

Marquette Area Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
Marquette Senior High School Library
1203 West Fair Avenue

MINUTES

- **Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education was held Wednesday, May 28, in the Library of the Marquette Senior High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President **Alan Hawker** at 5:15 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Members Present

Alan Hawker	President
Kellie A. Holmstrom, DVM	Vice President
Scott Brogan	Secretary-Treasurer
Laura Songer	Trustee
Tony Retaskie	Trustee
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

Isabel Francis; Norman Gruber; MAPS employees and other citizens; Mining Journal Reporter Miriam Moeller; and Superior Productions videographer (9 people total)

- **Approve Agenda**

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

- **Approve Minutes of May 19, 2008, Special Board Meeting**

A motion was made by **Mark Smith** and seconded by **Kellie Holmstrom** to approve the minutes of the May 19 special meeting as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

- **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Jon Hartwig:

- Expressed appreciation to the MSHS custodians for setting up for the Board meeting.
- Reminded everyone that MSHS graduation is set for Sunday, June 1, 2 p.m., Lakeview Arena.
- Advised that MSHS Graduation practice is set for the afternoon of May 29.
- Reported Alternative Education graduation is set for Thursday, May 29, 6:30 p.m., Kaufman Auditorium.

Small Learning Communities Update – **Garee Zellmer**, MAPS Small Learning Communities Facilitator, presented an update on Small Learning Communities at MSHS.

- **Comments from the Public (Agenda Items Only)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Robert Mahin	Referencing his May 27 letter to the Board, expressed concern about the political message MSHS enabled the “Save the Wild UP” organization to convey to students during April 22 Earth Day activity. Formally presented requests of the Board (detailed in his letter).

- **Board Financial Issues:**

Report on May 14, 2008, Board Finance Committee Meeting – Committee Chairperson
Scott Brogan reported on May 14 Board Finance Committee discussion items. Besides the items listed below on which the committee recommended whole Board action, the committee addressed the following: Updates and reports on May 19 Budget Work Session, MSHS Athletic Facilities upgrade – bid results will be available by the June 23 Board meeting, school auctions, rescheduling the next Finance Committee meeting for June 18 at 9 a.m., and future agenda items.

Action Items:

Approve Consent Agenda: April 2008 Receipts and Disbursements; and Financial Reports – A motion was made by **Scott Brogan** and seconded by **Tony Retaskie** to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the April Receipts and Disbursements and April Financial Reports, as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Consider Approval of Lease Agreement with Hewlett Packard - A motion was made by **Scott Brogan** and seconded by **Tony Retaskie** to approve the lease agreement with Hewlett-Packard for 202 desktop and 3 laptop computers at a cost of \$142,447, plus interest, as presented and as recommended by the Finance Committee. Following discussion, the motion carried, 6-0.

Award Bid for Asbestos Abatement at Central Administration Office – A motion was made by **Scott Brogan** and seconded by **Tony Retaskie** to award the bid for Central Office asbestos abatement to LakeShore Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$22,275, as presented and as recommended by the Finance Committee. It was noted this work is in relation to the HVAC work being performed at the Central Office. Motion carried, 6-0.

- **Board Personnel Issues:**

Report on May 22, 2008, Board Personnel Committee Meeting – Committee Chairperson
Kellie Holmstrom reported on May 22 Board Personnel Committee discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The committee addressed the following issues: Bargaining Unit updates, sabbatical leave request update – an employee’s request was withdrawn for 2008-09 but the committee recommended this issue be addressed in the future by the Board Planning Committee; centralized substitute calling update – local Superintendents will meet June 11 to discuss this issue; and possibility of Board pay through PCMI.

The committee also discussed and recommended approval by the whole Board of the Personnel Report.

Consider Personnel Report – A motion was made by **Kellie Holmstrom** and seconded by **Scott Brogan** to approve the Personnel Report (copy attached) as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

- **New Business**

Consider MARESA Budget Resolution for 2008-2009 – A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Scott Brogan to adopt the following Resolution in support of adoption of the MARESA budget for 2008-2009:

WHEREAS:

This Board received the Marquette-Alger RESA General Fund Operating Budget on or before May 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS:

In accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed Marquette-Alger RESA budget, and must submit to the Marquette-Alger RESA Board any specific objections and/proposed changes the Board may have to the budget prior to June 1, 2008.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Marquette-Alger RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2008-2009 school year be supported, and that the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Marquette-Alger RESA Board of Education, along with any specific objections or proposed changes to the budget.

