

**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 MS/HS Library on Monday, September 14, 2009.

President, Tom Brandimore called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Marjorie Lockwood

3. Pledge and Mission Statement

The pledge of allegiance and mission statement were recited.

Dick Klender requested to enter into closed session for item #8.2. Tom Brandimore informed Dick that going into closed session was not feasible. The members agreed to take a 10 minute recess prior to this item discussion to review the rules of open and closed session discussion.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Minutes

4.2. Bills

4.3. Resignation – Rocky Aldrich, Superintendent

Paul Phelan moved to accept the consent agenda as written. Michele Morgan supported. All in favor. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Public Comment

Vicki Pula-Jurek: Asked the board to please consider Mr. McAlindon the opportunity to come to A.E. to teach the AP Calculus course. This decision would benefit her daughter in several ways. This would reduce the risk of driving to AuGres in bad roads, and not cut a class short to get to AGS on time for this course.

Kathleen Bilacic: Are we hiring a calculus instructor? Mr. Brandimore explained that this option is being discussed.

Marjorie Lockwood arrived at 6:10p.m.

6. Administrative Reports

6.1. Patrick Bootz, Interim-Superintendent

Opening Week Observations:

-1st day mechanical problems with a bus on way to school.

-No show substitute bus driver on first day for P.M. run. Subs are contracted with METS. Students were placed in classrooms. Parents were called and informed of the mishap. Deb Hollenbeck returned to the school when her route was complete to deliver the remaining children home.

-Mr. Bootz welcomed Peggy Stiff, Literacy Specialist to inform the board of a grant received for the AE Eagle Book Club. Mrs. Stiff shared with the board that the Grant was received from Dollar General Literacy Program in the amount of \$3,000.00. AE was 1 of 415 grant applications received from 35 states. The intentions for the funds will be to: purchase books, field trips, club t-shirts, and a Speaker to encourage reading. Will be applying for the grant available in February.

-Auditor, Heather Thomas completed the audit on Friday. She indicated her final report should be ready for our November meeting. Ms. Thomas has reported no findings. She is questioning the fact that the amended budget is not reflected in the minutes that they were formally approved.

-NEOLA; Mr. Bootz is happy to work with NEOLA as they keep the District up to date with policy changes as they occur. NEOLA would like to visit the District for any complaints, or ways to improve their service.

-Transportation Issues: Lack of sub drivers is a big problem. Have an agreement with AGS for a partnership to transport career center students to ISD. Also discussed with Ted Matuzek of W-P regarding sharing ISD transportation. W-P would charge 13,500 for this service. AGS is charging \$10,000.00. Decision was made to complete the contract with AuGres Sims.

-Budget: Mr. Bootz obtained a copy of the budget and has requested to set down with Rob.

-L-4029: Mr. Bootz has been reviewing this document. Proofing the ballot for November's election. Mr. Bootz is to contact Mr. Rockwell, County Clerk regarding the ballot proofs.

-Mr. Bootz asked the board members if they have ever considered a Sinking Fund. Sinking Funds can save school districts money.

-Fanning-Howey: Mr. Bootz received a phone call regarding an outstanding balance of \$5,357.50. Fanning Howey was the engineer for renovations when Dr. Olson was with the District. Mr. Bootz is to contact Dr. Olson for further details.

-MSU Extension Office Rep. Robin Weiss would like to provide a free service for the importance and correct way of hand washing during these time of the threat of the H1N1 virus.

-St. Mary's of Michigan Standish Hospital Public Relations, Holly Bender has offered to discuss the latest health issues with staff.

-Superintendent/Principal Search: Mr. Bootz has received a call from an interested applicant and transcripts from another. Mr. Bootz informed the board they may want to push the deadline to Oct. 2nd or 5th. Mr. Bootz is very willing to help communicate the position opening with interested applicants. He stated is happy to be here and still learning.

7. Old Business

7.1. Consider service agreement between Patrick D. Bootz and the Arenac Eastern School as presented with deletion of Section 4.

Board discussion regarding page 3, section 2.3. Mr. Brandimore and Mr. Bootz to delete and initial the fact of no section 1.0.

Dick Klender moved to approve the service agreement as presented with Patrick Bootz. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor. Motion unanimously carried.

Dick Klender moved to take a 10 minute recess. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reconvene at 6:57 p.m.

Per the MASB Open Meetings Guide the board can not enter closed session for item 8.2.

8. New Business

8.1. Consider 2009-10 School Calendar

Mr. Bootz explained that there was not any action taken per past minutes to approve the 2009-10 School Calendar. Due to the Homecoming Football Game on Oct. 2, 2009 (original schedule for PTC & Professional Develop.) the Parent-Teacher Conferences were moved to Thurs., Sept. 24th and Professional Development and PTC's on Friday, Sept. 25th.

Paul Phelan moved to approve amended calendar. Dick Klender supported. All in favor. Motion carries unanimously.

8.2. Consider hiring Scott McAlindon as Instructor for the AP Calculus for the 2009-10 school year

Mr. Bootz confirmed that there would not be any cost to the district. Anonymous donor would donate. The donation would cover salary, retirement, and fica. Mr. Dewey has been in discussion with local union. The Union has agreed to sign off for 1 year only with assurance that there is not cost to the district. Member asked is any existing staff is HQ to teach AP Calculus. No we do not have a staff member HQ to teach this course.

Paul Phelan moved to approve the Superintendent's request as outlined in the 2 documents included in the packet. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor. Motion carries unanimously.

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9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the MS/HS library.

10. Adjournment

Marjorie Lockwood moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m. Michele Morgan supported. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Morgan
Secretary, Board of Education