

Marquette Area Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Special Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2008, 8:00 a.m.

MAPS Central Administration Office Board Room
1201 W. Fair Avenue

MINUTES

• **Call to Order**

A special meeting of the Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education was held Tuesday, July 8, in the Board Room of the Central Administration Office. The meeting was called to order by Board President **Alan Hawker** at 8:00 a.m. In the absence of Scott Brogan, Mr. Hawker appointed **Mark Smith** as Temporary Secretary.

• **Roll Call**

Members Present

Alan Hawker	President
Kellie Holmstrom, DVM	Vice President (arrived at 8:07 a.m.)
Norman Gruber	Trustee
Laura Songer	Trustee (arrived at 8:03 a.m.)
Tony Retaskie	Trustee
Mark Smith	Trustee

Member Absent

Scott Brogan	Secretary-Treasurer
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Central Administration Present

Jon Hartwig	Superintendent
Deborah Veiht	Assistant Superintendent
Tim Yeadon	Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Jackie Winkowski	Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Present

Bothwell Teachers (6), Mining Journal Reporter Miriam Moeller, William Saunders, and Donna Koskiniemi

• **Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Mark Smith to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried, 4-0.

- **Approve Minutes of June 23, 2008, Regular Meeting / Budget Hearing**

A motion was made by Mark Smith and seconded by Norm Gruber to approve the June 23 Regular Meeting / Budget Hearing Minutes as presented. Motion carried, 4-0.

- **Superintendent's Report**

Laura Songer arrived at 8:03 a.m.

Superintendent Jon Hartwig reported that the main purpose of this Special Board Meeting is for the Board to consider key employee appointments for 2008-09. He welcomed the meeting attendees, including William Saunders and Donna Koskiniemi.

- **Consider Appointments of Employees**

Jon Hartwig explained that a recommendation to appoint three employees is being made today to have employment contracts in place and positions filled at the start of the new school year. He reviewed the process which led to his recommendations of William Saunders for the Bothwell Principal position and Donna Koskiniemi for the Cherry Creek / Vandenoorn position. (Kellie Holmstrom arrived at 8:07 a.m.) Mr. Hartwig also advised that Amanda Erspamer-Berry is being recommended as a Special Education teacher at Graveraet. At the close of discussion, **Al Hawker** entertained a motion to fill the three positions.

A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Mark Smith that the following individuals be appointed to the positions indicated effective at the beginning of the 2008-09 School Year:

- William Saunders to the position of Bothwell Middle School Principal;
- Donna Koskiniemi to the position of Cherry Creek / Vandenoorn Elementary School Principal;
- Amanda Erspamer-Berry to the position of Special Education Teacher, Graveraet Intermediate School.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Saunders and Mrs. Koskiniemi. They, along with Deborah Veiht, exited the meeting at that point.

- **Board Committee Reports**

June 25 Board K-12 Extracurricular Committee Meeting Report – Chairman **Tony Retaskie** reported on June 25 Board K-12 Extracurricular Committee meeting discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The committee addressed the following issues: Football program update; and several agenda items to be referred to the Board's new Planning and Performance Committees (see attached). No recommendations for whole Board action were presented.

June 26 Board Executive Committee Meeting Report – Committee Chairman Alan Hawker reported on June 26 Board Executive Committee meeting discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The committee addressed the following issues:

- Recording secretary for each committee – Jackie Winkowski covering Executive, and Bonnie Jacobson / Michelle Carne for Planning and Performance Committee meetings;
- Draft resolution to be considered July 21 to suspend policies impacted by new governance model;
- New Board Committee membership (chairs listed first): Executive – Al Hawker, Kellie Holmstrom, and Scott Brogan; Planning – Kellie Holmstrom, Norm Gruber, and Mark Smith; and Performance – Scott Brogan, Tony Retaskie, and Laura Songer;
- Proposed Regular Board Meeting dates and “as-needed” Work Session dates: to be adopted at the next regular Board meeting, July 21, 6 p.m., Little Theatre;
- Committee meeting dates (Board Room): Planning 7/8/08, 7:30 a.m.; Performance 7/11/08, 8 a.m.; next Executive Committee meeting: 7/25/08, 12:15 p.m.;
- Suggested agenda items for Planning and Performance Committees (see attached);
- Future agenda items for Executive committee.

Following discussion, it was suggested that the Planning Committee discuss “athletes’ participation in multiple sports.”

Mark Smith suggested that the following items also be addressed by the Performance Committee: Intramurals, Attendance/Admissions, and Pay to Participate.

