting (resch.)	Board Room	February 13	12:15 p.m.
Board Finance Committee Meeting	Board Room	February 13	4:00 p.m.
Presidents Day Break – no school		February 15-18	
MAPS Parent Advisory Council	MSHS Library	February 19	6:30 p.m.
Board Personnel Committee Meeting	Board Room	February 20	8:00 a.m.
Board of Education Meeting, Regular	Bothwell Middle Sch.	February 26	6:00 p.m.

NOTE: Most regular Board meetings currently have delayed telecasts on Charter Communications Channel 8

• **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Kellie Holmstrom and seconded by Tony Retaskie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 5-0. Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Alan Hawker	Laura Songer	
President	Temporary Secretary/Treasurer	Jackie Winkowski, Admin. Asst./Recording Secretary

2008 AUDIT BID RESULTS

Attachment D

Anderson, Tackman, & Company, P.L.C.

Rehmann Robson

June 30, 2008	\$10,800.00	\$18,500.00
June 30, 2009	\$11,200.00	\$19,600.00
June 30, 2010	\$11,600.00	\$20,800.00

Additional Services Per Hour:

Partner	\$90.00
Senior Auditor	\$75.00
Junior Auditor	\$60.00
Clerical	\$35.00

Cost estimate for additional services will be discussed before work begins

Yeadon, Tim

From: Kurkowski, John
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2008 9:05 AM
To: Yeadon, Tim
Subject: FY 2008/09 School Bus Purchase
Attachments: ASBG 0809 BUS PURCHASE PRICE COMPARISONS LR010908.xls

Good morning, Tim:

Attached is the bus bid comparison spreadsheet for the 2008/09 purchasing cycle.

Based on the attached, I recommend that for the FY 2008/09 MAPS purchase two Bluebird school busses: 1 "regular" 77 passenger bus and 1 "orthopedic" 77 passenger bus.

Let me know if you have additional questions and thank you,

John

JOHN K. KURKOWSKI

DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY SERVICES
MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN 49855
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jkurkowski@mapsnet.org

MAPS 2008/09 School Bus Purchasing Cycle		PT 0809 ZAREMBA INTERNATIONAL) REGULAR 77 PASS	PT 0809 ZAREMBA INTERNATIONAL) ORTHO 77 PASS	PT 0809 NELSON (THOMAS) REGULAR 77 PASS	PT 0809 NELSON (THOMAS) ORTHO 77 PASS	PT 0809 HOLLAND (BLUBIRD) REGULAR 77 PASS	PT 0809 HOLLAND (BLUBIRD) ORTHO 77 PASS	comments
base price	\$70,333.00	\$70,333.00	\$75,814.00	\$75,814.00	\$71,308.00	\$71,308.00		
options*								
driver's air seat deluxe adjustable	body	\$162.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124.00	\$124.00	
coolant heater in-line, Webasto	body	\$2,359.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,608.00	\$1,608.00	
stroke light, Low Profile with Guard	body	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106.00	\$106.00	
AK Foli rear	body	\$402.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	
interior shoulder pads, both sides of bus	body	\$94.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$111.00	\$111.00	
headliner, full length acoustic	body	\$0.00	\$789.00	\$789.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
6 sets of non retractable belts	body	\$2,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	
2 rear heaters on separate switches	body	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	
head room, 78"	body	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
210 HP engine	chassis	\$1,850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$740.00)	(\$740.00)	zarembo: includes 215 hp V-8 - new engine, alternate of \$1,850.00 MAXX-FORCE DT210, Nelson specs a 220 HP Cummins, Holland specs a 220 hp cummins, \$740.00 deduct for cummins
100 gallon tank	chassis	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$508.00	\$508.00	
suspension system, air ride	chassis	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	
bluetooth/copy column	chassis	\$99.00	\$349.00	\$349.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
service manual	MAPS	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
parts manual	MAPS	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
p.a. system	MAPS	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
deduct								
ortho features: bus to meet 2008 UP cooperative bus bid "orthopedic adaptor" and "wheelchair lift" specifications with the exception of: Dura to be fully tracked on floor & side walls Dura to be delivered fully sealed with 39" seats bus to be delivered with 5 sets of q-strant retractable restraint systems to match floor & side wall tracking system other	see UP bid doc							
options total		\$6,273.00	\$1,134.00	\$8,597.00	\$4,977.00	\$10,172.00		
sub total		\$76,606.00	\$76,952.00	\$84,321.00	\$75,385.00	\$81,480.00		
less trade-in		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
total per unit		\$76,606.00	\$76,952.00	\$84,321.00	\$75,385.00	\$81,480.00		

