

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

1. Call to Order

A special 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, June 15, 2009.

Meeting was called to order by President Brandimore, at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: NONE

3. Pledge and Mission Statement

The pledge of allegiance and mission statement were recited.

4. Public Comment

Mike Flore: Spoke regarding concern about the high quality of custodial services and the amount of extra work done by current staff, concerns about possibility of wanting to decrease the union presence.

Barb Hunter: Spoke regarding wanting an opportunity to have public comment after the privatization numbers were presented so the public could be informed. June Pettyplace, MEA Uniserve representative presented concerns regarding the high quality of the current building maintenance. Asked why money questions were not brought to the negotiations since there have been 3 meetings thus far. Presented concerns that money saving are not the driving factor behind the request. Questioned why other groups are not being privatized including administration.

5. Janitorial/Maintenance RFP

One bid received, DM Burr. Amounts discussed, specific information reviewed regarding purchasing of new equipment and/or repairs that our staff cannot complete, specifics regarding grass cutting, and part time/full time status of newly hired employees. Board members requested clarification of items not written in bid but verbally promised. Suggested by board member that Rocky contact other schools which currently use DM Burr. Address all concerns presented by Mark Shaffer, get breakdown of supplies and materials.

Public invited to ask specific questions:

Mark Shaffer-talk to a school who let DM Burr go.

June Pettyplace-who will supervise them.

Mike Flore-doesn't having to purchase insurance constitute a reduction in income?

Mike Flore-Concerns if re-hire current staff, then let them go and re-hire for a lesser amounts.

Beth Nester-Concerned about the quality of people who may be providing the services.

Katelyn Good-Presented concerns about the high quality of the current staff, a family atmosphere.

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Michael Schmidt-Mark Shaffer is local coordinator for exchange students, would those students continue to come to AEHS.

June Pettyplace-Make sure that the extra duties are all covered, specifically wiring of computer labs.

Marie Papke-Are they going to charge extra for extra jobs.

Art-I bring my whole family to make sure we don't get behind.

6. Paul Phelan moved to adjourn the special meeting at 7:46 p.m. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor.
7. Next Regular Meeting July 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Morgan
Secretary, Board of Education