

**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, September 17, 2007, 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**

**Philip Sommerfeldt  
Steven Stickney**

**Absent was Board Member Mark Englebrecht.**

Also present were Superintendent Ellen Bonter, Middle School/High School Principal Paul Shoup, Elementary Principal Connie Robinson, Donald Swick, Patricia Ezdebski, Barbara Genung, Robert Bacon, Shelby Hughes, and Shelly Falconer.

***DONATION*** 1. Patricia Ezdebski, Memorial Medical Center Marketing Director, presented the Board with a \$1,000 check donation from Memorial Medical Center. This donation will be used to directly benefit MCE students.

***2006-07  
AUDIT*** 2. Donald Swick, CPA, of Brickley DeLong CPA, reviewed, with the Board, the 2006-2007 district financial audit.

***CONSENT  
AGENDA*** 3. Motion made by Sommerfeldt, supported by Chancellor, to approve the items\* listed on the consent agenda.

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6 to 0.**

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 20, 2007, Regular Meeting**

**\*RATIFICATION OF BILL PAYMENT: Bills, as listed on the summary report dated September 12, 2007, in the amount of \$184,480.76, were ratified by consent.**

**\*RATIFICATION OF PAYROLL: The August 24, 2007, payroll in the amount of \$94,364.34 and the September 7, 2007, payroll in the amount of \$94,036.42 were ratified by consent.**

***COMMUNI-  
CATIONS*** 4. Dee McCumber addressed the Board regarding possible soccer and track gate admissions.

**5. Reports**

***ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPAL*** a. Elementary Principal Connie Robinson gave an oral and written report that included the following items.

**1) Start of School**

**2) October 4 Family Activity Night**

- 3) **October 19 PTC Harvest Potluck Dinner**
- 4) **Project Wisdom**
- 5) **Constitution Day Participation**

**MIDDLE  
SCHOOL/HIGH  
SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL**

- b. **Middle School/High School Principal Paul Shoup gave an oral and written report that included the following items.**
- 1) **Start of School**
  - 2) **Constitution Day Participation**
  - 3) **September 12 Old Engine Club Educational Day/Sixth Grade Participation**
  - 4) **After School Study Tables**
  - 5) **Wood Working Club**
  - 6) **Soccer Goals**
  - 7) **Soccer and Volleyball Districts**

**K-12  
COUNSELOR**

- c. **K-12 Counselor Shelby Wagner-Hughes gave an oral and written report that included the following items.**
- 1) **Schedule Changes**
  - 2) **Michigan Merit Exam**
  - 3) **GPA's**
  - 4) **Senior and Junior Audits**
  - 5) **Scholarships**
  - 6) **September Meetings**
  - 7) **College and Military Recruiting Visits**
  - 8) **Tutoring**

**HSSBM**

- d. **Honorary Student School Board Member Chelsea Lehrbass gave an oral Report that included the following items.**
- 1) **Dual enrollment**
  - 2) **Service Learning Class**
  - 3) **U.S. 10 Clean-Up Section**
  - 4) **Yearbooks**
  - 5) **Student Council Class Representatives**
  - 6) **Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country Updates**

**SUPERIN-  
TENDENT**

- e. **Superintendent Ellen Bonter reported to the Board on the following items.**
- 1) **CBA Classes**
  - 2) **September 30 Board Workshop Special Meeting**  
It was the general consensus of the Board to cancel the scheduled September 30, 2007, Board Workshop Special Meeting and to reschedule at a later date.
  - 3) **Legislative Update**

**WORKSHOP  
SESSION**

**COMMITTEE/  
OTHER  
REPORTS**

- f. 1) **Building and Grounds Committee:** Chairperson Steven Stickney reported that the committee met on September 5 and discussed items including soccer field, high school and ECC roofs, ECC playground, music room, dumpster fence, north gym outside wall painting project, gym bleacher mechanization, soccer goals, and soccer field drain.
- 2) **Policy Manual and Administrative Guidelines Committee:** Cathy Becker reported that the committee met on September 5 and discussed a proposed middle school/high school handbook tardy policy revision.
- 3) **Budget, Negotiation and Personnel Committee:** Chairperson Cathy Becker reported that the committee met on September 10 and discussed items including 2006-2007 audit, special education/third grade teaching position, extra curricular assignments, and elementary principal contract.
- 4) **Curriculum and Professional Studies Committee:** Cathy Becker reported that the committee met on September 10 and discussed items including Michigan Merit Exam and ACT results and elementary reading intervention.