In options section, \$0.00 indicates standard feature unless otherwise noted

 BLUE BIRD	A facsimile from BLUE BIRD FINANCIAL SERVICES Kelli Carrillo Lease Analyst Kelli.carrillo@blue-bird.com Ph: (478) 822-2774 Fax: (478) 822-2776
To: Tim Yeadon Fax number: 906-225-5340	
Date: 1-14-07	
Regarding: QUOTE	
Comments: 5 Pages	

Hi Tim,

Per our conversation, I'm faxing to you two lease-purchase quotes. The expiration date of this proposal is Feb 15, 2008. Rates that we quote are guaranteed for 30 days. As we have always done in the past, we will continue to make every effort to hold rates beyond that period, and accommodate the timing and rate expectations of you as our customer. However, in cases of significant time lags and significant interest rate movements subsequent to our quote, we may be forced to re-quote rates to reflect the current market environment. If you choose to accept the proposal, please sign and date at the bottom of the pages and return to Holland Motor Homes or myself. At that time, we will then need to send you a lease document package. Let myself or Holland Motor Homes know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Kelli Carrillo
Lease Analyst
Blue Bird Financial Services



TRAXIS FINANCIAL GROUP

**Traxis Financial Group
Blue Bird Financial Services**

402 Blue Bird Blvd
Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-822-2774

January 14, 2008

Marquette Area Public Schools
Attn: Tim Yeadon
1201 West Fair Ave
Marquette, MI 49855

Traxis Financial Group and Blue Bird Financial Services are pleased to provide the following proposal:

Lessee: Marquette Area Public Schools
Lessor: Traxis Financial Group

Quote Number	Equip	Qty	Total Amount Financed	Terms	Total Number of Payments	Transaction Type	Interest Rate	Payment Amount Per Unit	First Payment Due	Estimated Delivery Date
56649	77 Pass	1	\$75,385.00	6 Years	6	Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase	4.40%	\$13,954.41	At time of delivery to Holland Motor Homes	July - Aug 2008
56650	77 Pass	1	\$81,480.00	6 Years	6	Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase	4.40%	\$15,082.64	At time of delivery to Holland Motor Homes	July - Aug 2008

Required Documents: Lease or other agreement incorporating the Transaction Terms described above or other Transaction Terms mutually agreed by Lessee and Lessor, together with additional terms and conditions set forth in such agreement, and related applicable documentation.

Taxes: The prices and payment amounts set forth above are exclusive of all applicable taxes.

This proposal is valid for 30 days. This proposal provides indicative pricing only and does not represent a commitment or obligation on the part of Lessor to enter into a lease or other agreement with Lessee to provide lease or other financing. Pricing with respect to any definitive transaction relating to any specific schedule of Equipment will be adjusted to reflect any increases in market interest rates subsequent to the date of this proposal. Any lease or other financing arrangement is subject to successful completion of Lessor's underwriting procedures which include, but are not limited to (1) credit approval, including full disclosure and approval of Lessee's and any other relevant party's financial statements and financial condition, and the absence of any deterioration in such financial condition subsequent to the date of this proposal; (2) pricing approval, risk and legal review and approval of all transaction documents; (3) satisfactory completion of Lessor's due diligence process, including satisfactory confirmation of Lessee's tax-exempt status; and (4) execution of all necessary definitive documentation. This proposal assumes that (i) Lessee is a state or a political subdivision thereof within the meaning of Section 103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), (ii) the Equipment is essential to your governmental operation, (iii) the interest component of payments made by Lessee under any financing described in this proposal would be exempt from federal income tax and (iv) any obligation of Lessee to make payments under any financing described in this proposal would be a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes and within the meaning of Section 205(b)(3) of the Code.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this proposal. We look forward to your favorable reply.

