

CLIO AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes – February 11, 2014

The Board of Education met for a Regular Meeting at the Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ann Dipzinski at 7:03 p.m.

Board of Education Members Present: Mary Ann Dipzinski, Jeff Drayton, Henry Hatter, Robert Gaffney, Steve Nordstrom, Tim Ranville and Eric Wood

Board of Education Members Absent: None

School Administrative Staff Present: Superintendent Dr. James Tenbusch, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Steve Keskes, Principals Neil Bedell, Mike Lytle, John Lanyi, John Darga, Katrina Mitchell, Assistant Principal Shelly Cranick (arrived 7:16 pm) Technology Director Bruce Richards, Director of Operations and Transportation Pat Jones, Assistant Transportation Supervisor Dan McCann and Alternative Education Director John Roark

Student Representatives Present: Felicia Morgan

Others Present: Debi Drabek, Attorney's James Delaney, Sean Siebigteroth and Kendall Williams, Felicia Naimark, Karen Spears, Cheryl Childers, Ann Holbin, Jeff Harrington, Cassie Schiebel, Johnny Barrett, many teachers and citizens

PRESENTATIONS

Staff and students from Edgerton, Garner, Lacure, Carter Middle School, Clio High School and Clio Community High School presented board members with tokens of appreciation to celebrate School Board Appreciation Month.

COMMENTS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Link Crew

- Link Crew members taught a few Character lessons to our freshmen.
- We hosted a Mr. MUSTANG Pageant with Alex Poli winning the pageant.
- We hosted a basketball game with Project Choice vs. Link Crew and Staff vs. Students....of course Link Crew got beat but the teachers dominated the student team.
- Organizing another final exam study session with the freshmen organizing a pep assembly for the freshmen.
- Starting the process of choosing our Link crew commissioners for the 2014-15 school year.

Athletics

- Hosted the Boys Wrestling Districts and Clio won.

- Jimmy Ziobro was NBC25 Academic All-Star.
- Boys District Basketball will be hosted at Clio.
- Girls District Basketball will be hosted at Flushing.
- Snowcoming Game is February 21st.

Student Council

- Currently working on plans for the snowcoming dance on February 22nd.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Wood, supported by Hatter that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education enter closed session for the purpose of legal opinion.

Vote: Yea – Dipzinski, Hatter, Drayton, Nordstrom, Gaffney, Ranville and Wood
Nay- 0. Motion carried.

The Board of Education recessed at 7:25 p.m.
The Board entered closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Motion by Hatter, supported by Ranville that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education adjourn closed session.

The closed session adjourned at 8:43 p.m.
The Board reconvened in open session at 8:44 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A citizen “thanked” the district for updating the website.

A teacher had suggestions on ways to save money with different training courses.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Wood, supported by Hatter that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0. Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda included the following:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2014
- Payment of bills

ACTION ITEMS

777: RETIREMENT OF BUS DRIVER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education accept the written letter of retirement from **Nancy Lee** from her position as bus driver with the Clio Area School District, effective February 1, 2014.

Motion by Hatter, supported by Ranville that the resolution be adopted.

Vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0. Motion carried.

778: EMPLOYMENT OF GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and employ **Jim Vanitvelt** as the Girls Varsity Softball Coach with the Clio Area School District.

Motion by Hatter, supported by Wood that the resolution be adopted.

Vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0. Motion carried.

779: SET SPECIAL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education hold a special meeting on February 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for a student disciplinary hearing.

Motion by Ranville, supported by Wood that the resolution be adopted.

Vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board of Education discussed the following:

- Athletic Director Position/Posting
- Count Day
- GISD Budget Hearing
- Facility Rental
- Online Surveys
- Memorial for Ron Traver
- Custodial Handbook

POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee met for 1st reading and discussed the following policies:

- Policy 8321
- Policy 8142

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Curriculum/IAC Committee met and discussed the following:

- Smarter Balance Testing

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Hatter, supported by Drayton that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education enter closed session for the purpose of negotiations and Superintendent Evaluation.

Vote: Yea – Dipzinski, Hatter, Drayton, Nordstrom, Gaffney, Ranville and Wood
Nay - 0. Motion carried.

The Board of Education recessed at 9:10 p.m.

The Board entered closed session at 9:12 p.m.

Motion by Wood, supported by Hatter that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education adjourn the closed session.

The closed session adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:20 p.m.

780: INVESTIGATION AND PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education

1. Appoints attorney Timothy H. Howlett, Esq., of the Dickinson Wright law firm to investigate the complaints of Ms. April Jackson, dated October 4, 2013 and Dr. James Tenbusch, dated October 7, 2013.

2. Places Ms. April Jackson on paid administrative leave while the investigation assigned to Mr. Howlett and Mr. Siebigteroth are completed or until such time that the Board decides is appropriate to return her to work. Further, the Board appoints a CPA firm, to be determined by the Board, to perform the duties of the business office during these investigations or until the Board determines that it is appropriate to discontinue the appointment.
3. Directs Superintendent Tenbusch and Ms. April Jackson to cooperate fully in the Siebigteroth and Howlett investigations. Any and all perceived failures to follow these directives shall immediately be reported to Board Vice-President Eric Wood.

Motion by Wood, supported by Hatter that the resolution be adopted.

Vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion by Nordstrom, supported by Wood that the Clio Area Schools Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0. Motion carried.

President Mary Ann Dipzinski adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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_____, President