**6. Discussion and Action Items**

**2006-07  
AUDIT**

- a. **Motion made by Sommerfeldt, supported by Drewry, to accept the 2006-2007 district financial audit from Brickley DeLong, CPA.**  
There was no further discussion.  
**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Sommerfeldt, Stickney**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried 6 to 0.**

**MSRP  
PROGRAM**

- b. **Discussion was held on the Michigan School Readiness Program.**  
**Motion made by Chancellor, supported by Drewry, to approve the continuation of the current district Michigan School Readiness Program in the anticipation that it will be funded by the State.**  
There was no further discussion.  
**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Sommerfeldt, Stickney**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried 6 to 0.**

**TARDY  
POLICY**

- c. **Discussion was held on the proposed middle school/high school handbook Tardy Policy change.**  
**Motion made by Chancellor, supported by Bonnett, to approve the middle school/high school handbook Tardy Policy revision, as recommended by Superintendent Bonter.**  
There was no further discussion.  
**Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Sommerfeldt, Stickney**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion carried 6 to 0.**  
**(copy of policy attached to official minutes)**

**ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPAL  
CONTRACT**

- d. Discussion was held on the elementary principal's contract.  
Motion made by Bonnett, supported by Sommerfeldt, to approve the two year (2007-2009) administrator contract for Elementary Principal Connie Robinson, as recommended by Superintendent Bonter.

There was no further discussion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 to 0.

**EXTRA  
CURRICULAR  
ASSIGNMENTS**

- e. Motion made by Stickney, supported by Chancellor, to employ the following persons in extra curricular assignments for the 2007-2008 year, as recommended by Superintendent Bonter.

1) Megan Wilbur – Junior High Volleyball Coach

2) Scott Smith – Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach

There was no further discussion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 to 0.

- f. Motion made by Bonnet, supported by Sommerfeldt, to approve the following persons as Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by Superintendent Bonter.

1) Bethany Sommerfeldt – Junior High Volleyball

2) Nicole Wilbur – Junior High Volleyball

3) Andrew Smith – Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball

4) Jacob Smith – Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball

5) Steven Stickney – Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Becker, Bonnett, Chancellor, Drewry, Sommerfeldt

Nays: None

Abstention: Stickney

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 abstention.

- g. Motion made by Stickney, supported by Bonnett, to accept the resignation of Robert Biers as Fall and Spring Soccer Field Maintenance and to further employ Lori Biers as Fall and Spring Soccer Field Maintenance for the 2007-2008 year, as recommended by Superintendent Bonter.

There was no further discussion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 to 0.

- h. Motion made by Chancellor, supported by Stickney, to accept the resignation of Boys Varsity Track Coach and Track Maintenance Paul Shoup, as recommended by Superintendent Bonter.**

**There was no further discussion.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6 to 0.**

**TEACHER  
RESIGNATION**

- i. Motion made by Sommerfeldt, supported by Stickney, to accept the resignation of Special Education Teacher Ruth Simoneau, as recommended by Superintendent Bonter.**

**There was no further discussion.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6 to 0.**

**SCIENCE  
TEACHER**

- j. Motion made by Drewry, supported by Chancellor, to employ Jason Raddatz as a High School Science Teacher for the 2007-2008 school year provided all pre-employment requirements are met.**

**There was no further discussion.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6 to 0.**

**SPECIAL ED/  
THIRD GRADE  
TEACHER**

- k. Discussion was held on the special education/third grade teaching position vacancy.**

**Motion made by Sommerfeldt, supported by Bonnett, to employ Jennifer Anderson as a High School Special Education/Elementary Third Grade Teacher for the 2007-2008 school year provided all pre-employment requirements are met.**

**There was no further discussion.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 6 to 0.**

**ADJOURN-  
MENT**

- 7. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

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**Barbara Genung**  
**Recording Secretary**

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

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