

MASON COUNTY EASTERN SCHOOLS

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The regular meeting of the Mason County Eastern Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Catherine Becker on Monday, April 21, 2008, in the Mason County Eastern High School Library located at 18 South Main Street, Custer, Michigan. The following board members were present.

**Catherine Becker
Peter Bonnett
Shirley Chancellor**

**Paul Drewry
Mark Englebrecht**

**Philip Sommerfeldt
Steven Stickney**

Also present were Superintendent Ellen Bonter, Middle School/High School Principal Paul Shoup, K-12 Counselor Shelby Hughes, Barbara Genung, Robert Bacon, Jim Bonter, Terry Oosterhart, Cory Jolly, and Renee VanDyke.

**AGENDA
MODIFI-
CATION**

- 1. President Becker requested the Board to add action items a. a) 2008 High School Graduates and i. Proposed Equity Funding Resolution.**

It was the consensus of the Board to add action items a. a) 2008 High School Graduates and i. Proposed Equity Funding Resolution to the meeting's agenda.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

- 2. Motion made by Chancellor, supported by Drewry, to approve the items* listed on the consent agenda.**

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 17, 2008, Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Sessions Minutes were approved by consent.**

***RATIFICATION OF BILL PAYMENT: Bills, as listed on the summary report dated April 17, 2008, in the amount of \$234,951.93, were ratified by consent.**

***RATIFICATION OF PAYROLL: The March 21, 2008, payroll in the amount of \$108,112.49, the April 4, 2008, payroll in the amount of \$107,521.10, and the April 18, 2008, payroll in the amount of \$98,426.30 were ratified by consent.**

**COMMUNI-
CATIONS**

- 3. There were no communications or expressions from the public.**

- 4. Reports**

**ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL**

- a. Elementary Principal Connie Robinson: absent, no oral report.
(written report included in board packets)**

**MUSIC
DEPART-
MENT**

- b. Music Instructor Terry Oosterhart gave the Board a report on the following items.
- 1) Solo and Ensemble Results
 - 2) May 15 Evening With the Arts
 - 3) April 12 Choir Field Trip to Palace to Hear “Celtic Women”

**MIDDLE
SCHOOL/HIGH
SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL**

- c. Middle School/High School Principal Paul Shoup gave an oral and written report that included the following items.
- 1) Class of 2008 Senior Trip, Graduation, Senior Dinner
 - 2) Master Schedule
 - 3) MEAP Scores
 - 4) Interim Athletic Director
 - 5) Transportation Update

**K-12
COUNSELOR**

- d. K-12 Counselor Shelby Hughes gave an oral and written report that included the following items.
- 1) ACT Test Update
 - 2) Career Exploration
 - 3) “Life Skills” Small Groups
 - 4) Personal Curriculum
 - 5) Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative
 - 6) Scheduling

HSSBM

- e. Honorary Student School Board Member Chelsea Lehrbass gave an oral report that included
- 1) April 10 Student Council Blood Drive
 - 2) April 22 Adopt-A Highway Program
 - 3) Prom/Post Prom
 - 4) Spring Sports

**SUPERIN-
TENDENT**

- f. Superintendent Ellen Bonter reported to the Board on the following items.
- 1) Legislative Update
 - 2) Equity Funding Resolution
 - 3) April 24 West Shore Area School Boards Association Spring Banquet

**COMMITTEE/
OTHER
REPORTS**

- g. 1) Building and Grounds Committee: Chairperson Steve Stickney reported that the committee met on April 9, 2008, and discussed items including gymnasium bleachers, parking areas, transportation issues, roof repairs, ECC playground, MCE sign, Claveau memorial bench, painting of high school art room, mascot mural, PTC pavilion, gymnasium lights, lawn treatment bids, mowing bids, and security camera system.
- 2) Policy Manual and Administrative Guidelines Committee: Cathy Becker reported that the committee did not meet in April.

