

**Marquette Area Public Schools**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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**Work Session**  
**Tuesday, August 25, 2009, Noon**  
**Bay Cliff Teen Center**  
**N4175 Co. Rd. KCA**  
**Big Bay, MI 49808**

**MINUTES**

- **Call to Order**

A work session of the Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education was held Tuesday, August 25, 2009, in the Teen Center at Bay Cliff, Big Bay, Michigan. **Dr. Kellie Holmstrom**, Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Kellie A. Holmstrom, DVM	President
Alan Hawker	Vice President
Mark Smith	Secretary-Treasurer (arrived during lunch recess)
Scott Brogan	Trustee
Norman Gruber	Trustee
Tony Retaskie	Trustee
Laura Songer	Trustee (arrived during lunch recess)

**Board Student Representative Present**

Sarah Anthony

**Central Administration Present**

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

**Others Present**

MAPS Administrators and other employees, MARESA Superintendent Steve Peffers

- **Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Al Hawker and seconded by Tony Retaskie to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

- **Recess for Lunch**

The meeting was recessed at 12:01 p.m.

- **Reconvene Meeting**

The meeting was reconvened at 12:52 p.m. with the following persons present:

- All seven Board of Education members;
- Board Student Representative Sarah Anthony;
- Superintendent Jon Hartwig;
- Assistant Superintendent Deborah Veiht;
- Recording Secretary Jackie Winkowski;
- MARESA Superintendent Steve Peffers.

- **Board Work Session**

**MARESA Update** – MARESA Superintendent Steve Peffers shared an update on and provided informational materials regarding MARESA, which serves 13 local school districts. He reported on numerous topics, including those listed below. (Assistant Superintendent for Finance Tim Yeadon arrived during this item, at 1:10 p.m.)

- Transportation study
- Special Education supervisor study
- Business services study
- MARESA's work with State organizations / efforts to reduce reporting requirements
- Vocational education / career tech / Articulation grants
- HS Graduation Requirements
- Lake Superior Partners in Education
- Funding cooperatives
- Clear Lake Education Center
- Education partners' use of MARESA facilities at no charge
- Update on MARESA budget
- MARESA contract settlements
- Data services warehousing / MI Tracker
- Consolidation studies
- Special Education millage – two counties
- Re-Imagine Grants
- Collaboration among local districts
- Summer School

Questions / answers took place during and after Mr. Peffers' presentation. Mr. Peffers left the meeting at the conclusion of this agenda item.

**Sinking Fund** – The issue of Sinking Fund Millage was discussed. It was noted that voters in several area school districts have approved sinking fund millage requests and that a MAPS sinking fund ballot issue was unsuccessful during Dr. Patrick Smith's tenure (April 23, 2002, election). It was noted through a study last year, approximately \$10,000,000 in capital projects / building & grounds needs were identified; some of the items have since been addressed. During discussion several specific areas of concern were mentioned, among them: MSHS science rooms, technology / computer labs, music practice rooms, pod area, gym, elementary classroom electrical outlets, Sandy Knoll parking lot, heavy maintenance items in general. This issue will be discussed / reviewed by the Board Planning Committee in the future, after determination of the district's future grade alignment.

**Outstanding Seniors DVD** – A portion of the "Outstanding Seniors – Class of 2009" documentary filmed in June 2009 was shown. Students offered insights on their experiences at MSHS. Other segments of the documentary will be shown at various upcoming meetings.

**Budget Planning Process** – There was discussion on the 2000-11 budget planning process, including a review of 2009-10 budget planning timelines. The need to make budget reductions was emphasized. Concern was expressed about a possible reduction in the State Foundation Allowance and continued declining enrollment. Support was expressed for beginning to seek budget planning-related input in late fall or early winter and for following timelines and processes similar to those of the Spring of 2009.

Early retirement incentives were discussed. The ERI topic will be placed on the September Planning Committee meeting agenda for discussion and possible action.

**Board Goals** – **Mark Smith** reported on goals-related discussions with Ann Arbor school district representatives; materials provided by Ann Arbor were shared with the Board. Interest was expressed in updating MAPS Board goals and then reflecting on them / self-evaluating on a regular basis. Goal-related suggestions by Board members included the following:

- Review of the Strategic Plan, District Goals, current Board Goals and Objectives;
- Board evaluation;
- Superintendent evaluation;
- Emphasis on community relations;
- Importance of communications with parents, community members, students, and staff;
- Value of education;
- Visioning which correlates with current budget issues;
- Envisioning a level of excellence.

- **Comments from the Public**

None – no public present.

- **Board Member Comments**

None.

- **Board President's Comments**

None.

- **Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Al Hawker and seconded by Scott Brogan to adjourn the meeting; motion carried; adjourned at 5:08 p.m.**

Kellie A. Holmstrom  
President

Mark Smith  
Secretary-Treasurer

Jackie Winkowski  
Admin. Asst. / Recording Secretary