

**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, March 8, 2010.

Vice-President, Marjorie Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Marjorie Lockwood, Kathy Clark, Jerry Hollenbeck,
Sue Wilson, Tim Nelson, Dick Klender

Members Absent: Tom Brandimore

3. Pledge and Mission Statement

The pledge of allegiance and mission statement were recited.

4. Positive Highlights – Varsity Girls Basketball Team

Mr. Grusecki commended Coaches Beckham and Young and their team for their achievements for 2009-10 basketball season. Two time District Champs and NSL Champs for the first time in AE history. Regional play is March 9th vs. Deckerville at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. The success of the girls has brought great school spirit to the district.

Coach Beckham thanked the board for their support. The girls have had quite a bit of success the last two years. The girls have put in a lot of hard work to get here. Coach introduced Coach Young and the team. Support at tomorrow night's game would be greatly appreciated. The girls have won 21 games, setting a school record for both the Boy's and Girl's.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1. Minutes

5.2. Bills

Mr. Grusecki requested to add item 9.4. under new business regarding the NSL Athletic Meeting.

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

6. Public Comment

NONE

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. William Grusecki, Superintendent

Graduation Requirements: Mr. Pauly will present to the Board information on current graduation requirements and status of MME Diplomas and Certificates of completion. There has been a lot of movement with this with regard to the current requirement and the Algebra II component. Representative Sheltroun has done significant work to get some changes in this requirement to allow students to have another option to this very rigorous math requirement.

It sounds like there will wind up being an MME Diploma and a local school district diploma. Some districts have jumped on the certificate of completion language, which could limit a student's post-secondary choices, based on what they have earned for their high school completion. We are not recommending any action at this time; this is only for your information right now.

Budget update: Information we have right now is that the proposals from the governor with regard to retirement and sales tax are stalled, with only the retirement proposal having any traction. IF some type of retirement proposal goes by April 1, it will mean massive changes for almost every school district and its employees. The only way to avoid any cut above \$165 is IF both the retirement and sales tax proposals go through.

Authorization to issue lay-off notices: With the uncertainty of the Michigan's inability to present a more stable method of funding schools, it is necessary that I issue potential lay-off notices within contractual guidelines. Based on the information we currently have, our potential cut for the 2010-2011 school year could be in excess of \$500 per student. This would give us enough time to gather more information with regards to scheduling and maybe have a better idea from the state. We would need to act on this at a second Board meeting in March.

Committee Work: We will need to convene meetings with the following committees as soon as possible. Finance, Negotiations and Curriculum.

Legislative updates: I will provide you with updated information on the following topics: Race to the Top, Consolidation of Services, and Superintendent's roundtable from March 5. (This packet was done prior to the updates) I will put information about these in your regular "**Eagle Eyes Only**".

7.2. Allen Pauly, Counselor – Graduation Requirements

Mr. Pauly explained the change to the graduation requirements. Mr. Pauly also asked the board to put some thoughts in motion to be effective by the end of the 2009-10 school year which would be an action item at an upcoming meeting. Board discussion.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

9.1. Budget Update

Mr. Grusecki updated the board with the latest news from the State. Currently planning on \$165.00/student cut for next year. Additional \$255.00/student cut if the sales tax proposal doesn't pass. Potential total \$420.00/student from foundation allowance to start next year. Retirement costs for the district are up 20%.

Mr. Hollenbeck explained that the increase in the retirement is due to the state borrowing funds from the retirement fund. Also, the current budget is in the hole for spending approximately \$101,000.00 for this year. There are some 600 line items in the budget. These line items are being worked on to enable the finance committee to present an accurate budget.

Mr. Klender stated that with home values dropping this will be an additional decrease in our revenue for next year as well.

9.2. Potential Lay-off Notices

Based on what the state is telling us; need to look at personnel.

-Projections based on student count for next year

-Contractually notice must be given 60 days prior to end of school year.

-Unsure of number of personnel for cuts; maybe 2 – 4 (also depends on any possible retirements)

9.3. Huron Community Bank – Resolution for Execution and Issuance of Business Credit Card

Mr. Grusecki explained the need of a Business Credit Card. Only to be used for vendors that don't except purchase orders and to reserve spaces and/or hotel rooms for conferences. Board reviewed the Resolution for Execution & Issuance of Business Credit Card.

Jerry Hollenbeck moved to approve the business credit card with a limit not to exceed \$10,000.00. Dick Klender supported.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Dick Klender, Sue Wilson, Tim Nelson, Kathy Clark,
Marjorie Lockwood, Jerry Hollenbeck

Nays: None

Absent: Tom Brandimore

Motion passes.

9.4. Roger Huber, Athletic Director

Mr. Huber attended the NSL Athletic Directors meeting. Atlanta and Fairview Schools presented the possibility of co-op of sports. The sports effected are football and track. Each district would be considered the home team for each of the sports. Atlanta for football as Fairview does not offer football. Fairview for track as Atlanta doesn't offer track. The NSL requests that the districts make their decisions prior to the end of March. April 15th is the deadline for scheduling or Fall Football.

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10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the MS/HS library.

Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items are Lay-Off Notices and Athletics Co-op (Fairview and Atlanta Schools)

11. Adjournment

Jerry Hollenbeck moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:17 p.m. Dick Klender supported. All in favor. Motion unanimously carried.

Sincerely,

Tim Nelson
Secretary, Board of Education