Following discussion, during which Kellie Holmstrom and other Board members expressed a desire for information in greater detail from MARESA, on an annual basis, regarding the assistance and support MARESA provides to MAPS, the **motion carried** with five yes votes and one no vote cast by Kellie Holmstrom. Resolution declared adopted.

Mr. Hawker asked Mr. Hartwig to place on his calendar a request that MARESA meet with the MAPS Board next school year.

Consider Candidates to Fill Board Vacancy until Certification of November 2008 Election Results – Isabel Francis and Norman Gruber, who submitted written applications for vacant Board seat by the May 23 deadline, each addressed the board regarding their interest in serving as an appointed Board member (filling the vacancy created by Joe Lubig's May 15 resignation). Regarding plans to seek election to the Board this fall, Mrs. Francis indicated she would not be interested, while Mr. Gruber advised he is uncertain.

A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Mark Smith to appoint Norman L. Gruber to the MAPS Board of Education effective at the end of the May 28 Board meeting and upon taking the Oath of Office, through certification of the November 2008, Election results. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried, 6 to 0.

- **Other Board Committee Reports**

Ad Hoc Committee regarding Superintendent's Evaluation Tool – Kellie Holmstrom

reported on the April 30 meeting of the committee. She advised that Tony Retaskie will fill the vacancy created by Joe Lubig's resignation and asked that the committee be scheduled to meet again within the next two weeks, prior to the next Board Personnel Committee meeting.

- **Gifts and Bequests**

On behalf of the Board, **Al Hawker** proclaimed formal acceptance of and appreciation for the following: Metal donated in the 2007-08 school year by **U.P. Fabricating Company**, Rock, Michigan.

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

None.

- **Board Members' Comments**

Board members' comments covered the following topics:

- Appreciation to the two candidates for the vacant Board seat; hope that there is interest in seeking election to the Board.
- Appreciation to Garee Zellmer for the report on Small Learning Communities.
- Appreciation to Mr. Mahin for his letter and sharing his concerns.
- Request from Scott Brogan that the Administration advise the Board regarding the three requests in Mr. Mahin's letter.
- Appreciation to Dr. Joe Lubig for contributions and time on the Board.
- Kellie Holmstrom reported that Stephanie Oatley was awarded the 2008 *Henry St. John School Board Scholarship*.

- **Board President's Comments**

Al Hawker expressed appreciation to Mr. Mahin for his input and said he looks forward to the June 1 MSHS graduation ceremony.

- **Announcements and Other Meetings**

Alternative Education Graduation	Kaufman Auditorium	May 29	6:30 p.m.
MSHS Graduation	Lakeview Arena	June 1	2:00 p.m.
MAPS Parent Advisory Council	MSHS Library	June 2	6:30 p.m.
BMS Spring Band Concert	Kaufman Auditorium	June 3	7:30 p.m.
Board Work Session	Vandenboom Elementary Gym	June 4	7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting, Regular	MSHS Little Theatre	June 9	6:00 p.m.
Last Day of School for Students		June 10	
Staff Professional Development Day		June 11	
Board Personnel Committee	Central Office Board Room	June 18	8:00 a.m.
Board Finance Committee (resch.)	Central Office Board Room	June 18	9:00 a.m.
Regular Board Mtg./2008-09 Budget Hrng.	MSHS Little Theatre	June 23	6:00 p.m.

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

- **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Kellie Holmstrom and seconded by Mark Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 6-0. Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Alan Hawker
President

Scott Brogan
Secretary/Treasurer

Jackie Winkowski, Admin.
Asst./Recording Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jon Hartwig
FROM: Sharon Thum
DATE: **May 22, 2008 Revised**
RE: Personnel Report for the May 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting

The following personnel changes are to be reported to the Board of Education at its regular May 28, 2008 meeting. These recommendations are contingent upon the successful completion and return of all necessary employment paperwork including the criminal records check and fingerprints.

