

**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, January 11, 2010.

Superintendent, Bill Grusecki called the organizational meeting to order at 5:53 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Dick Klender, Sue Wilson, Tim Nelson, Tom Brandimore, Kathleen Clark, Jerry Hollenbeck, Marjorie Lockwood

Members Absent: NONE

3. Pledge and Mission Statement

The pledge of allegiance and mission statement were recited.

4. Organization of the Board

4.1. Election of Officers

4.1.1. President

Nominations for President:

Dick Klender by Jerry Hollenbeck

Roll Call:

Ayes: Jerry Hollenbeck, Dick Klender

Nays: Marjorie Lockwood, Kathy Clark, Tom Brandimore,
Tim Nelson, Sue Wilson

Marjorie Lockwood by Tom Brandimore. Marjorie Lockwood declines.

Tom Brandimore by Marjorie Lockwood. Tom Brandimore declines.

Kathy Clark by Tom Brandimore. Kathy Clark declines.

Jerry Hollenbeck by Marjorie Lockwood. Jerry Hollenbeck declines.

Sue Wilson by Jerry Hollenbeck. Sue Wilson declines.

Tom Brandimore rescinds his decline.

Dick Klender moves to accept Tom Brandimore's decision to be nominated as President.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sue Wilson, Tim Nelson, Marjorie Lockwood,
Tom Brandimore, Kathy Clark

Nays: Dick Klender, Jerry Hollenbeck

Tom Brandimore – Arenac Eastern Board of Education President

4.1.2. Vice-President

Nominations for Vice President:

Dick Klender by Kathy Clark. Dick Klender declines.

Marjorie Lockwood by Tim Nelson.

Roll Call:

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

Marjorie Lockwood – Arenac Eastern Board of Education Vice President

4.1.3. Secretary

Nominations for Secretary:

Tim Nelson by Marjorie Lockwood.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Tim Nelson – Arenac Eastern Board of Education Secretary

4.1.4. Treasurer

Nominations for Treasurer:

Jerry Hollenbeck by Marjorie Lockwood. Jerry Hollenbeck declines.

Dick Klender by Marjorie Lockwood. Dick Klender declines.

Kathy Clark by Marjorie Lockwood.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Kathy Clark – Arenac Eastern Board of Education Treasurer.

4.2. Establishing the time, dates, location for the regular meetings

Dick Klender moved to establish the regular board meetings for the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Marjorie Lockwood supported. Meetings will be held in the MS/HS Library. All in favor. Motion carries.

Marjorie Lockwood moves to accept the Annual Resolutions with no changes.
Tim Nelson supported.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

4.3. Annual Resolutions

4.3.1. Financial Institution: Huron Community Bank, Bank of New York
Huron Community Bank and Bank of New York as Arenac Eastern
School District's financial institutions.

4.3.2. Legal Counsel: Thrun Law Firm, PC
Thrun Law Firm as the district's legal counsel.

4.3.3. Designee for persons to sign checks, contracts, agreements, and purchase
orders
Designate the Superintendent.

4.3.4. Designate an administrator to assume specified responsibilities of the
Treasurer and/or of the Secretary
Designate the Superintendent.

4.3.5. Designate fee charged to individuals to persons who request notice of
Board Meetings
No cost for the agenda, but provide the district with self addressed
stamped envelopes for agendas to be mailed.

Jerry Hollenbeck asked that all existing committee members resign from
the committees served to start with fresh committees.

All members resigned and volunteered to serve on the following
committees:

Finance: Jerry Hollenbeck, Kathy Clark, Dick Klender

Negotiations: Dick Klender, Sue Wilson, Marjorie Lockwood, Jerry
Hollenbeck

Curriculum: Sue Wilson, Tom Brandimore, Marjorie Lockwood

Building and Site: Tim Nelson, Jerry Hollenbeck, Kathy Clark

4.3.6. Designate a day for regular study sessions of the board.
Designate the 4th Monday of each month at
6:00 p.m. as needed.

4.3.7 Continuation under School of Choice 105 &105C
Continuation under School of Choice 105 & 105C.

Dick Klender moved to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 6:18 p.m. Marjorie Lockwood supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

Tom Brandimore, President called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Brandimore requested to amend the agenda to revisit the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) as Old Business and Consolidation of Services Plan to New Business.

5. Public Comment

Sis Rittenberg- Asked that Committee and Meeting notices be posted in the Elementary as well as the posting in the MS/HS. Mr. Grusecki assured Mrs. Rittenberg that notices will be posted in both Teacher Workrooms and in both showcases in the MS/HS and Elementary.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1. Minutes

6.2. Bills

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

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Bill Grusecki, Superintendent

-Mr. Grusecki would like to add "Positive Highlights" to the agenda and invite groups (Girl's Basketball, Knowledge Bowl, etc.) to share positive highlights with the Board.