Kind regards,

Kelli Carrillo

Kelli Carrillo

Lease Analyst

Terms Approved By: _____

Date: _____

CUSTOMER TO SIGN AND RETURN TO BLUE BIRD UPON APPROVAL OF TERMS. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

BLUE BIRD LEASING
 AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE
 01/14/08

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CUSTOMER NBR 15782 CONTROL NBR 56649
 CUSTOMER MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 1201 WEST FAIR AVE
 MARQUETTE ,MI 49855

LEASE DUE ANNUAL
 LEASE TOTAL 75,385.00
 A.P.R. 4.40 FEDERAL TRUTH IN LENDING
 NUMBER OF PAYMENTS 6
 PAYMENT AMOUNT 13,954.41
 NUMBER OF UNITS 1
 START DATE

PMT NO	PMT DATE	BEG BALANCE	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	END BALANCE
1		75,385.00	.00	13,954.41	61,430.59
2		61,430.59	2,702.95	11,251.46	50,179.13
3		50,179.13	2,207.88	11,746.53	38,432.60
4		38,432.60	1,691.03	12,263.38	26,169.22
5		26,169.22	1,151.45	12,802.96	13,366.26
6		13,366.26	588.15	13,366.26	.00
TOTAL			8,341.46	75,385.00	

Terms Approved By: _____

Date: _____

CUSTOMER TO SIGN AND RETURN TO BLUE BIRD UPON
 APPROVAL OF TERMS. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULL

BLUE BIRD LEASING
AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE
01/14/08

CUSTOMER NBR 15782 CONTROL NBR 56650
CUSTOMER MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1201 WEST FAIR AVE
MARQUETTE , MI 49855

LEASE DUE ANNUAL
LEASE TOTAL 81,480.00
A.P.R. 4.40 FEDERAL TRUTH IN LENDING
NUMBER OF PAYMENTS 6
PAYMENT AMOUNT 15,082.64
NUMBER OF UNITS 1
START DATE

PMT NO	PMT DATE	BEG BALANCE	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	END BALANCE
1		81,480.00	.00	15,082.64	66,397.36
2		66,397.36	2,921.48	12,161.16	54,236.20
3		54,236.20	2,386.39	12,696.25	41,539.95
4		41,539.95	1,827.76	13,254.88	28,285.07
5		28,285.07	1,244.54	13,838.10	14,446.97
6		14,446.97	635.67	14,446.97	.00
TOTAL			9,015.84	81,480.00	

Terms Approved By: _____

Date: _____

CUSTOMER TO SIGN AND RETURN TO BLUE BIRD UPON
APPROVAL OF TERMS. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

**District Counter Proposal
January 11, 2008 11:50 p.m.**

Note: This is a comprehensive three-year proposal for 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. This agreement will adhere to the *Public Employees Health Benefit Act* and is in response to the MAEA's January 11, 10:00 p.m. Proposal. This agreement shall be formally ratified by both parties no later than January 31, 2008

Compensation

- Retroactive 3% increase on base for 2007-2008 and retroactive reinstatement of Steps and Lanes
- 3% increase on base for 2008-2009
- 2% increase on base for 2009-2010

Health Benefit Plan

Renewal and Continuation of Choices II and 10/20 Prescription Plan for 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

Class Size

- No language change for 2007-2008 school year

Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year:

