

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ARENAC EASTERN BOARD OF EDUCATION
ARENAC COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Arenac Eastern School District, Arenac County, State of Michigan, was held in the Arenac Eastern School District High School Library on Monday, August 10, 2009.

President, Tom Brandimore called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Tom Brandimore requested to add item 7.3. - Board Terms

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Marjorie Lockwood, Dick Klender, Kathy Clark,
Tom Brandimore, Tim Nelson, Michele Morgan, Paul Phelan

Members Absent: NONE

3. Pledge and Mission Statement

The pledge of allegiance and mission statement were recited.

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1. Minutes
- 4.2. Bills
- 4.3. New Hire – Peggy Nelson, 3/7 Special Education

Marjorie Lockwood moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Dick Klender supported. All in favor. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Public Comment

Dick Klender - informed the board of a summer school offered by the ISD. Math and Language Arts are the subjects focused on. Algebra I & Algebra II scores were outstanding. Students were surveyed and results showed that students prefer hands on lessons versus computers. Mr. Dewey also shared that the summer school is referred to as Summer Academy. Enrollment is open and is filled on a first come, first served basis.

6. Administrative Reports

6.1. Rocky Aldrich, Superintendent

-Mark Schaffer contacted Mr. Aldrich to inform that the fire alarm had gone off on Sunday. The cause of the alarm was the high humidity. Classroom doors were opened and fans were turned on to help the situation.

-WAVE Program was successful again this year. No problems with behavior.

-ISD; Deb Dunbar received a grant for teachers K-5, 2 middle school teacher and Allen Pauly for a Math & Language Arts program.

7. Old Business

7.1. Eligibility for Athletics – Roger Huber

Roger Huber explained to the members that this change from 2 week eligibility checks to a 3 week eligibility check is based only on timing, not to incorporate harsher punishment. Taking into consideration the short weeks due to the 4 day weeks(budget savings), snow days, teacher in-services.

Dick Klender moved to accept the proposal to change eligibility requirements. Michele Morgan supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

7.2. NEOLA Policies #2623 – 8470; 2nd Reading

Dick Klender moved to approve the 2nd reading of NEOLA Policies #2623 – 8470. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

Michele Morgan requested clarification on the section regarding weapons. Concealed weapons can be in a locked vehicle on the premises, but not in the building.

7.3. Board Terms

Mr. Brandimore voiced the concerns of the board member terms in regards to passing the resolution to change school board elections to even year elections. Michele Morgan and Paul Phelan's terms do expire December 2009. Members asked for clarification from Beverly Bonning of Thrun Law Firm.

8. New Business

8.1. MEA Negotiations – Closed Session

Marjorie Lockwood moved to go into closed session at 6:31 p.m. Paul Phelan supported. All in favor.

Paul Phelan moved to go into open session at 6:58 p.m. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor.

Reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

8.2. Smith-Klaczkiwicz Contract Renewal

Mr. Aldrich informed the board that Smith & Klaczkiwicz requests an additional \$100.00/month starting October of 2009 to renew their contract. Current monthly fee is \$2,500.00. New monthly rate of \$2,600. with an annual rate of \$31,200.00

Michele Morgan moved to renew the contract with Smith/Klaczkiwicz with additional \$100.00 increase per month starting October 2009. Marjorie Lockwood supported. Discussion regarding possible RFP in the future. All in favor. Motion carries.

8.3. GenNET Online Learning Program

Mr. Aldrich explained the online courses offered for high school graduation credit. Classes will be listed in district course offerings. This program is \$300.00/course.

Dick Klender moved to adopt the Credit for Online Classes Resolution. Paul Phelan supported. All in favor. Resolution declared adopted.

8.4. Food Bank – Michele Morgan

Michele Morgan was contacted by the Food Bank of Northeast Michigan regarding a grant for 1 year to become a collection site for canned goods for 85 families in the Arenac Eastern School District. Mr. Aldrich confirmed that the school has sufficient space for this collection. The CIA (Community In Action) will handle this program.

8.5. Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

The Regular School Election Resolution was distributed to the members for review and discussion.

Dick Klender moved to adopt the Regular School Election Resolution. Marjorie Lockwood supported.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Paul Phelan, Michele Morgan, Tim Nelson, Tom Brandimore,
Kathy Clark, Dick Klender, Marjorie Lockwood.

Nays: NONE

Motion passes.

8.6. AGS Resolution to investigate combining athletics

Resolution was received from the AGS Board to investigate the combining of athletic programs as a cost savings measure. Discussion.

Paul Phelan moves to contact the AGS Board of Education that the Arenac Eastern Board of Education is in support of exploring the feasibility of combining sports programs. Dick Klender supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

8.7. MASB – Districts in Distress; Preparing for the Worth Workshop on Aug. 14, 2009

Mr. Aldrich emailed this workshop information to all members. Would be a beneficial workshop is there are any members available.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the MS/HS library.

10. Adjournment

Paul Phelan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Morgan
Secretary, Board of Education