The committee made no recommendations for action by the whole Board at this time.

Report on June 26 Board Curriculum Committee Meeting – Committee Chairperson Mark Smith reported on June 26 Board Curriculum Committee meeting discussion items, all of which are detailed in the committee meeting minutes. The committee addressed the following issues:

- Testing out policy discussion – the committee determined not to modify the current practice but noted support for improvement to the parent notification process;
- Michigan Virtual High School / 2008-09 planning – referred to Planning Committee;
- MSHS social studies curriculum presentation – the addition of world history is of immediate concern – referred to Planning Committee;
- Special Education delivery system – referred to Planning Committee;
- 2007-08 MEAP summary report;
- Informational articles.

No recommendations for whole Board action were presented.

- **Comments from the Public**

Name / Topic

Toni Landick, BMS Counselor – Accolades and support, on behalf of herself and other Bothwell staff, for BMS Assistant Principal Dan Gannon, who had been a finalist for the Bothwell principalship.

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

Tony Retaskie mentioned recently talking with a parent who chose MAPS because of the services provided to special needs students.

- **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Kellie Holmstrom and seconded by Mark Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 6-0; adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Alan Hawker
President

Mark Smith
Temporary Secretary

Jackie Winkowski, Admin.
Assistant / Recording Secretary

Attachments

MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
K-12 Extracurricular Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 25, 2008
Central Office Board Room

MINUTES

Present: Board of Education members: Chair Tony Retaskie and Laura Songer; Superintendent Jon Hartwig; Human Resources Manager Sharon Thum and Human Resources Specialist Michelle Carne. Athletic Director Mark Mattson and Board member Dr. Mark Smith were absent.

1. **Call to order** – Mr. Retaskie called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.
2. **Approve Agenda** – Mrs. Songer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Retaskie seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Approve Minutes** – Mrs. Songer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2008 meeting. Mr. Retaskie seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comment** – None.
5. **Football Program Update** – Mr. Hartwig welcomed, introduced, and thanked Head Football Coach Chris Soha for coming to the meeting. Per Mr. Hartwig’s request, Mr. Soha discussed the hiring process; leadership, community outreach projects, and football camp plans accomplished so far with the team; recruitment goals and building the team into men of character, strength, and honor. Mr. Retaskie and Mrs. Songer both expressed their appreciation and support of Mr. Soha’s efforts.
6. **Planning Committee Agenda Items and 7. Performance Committee Agenda Items** – Due to the new governance model effective July 1, 2008, the committee discussed and defined topics and their appropriate committees as outlined below:

Planning Committee	Performance Committee
MHSAA Boys Soccer	Year End Athletic Participation
Athletic Handbook Changes	Year End Budget Assessment (Athletics)
BMS Intramural Sports Program	Athletic Management Committee Year End Report
All Arts Annual Pass Proposal	
Free Event Passes (Youth sport groups in uniform)	
08-09 Athletic Budget Discussion	
Athletic Field Upgrades	
Kaufman	

The committee determined that the Radio Sport Coverage item may be discussed between the Superintendent and Athletic Director.

8. **Other** – None
9. **Adjournment** – Mrs. Songer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Mr. Retaskie seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Carne
Human Resources Specialist

Marquette Area Public Schools

Suggested Initial Agenda Topics

Performance and Planning Committees

June 2008

(Presented @
6/26 Executive
Cmte mtg.)

Planning Committee

Members: Kellie Holmstrom (Chair), Norman Gruber, Mark Smith

Suggested Topics

1. Annual Meeting Dates and Times Planning
2. MHSAA Soccer Affiliation Discussion
3. Athletic Handbook Revisions Proposal
4. Middle School Intramural Proposal
5. All Arts Season Pass Discussion
6. Youth Sports Free Event Program Discussion
7. 2008-2009 Athletic Budget Plan
8. Athletic Field Upgrade Project Update
9. Kaufman Auditorium Restroom Project Planning
10. 2008-2009 Planned Instructional Materials Purchases
11. 2008-2009 MSHS Small Learning Communities Plan
12. Committee Chairs / Board Officers

Performance Committee

Members: Scott Brogan (Chair), Tony Retaskie, Laura Songer

Suggested Topics

1. Annual Meeting Dates and Times
2. Year-End (2007-2008) Athletic Program Review
3. Year-End Athletic Budget Review
4. Athletic Management Committee Year-End Report
5. 2007-2008 MEAP and Michigan Merit Exam Results
6. No Child Left Behind Status
7. Committee Chairs / Board Officers