

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

DECEMBER, 2015

Members Present: Joseph M. Kovalcin, Don Yontosh, Melvin Smeal, Larry Allen, Robert Seprish, Chad Diviney, Christina Brown,

Members Absent: Paul Carr

Media Present: Tyler Kolesar, The Progress News

Administration Present: Joseph Holenchik, Mark Mitchell, Allison Koleno, David Williamson, David Williamson

Others Present: Kasi Woodring, Michelle Guerra, Holly Walker, Kim Galley

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Chad Diviney nominated Mr. Melvin Smeal for Temporary President.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to close nominations. Mr. Larry Allen, seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mr. Diviney—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes. 7—yes; 0—no.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Smeal as the Temporary President.

Board President

Mr. Don Yontosh nominated Mr. Joe Kovalcin for Board President.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to close nominations. Mr. Robert Seprish, seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to elect Mr. Joe Kovalcin as Board President. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Board Vice President

Mr. Don Yontosh nominated Mr. Larry Allen for Board Vice President.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to close nominations. Mr. Chad Diviney, seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to elect Mr. Larry Allen as Board Vice President. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Smeal turned the meeting over to Mr. Kovalcin.

CIU #10 Representative / Alternate

Mr. Joe Kovalcin, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Melvin Smeal as CIU #10 Representative. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Joe Kovalcin, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Christina Brown as CIU #10 Representative Alternate. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

CCCTC Representative / Alternate

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Larry Allen as CCCTC Representative. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Joe Kovalcin as CCCTC Representative Alternate. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

PSBA Liaison

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Joe Kovalcin as PSBA Liaison. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

BOARD

2016
Meeting
Dates

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the 2015 School Board Meeting Calendar. Mr. Chad Diviney seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

PERSONNEL

B. Spencer
Retirement

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the retirement of Barbara Spencer, effective December 31, 2015. Mr. Chad Diviney seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

E. Johnson
Sub

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Erin Johnson to serve as long term substitute teacher for Barb Spencer (retirement) effective January 4, 2015. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

S. House
Unpaid
Leave

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Shelley Houser unpaid leave until August 1, 2016. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Yontosh asked if the Administration was ok with this request. Mrs. Dutrow replied that the Administration approves this request; a conversation has been held with Mrs. Houser and she must decide if she is returning to work or resigning from her position by August 1, 2016.

D. Hudish
Custodian

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Deb Hudish as custodian to the District, effective December 3, 2015 (Mrs. Hudish will be replacing Wendy Sabol, due to resignation, October 26, 2015 board agenda, personnel #2). Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

K. Galley
Instructional
Para

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Kim Galley as Instructional Paraprofessional to the District, effective December 3, 2015. (Mrs. Galley will be replacing Samantha Lannen, due to resignation, November 23, 2015 board agenda, personnel #2) Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

Volunteers

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Robin Marshall as a volunteer to the District, all paperwork has been received. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

POLICY

2nd Reading Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the 2nd reading of the following policies:

1. 115—Career & Technical Education
2. 317—Conduct / Disciplinary Procedures
3. 806—Child Abuse
4. 824—Maintaining Professional Adult / Student Boundaries
5. 916--Volunteers

Mr. Chad Diviney seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Payment of Mr. Melvin Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the payment of
Bills thru bills thru the end of December 2015. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it
12/31 was carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Kovalcin asked for volunteers to serve on the Board Negotiation committee. Mr. Kovalcin, Mr. Yontosh and Mr. Smeal will serve as representatives for the Negotiation committee.

Mr. Kovalcin asked for volunteers to serve on the Board Finance committee. Mr. Kovalcin, Mr. Yontosh, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Carr will serve as representatives for the Board Finance committee.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to declare the Region III board seat vacant and to advertise for the seat. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Diviney asked Mr. McMillen questions regarding the budget process and how we are going to form a 2016-17 budget without the a current state budget. He also asked how much money we could look to receive once the budget is passed. Mr. McMillen replied that he would anticipate that the District would see some type of increase in its state allocation, however, the new budget will be built at this time based on last years figures. Mrs. Dutrow said the District will continue to use the WADM formula to allocate funds for the elementary and secondary building budgets. She further indicated that small increases have been calculated into each of the departments/building budgets for 2016-17 and will be adjusted accordingly once the 2015-16 state budget is passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 7:29 p.m. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Kasi Woodring
Secretary to the Board of Education