-Mr. Grusecki also informed the board of the accident that occurred on school property early Monday morning, Jan. 11th.

Legislative Report

Superintendent's Roundtable from Friday, Jan. 8 @ BAISD. Word from Lansing is that there will not be any other pro-rated cut for the 2009-2010 school years. **Next year, not so lucky.**

2010-2011 cuts could match this years cut of \$165.00 plus a figure that could equal a total projected cut of up to \$500 per student. This is projected with the funding system as is with no change in Proposal A. With our graduating class of 30 and bringing in 15 to 20 kindergarten students, the potential loss of revenue is as follows:

Student count of 255 (K-12 for 2010-2011) @ full foundation grant equals
\$1,865,580.

For 2010-2011 we are projecting approx. 15 fewer students- That is a potential loss of **(\$109,740)**

For the student count of 255 @ 6816.00 per student. \$7316 minus \$500 equals **\$1,738,080.**
\$1,865,580 minus \$1,738,080 equals a **Potential cut of (\$127,500)**

Total potential loss of revenue for 2010-2011 - \$109,740 plus \$127,500 equals **(\$237,240.)**

****The above are projected figures based on information as of Jan. 8, 2010*** other figures to project are step increases, insurance costs, retirement, etc.**

8.1 Other Requirements

Service Consolidation Plan – Encourage districts to reduce school operating costs by considering consolidation of services. This will allow us flexibility with our Section 22 B monies (approx. \$40,000) that we are receiving through the pre-school program. Basically, the cut this year for us is \$44,500. We are receiving \$40,000. We are already doing some sharing with AGS this year as well as some of the services that we use through the ISD. We need to sign the form and adopt the resolution before Feb. 1.

8.2 Other Comments

- **Budget: Number one priority!** I have scheduled our Title I rep for a visit to go through all of our programs and funding to help bring me up to speed. Insurances and all other expenditures are being checked and gone over with our bookkeeper. Reports on all of these will be made to you as soon as possible. Finance committee meeting will be needed after revenue conference to determine plan of action.
- **Tribal grants:** The wireless system is now being installed, the radio system is done, and the laptops have arrived and Monica is working on those. We are finalizing our furniture order which will complete our round of grants from this fall. Next round of grants are due by March 31. Potential projects are: Making bleachers ADA approved, updating teacher computers, etc.
- **Physical Plant:** The ISD has moved out of the building out back and we are in the process of fixing up a couple of things at their expense. I have asked Mark to winterize that building and that has been completed.
- **Staff:** I am getting to know all of the staff and have informed them of what my expectations are. We are conducting weekly building meetings (K-5 and 6-12) and a monthly K12 meeting. Feb. 1 is a PD day at Bay City Western and we are sharing one of our buses with the AuGres staff due to the fact that parking is an issue there. I will be conducting informal “visitations” right away followed by formal evaluations according to the teacher contract. Non-tenured staff need to have theirs completed by March 1, so that is a priority.
- **Negotiations:** Met with Dave Sevener and he gave me the information he had with regard to contract issues. We will need to get a negotiations committed together to get going on this right away. I have contacted MEBS to set up meeting with them to go over insurance information.
- **Technology:** I mentioned above about the new technology going on. We also have issues with our e-mail service and its inconsistencies. There are issues with Netware and server issues. We will be working with Monica and the ISD to look at a web-based e-mail system.
- **General:** It has been quite busy with everything, but enjoyable. The two secretaries are great and very helpful and knowledgeable. It’s great to be back after a 35 year absence. We have very challenging times ahead and tough decisions to make. It is imperative that we work together for the sake of our students.

8. Old Business

8.1 Race to the Top MOU

Dick Klender moved to not become a participant of the Race to the Top. Jerry Hollenbeck supported. Board discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

9. New Business

9.1 Consolidation of Service Plan Resolution

Dick Klender moves to table the Consolidation of Service Plan Resolution.
Sue Wilson supported.

Dick Klender directs Superintendent to call a Special Meeting to revisit the
Consolidation of Service Plan Resolution.

Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Brandimore read a letter received from MASB commending our school
as the Bronze Award Winner for High School Academic Achievement.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is Monday, February 8, 2010 in the MS/HS Library.

11. Adjournment

Dick Klender moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:55 p.m. Marjorie Lockwood
supported. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Nelson
Secretary, Board of Education