

**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 Middle/High School Library on Monday, April 12, 2010.

President Tom Brandimore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Jerry Hollenbeck, Tom Brandimore, Sue Wilson,  
Marjorie Lockwood, Tim Nelson, Kathy Clark

Members Absent: Dick Klender

3. Pledge and Mission Statement

The pledge of allegiance and mission statement were recited.

4. Positive Highlights – Butch Beckham, Coach of the Year

Mr. Grusecki introduced Mr. Huber, Athletic Director to present an award to Butch Beckham. Mr. Huber highlighted on the Girls Basketball season. The girls took the NSL Championship for the first time in AE history. 2 time District Champs. The Associated Press named Mr. Butch Beckham Class D “Coach of the Year” for 2010.

Mr. Brandimore asked to move item 9.1 after item 6 as Mr. Dewey and Mr. Curtis are visiting 3 districts this evening to present the BAISD budget. In addition, add item 8.3 to Old Business, Atlanta - Fairview Co-op.

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1. Minutes
- 5.2. Bills

Marjorie Lockwood moved to accept the consent agenda as amended. Kathy Clark supported. All in favor. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Administrative Reports

- 7.1. William Grusecki, Superintendent

**Budget update:** You were sent a spreadsheet with an attachment with your weekly “Eagle Eyes” correspondence. This is a projection as to what our budget may look like for next year based on assumptions. We have provided a best, moderate and worst case scenario based on these assumptions. In all cases, we will have to make serious adjustments to have a balanced budget for the 2010-2011 school years. Everything is on the table and we will be looking to save dollars from everywhere. We are still working on making adjustments in the 2009-2010 budgets and hope to have more solid figures for that at the May Board meeting. **This issue is under Old Business on our agenda.**

**Authorization to issue lay-off notices:** Included in your Board packet was my recommendation to issue potential lay-offs for the 2010-2011 school year. We have a preliminary schedule done and we can get by with less staff, unless our number of students grows. Our enrollment is up from our fall count, but who knows where that may wind up. **This issue is also under Old Business on our agenda.**

**Negotiations:** We would like to meet as soon as possible with the teachers to set up a tentative schedule. I will have some possible dates for committee members at Monday's meeting. Non-certified will begin on May 6 at 4:00 p.m. with the non-certified unit.

**North Star League update:** North Star member's schools as of Friday, April 9 have voted 6-0 in favor of the request by Atlanta and Fairview to run cooperative programs in track and football. Atlanta athletes will run track in Fairview and Fairview athletes will play football in Atlanta. **We need to take action on this at our meeting** and the recommendation of Mr. Huber and me is to support the request. AuGres is the other school to vote, and they will do that at their next meeting. There is already a majority supporting the move, so it is a done deal. **This has been added to the agenda as 8.3 for Old Business.**

**Buses:** Our buses were vandalized over the Easter weekend by being spray painted on the sides, back and hoods. Luckily, there was no other damage done to the buses. We did report the incident to the Sheriff's Department and there was some painting done elsewhere in town and in the village of Sterling. The buses were cleaned up on Monday morning so we could operate as usual on Tuesday.

**Legislative updates:** Legislature has been out for two weeks and will not be back in session before our meeting. Word out of Lansing is that the retirement incentive is out there, but the multiplier is being left out and the stick is still there. There still may be something done prior to May 1, but we are planning that nothing will happen from their end.

**BAISD Budget:** Mr. Dewey will be at our meeting on Monday to present the ISD's budget. This is an action item and will need approval or disapproval on Monday. My experience has been that other districts have voted to wait until they have more information before voting yes or no. At this point of my time here, my recommendation would be to approve their budget and for us to continue to focus our efforts on the Arenac Eastern budget. **Action Item under New Business.**

**Neola Policies:** For those of you that are experienced board members, this is another of our necessary chores. Once we get our budget issues within reason, I will be putting a concerted effort into the area of policy revision and updates. Please contact me on Monday if you have any issues with this first reading. **Action Item under New Business.**

8. Old Business

8.1. Lay-off Notices

Dick Klender moved to approve the issuance of Lay-off Notices to Linda Hackelberg, Delbert LaPan, and Craig Hahn due budget constraints. Jerry Hollenbeck supported.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

8.2. Budget Update

Kathy Clark, Dick Klender, and Jerry Hollenbeck are members of the Finance Committee. 3 scenarios of projections for next year were created. Worst case, moderate case, and best case scenarios based on projections from the state. Each case will dip into the fund equity with the moderate and worst cases forcing the district to borrow in the 2011-12 school year to begin the year.

-Bids are being obtained for all insurances and propane

-Cut costs in any area possible

Mr. Grusecki is planning to present a Power Point on the districts finances for the public and board in the near future.

The board is very pleased with the new layout of the spread sheets. Much easier to follow.

8.3. Atlanta - Fairview Co-op

6 schools in the district have already approved this resolution. Atlanta athletes will have the opportunity to run track at Fairview. Fairview athletes will have the opportunity to play football at Atlanta.

Mr. Grusecki recommends the board to follow the rest of the league and vote this in. As someday we may need to visit this area for athletics.

Jerry Hollenbeck moved to approve a 2 year co-op program between Fairview and Atlanta School Districts. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

9. New Business

9.1. Mike Dewey, BAISD Superintendent – 2010-11 Budget

Mr. Dewey introduced Mr. Curtis to present the BAISD 2010-11 Proposed Budget. A packet was distributed to the members and public for review. Mr. Curtis highlighted on proposed Legislation.

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9.2. Neola Policies #5136 – 8315 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Dick Klender moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Neola Policies #5136-8315. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Library.

11. Adjournment

Dick Klender moved adjourn the regular meeting at 6:44 p.m. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor. Motion unanimously carried.

Sincerely,

Timothy Nelson  
Secretary, Board of Education