RETIREMENT

Roberta Rudness has submitted a letter of retirement effective the end of the 2007-08 school year. Mrs. Rudness has served MAPS since 1990, most recently as a Special Education Teacher at Graveraet Intermediate School.

Roseann Sullivan has submitted a letter of retirement effective the end of the 2007-08 school year. Mrs. Sullivan has served MAPS since 1988, most recently as a 1st Grade Teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary School.

Lorraine (Billie) Johnson has submitted a letter of retirement effective the end of the 2007-08 school year. Mrs. Johnson has served MAPS Since 1968, most recently as a 3rd Grade Teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary School.

Leo Smith has submitted a letter of retirement effective June 30, 2008. Mr. Smith has served MAPS since 1975, most recently as Head Custodian at Vandenboom Elementary School.

Stephanie Nelson has submitted a letter of retirement effective June 20, 2008. Mrs. Nelson has served MAPS since 1990, most recently as the Building Secretary at Superior Hills Elementary School.

Bruce Paquette has submitted a letter of retirement effective June 11, 2008. Mr. Paquette has served MAPS since 1999 as a substitute or regular bus driver.

RESIGNATION

Sara Norton-Ejnik has submitted a letter of resignation from the position of Bothwell Middle School Principal effective June 30, 2008. Mrs. Norton is moving to Wisconsin following her husband's transfer. She has served MAPS since August 2005.

Elizabeth Roberts has submitted a letter of resignation from the position of part time Instructional Program Aide at Bothwell Middle School effective May 29, 2008.

Cale Polkinghorne has submitted a letter of resignation from the position of full time Industrial Education Teacher, MSHS, effective the end of the 2007-08 school year. Mr. Polkinghorne has accepted a professor position at NMU.

APPOINTMENT

Linda Vivian has been recommended as a part time **Instructional Program Aide**, posting #1981, CC, effective May 9, 2008. Ms. Vivian currently serves MAPS as a Noon Hour Supervisor at CC. This is a new position due to a new student at MAPS.

Joan Miron has been recommended as a part time **Transportation Aide**, posting #1978, TR, effective April 30, 2008. Ms. Miron currently serves MAPS as a Noon Hour Supervisor at SH. This position is vacant due to a termination.

APPOINTMENT – EXTRA DUTY

Athletic Director Mark Mattson has submitted the following Fall Sports Coaching Recommendations for 2008-09:

<u>LEVELSPORT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Football	Varsity Head Coach	Chris Soha
	Varsity Assistant Coach	Matt Edgell
	Varsity Assistant Coach	Kevin McGrath (PCMI)
	JV Head Coach	Tim Bullock (PCMI)
	JV Assistant Coach	Jim Rankin (PCMI)
	Freshmen Head Coach	David L'Huillier
	Freshmen Assistant Coach	To Be Determined
Boys Soccer	Varsity Head Coach	Charlie Kelley (PCMI)
	JV Head Coach	To Be Determined
	JV2 Head Coach	To Be Determined
Cross Country	Boys Head Coach	Mike Leanes (PCMI)
	Girls Head Coach	Dale Phillips
Girls Tennis	Head Coach	Derek Sandstrom
	Assistant Coach	Liz Nobert (PCMI)
Cheerleading	Head Coach	Courtney (Durand) Beecher (rehire) (PCMI)
	Co-Assistant Coach	Kari Bolitho (PCMI)
	Co-Assistant Coach	Lindsay Strzyzkowski (PCMI)
Volleyball	Varsity Head Coach	Bob Wedin (PCMI)
	JV Head Coach	Amy Evans (PCMI)
	Freshmen Head Coach	Sarah Peura (PCMI)

ANTICIPATED VOLUNTEERS**

Football	Eric Mason, Jeron Schmidt, Mike Gunderson, Doug Heslip, Chuck Atkins, Andy Kachmarsky, Eric Schmoltdt
Boys Soccer	Al Beck

** The above are anticipated volunteers within the various programs. Other programs may add volunteers as the season draws nearer. **Bold = New Hire for 08-09.**

INFORMATIONAL

The following person has been assigned to a MAPS position through PCMI:
Elizabeth (Libby) Nelson, 6th Grade Girls Track Coach, 07-08

c: M. Edgell, M. Carne, B. Jacobson, R. Plourde, J. Flath, J. Winkowski