- 3) **Budget, Negotiation and Personnel Committee:** Chairperson Cathy Becker reported that the committee met on April 17, 2008, and went into closed session for Board/MCEEA negotiations. In open session, the committee discussed items including the athletic director's resignation, interim athletic director, and general fund budget amendment.
- 4) **Curriculum and Professional Studies Committee:** Chairperson Mark Englebrecht reported that the committee met on April 17, 2008, and discussed items including changes to the high school schedule and course offerings, and elementary MEAP results.

5. Discussion and Action Items

**SENIOR
CLASS TRIP**

- a. **Discussion was held on the proposed Class of 2008 class trip to Cedar Point.**

Motion made by Sommerfeldt, supported by Drewry, to approve the June 2, 2008, Class of 2008 one day trip to Cedar Point.

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

**2008
GRADUATES**

- b. **Discussion was held on the Class of 2008 graduates.**

Motion made by Drewry, supported by Chancellor, to approve the list of the 2008 high school graduates, as presented by the Administration, provided students meet all requirements for graduation.

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

(list of graduates attached to official minutes)

**MEMORIAL
BENCH**

- c. **Discussion was held on the proposed Aaron Claveau Memorial Bench to be built and placed outside the gym.**

Motion made by Stickney, supported by Bonnett, to approve the Aaron Claveau Memorial Bench to be placed outside the high school gymnasium. (The funds, to build the bench, will be paid for by donations received by the MCE Athletic Boosters in memory of Aaron Claveau.)

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

**ART ROOM
PAINTING**

- d. Discussion was held on the proposed decorative painting of the high school art room east wall.

Motion made by Chancellor, supported by Stickney, to approve the decorative painting of the high school art room east wall.

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

**MASCOT
MURAL**

- e. Discussion was held on the mascot painting for the outside north gym wall.

Motion made by Chancellor, supported by Stickney, to approve the mascot painting on the outside north gym wall, which will be paid for by donations.

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

**LAWN
TREATMENT**

- f. Discussion was held on the district lawn treatment contract bids.

Motion made by Bonnett, supported by Drewry, to approve the lawn care treatment bid from Turf Care Lawn Service of Ludington.

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

(other bid received: TruGreen of Grand Haven)

**MOWING
BIDS**

- g. Discussion was held on the district mowing bids.

Motion made by Chancellor, supported by Bonnett, to approve the lawn mowing bid from Ben Wilson of Fountain.

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

(other bid received: Adam's Lawn Care of Walkerville)

**2007-08
BUDGET
AMENDMENT**

- h. Discussion was held on the proposed 2007-2008 General Fund Budget Amendment.

Motion made by Sommerfeldt, supported by Chancellor, to approve the proposed 2007-2008 General Fund Budget Amendment, as presented by Superintendent Bonter.

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

(copy of budget amendment attached to official minutes)

PERSONNEL

- i. Motion made by Drewry, supported by Bonnett, to accept the resignation of Athletic Director Scott Smith.**

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

- j. Motion made by Chancellor, supported by Sommerfeldt, to employ Rick Catt as Interim Athletic Director for the remainder of the 2007-2008 year provided all pre-employment requirements are met.**

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

**EQUITY
FUNDING
RESOLUTION**

- k. Discussion was held on the proposed Equity Funding Resolution.**

Motion made by Chancellor, supported by Bonnett, to adopt the proposed Equity Funding Resolution, as presented by Superintendent Bonter.

There was no further discussion.

**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Englebrecht,
Sommerfeldt, Stickney**

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

(copy of resolution attached to official minutes)

**CLOSED
SESSION**

- 6. Motion made by Bonnett, supported by Drewry, for the Board of Education to go into closed session to discuss Board/ MCE Education Association negotiations.**

Roll Call Vote: Drewry, Yes; Chancellor, Yes; Sommerfeldt, Yes;

Englebrecht, Yes; Bonnett, Yes; Stickney, Yes; Becker, Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

The Board of Education went into closed session at 8:38 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:22 p.m.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

7. There being no further business President Becker adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

**Mark Englebrecht, Secretary
Board of Education
Mason County Eastern Schools**

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