- Change Kindergarten class size goal to 22
- Change Elementary (1-3) Class-Size goal to 25
- Create Intermediate Class-Size Goal of 27 (grades 4 and 5)
- No other language changes

Co-Payment of Health Benefit Premiums (three-year)

- Members receiving PAK A (or equivalent) agree to provide an annual co-payment toward their health care premiums equal to 1% of their 2007-2008 retroactive annual salary.
- For the 2008-2009 school year and subsequent years, members receiving PAK A (or equivalent) agree to provide an annual co-payment toward their health care premiums equal to 2% of their annual salary.

Other

- Withdrawal of current Unfair Labor Practice
- Cross Country (both head positions) will be compensated at 7%
- Eliminate Assistant Cross Country Coaching Position
- Jazz Band: 2%
- Continue Open House and Terminal Leave Letters of Agreement
- Update Letter of Understanding, 2006 Negotiations
- Create Evaluation Committee
- Intramural Basketball Coach: 5%
- Add "Events Coordinator" to Schedule C at a percentage to be negotiated at a later time and add Health Occupations advisor (HOSA) to Schedule C at 3%

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**Marquette Area Public Schools
2007-2008
Proposed School Calendar***

Revised January 17, 2008

August 31 – Sept. 3	Labor Day Break
September 4	First Student Day
October 12	Staff Professional Development
November 22 – 23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22, 2007 - Jan. 2, 2008	Winter Break
January 21	Staff Professional Development
February 15 – 18	Presidents Day Break
March 4	Staff Professional Development
March 21 – 23	Good Friday / Easter Break
March 31 – April 6	Spring Break
May 1	Staff Professional Development
May 24 – 26	Memorial Day Break
June 10	Last Day of School for students (without make-up for inclement weather)
June 11	Staff Professional Development

*This is a proposed calendar. A final calendar will not be issued until negotiations are completed.

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Michigan Department of Education
2007-2008 Michigan School Readiness Program

Participating Resolution

WHEREAS, the Legislature continues to acknowledge the importance of improving school readiness by providing quality preschool education for four-year-old children who may have extraordinary need of special assistance and the importance of providing parenting education programs for families of all children birth to kindergarten entry; and

WHEREAS, Sections 32d and 37 through 40 of the State School Aid Act provide for comprehensive compensatory education for these children and families; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the State School Aid Act, **Marquette Area Public Schools** is eligible to receive an allocation of **\$95200** for fiscal year 2007-2008 to operate a school readiness program for a maximum of **28** children and/or to provide comprehensive parent involvement and education programs for all families of children birth to kindergarten entry; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that **Marquette Area Public Schools** certifies that it **will** provide **Half-Day, All- Day/Alternate Day, or Home-Based** preschool education for **28** eligible four-year-old children, and that **\$95200** of the stated amount, based on the approved per capita allowance of **\$ 3,400** will be used specifically for this purpose; and be it


RESOLVED that **Marquette Area Public Schools** certifies that it **will** provide **Full-Day** preschool education for **0** eligible four-year-old children, and that **\$0** of the stated amount, based on the approved per capita allowance of **\$ 6,800** will be used specifically for this purpose; and

Marquette Area Public Schools further certifies that more than 50 percent of the children enrolled in the school readiness program will meet the income eligibility guidelines outlined in Sections 32d and 37 through 40; and therefore be it

RESOLVED that **Marquette Area Public Schools** certifies that it **will** provide comprehensive parent involvement and education programs for all families of children birth to kindergarten entry, and that **\$0** will be used specifically for this purpose; now therefore be it finally

RESOLVED that any unallocated funds, as a result of this resolution, shall be redistributed to other eligible districts.

ADOPTED: 1/28/08
DATE


SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL OR ACADEMY BOARD PRESIDENT

ADOPTED: 1-28-08
DATE


SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

One (1) original of the signed board resolution must be retained in administrative files.