

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

APRIL 27, 2002

Members Present: Bob Seprish, Paul Carr, Melvin Smeal, Don Yontosh, Larry Allen, Chad Diviney, Tom Veres, Christina Brown, Jim Emigh

Members Absent:

Media Present: Tyler Kolesar, The Progress News

Administration Present: Michelle Dutrow, David Catherman, JR Holenchik, Erick Johnston, Nik Bisko, Allison Koleno, Mark Mitchell, David Williamson

Others Present: Kasi Woodring, Stephanie Russel, Karen Krise

OPENING EXERCISES

The meeting was held via Zoom platform due to COVID-19. The March 23, 2020 Board Meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19. President Chad Diviney called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. All present were asked to Stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the meeting minutes from February 24, 2020. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

CIU:

- Mr. Carr discussed that the last two CIU meetings held voting items regarding policy, contracts, paying of bills, approving budgets, approval of the Comp. Plan and changes to van transportation.

CCCTC:

- The March meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

PSBA:

- Mr. Diviney announced that he would be compiling a report to send to the board members.

BOARD

Board Policy Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve to temporarily suspend all language in Board Policy 006 & 006.1 requiring or otherwise indicating that a majority of Board members must be physically present at a Board meeting when participation of any Board member occurs via electronic means and further suspending the requirement for 3 days' advance written notice of electronic participation, due to the extraordinary circumstances and recommended precautions arising as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, with said action to be made effective immediately, and to remain in effect until further notice (Senate Bill PA Senate Bill 841). Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

PERSONNEL

District
Summer
Hours

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve District Summer Hours of Operation using a four (4) day work week, June 8, 2020 to August 10, 2020. Staff will increase hours to accommodate a shortened work week. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Carr questioned the posting of summer office hours. He said that he received complaints that the hours were not posted last summer. Mrs. Dutrow indicated that the offices are open to the public during regular business hours Monday through Thursday. In the event that one of the offices is closed on a given day, Mrs. Dutrow shared that a sign directing public to another office is posted in advance. Mrs. Dutrow stated that Administration and office staff will continue to post hours and further will include hours on the District website.

Summer
Staff

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Summer Staff:

Nurse: 5 days maximum (Briskar - \$1,418)
Elem. Guidance: 12 days maximum (Graboski - \$3,351.20)
MS / HS Guidance: 12 days maximum (Porter - \$3,653.33; Hubler - \$4,692.67)
Literacy / Parent Engagement: 7 days maximum (A. White - \$2,060.45 funding stream – TITLE I)
Librarian / Clerk: 5 days maximum (J. White - \$1,672.50; Folmar - \$595)
Technology Para: 5 days maximum (Petriskey - \$565)

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Carr asked if these individuals would be paid if we are not open for business due to COVID-19. Mrs. Dutrow responded that the School Counselors and School Nurse would still need to work select days as essential employees to complete end of year and beginning of year paperwork requirements. All others would be contingent on our ability to “reopen”.

ESY

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following ESY Staff:

- Casey Lindstrom, Erin Johnson, Sherri McGarvey, Mark Norris as Extended School Year Teachers at the contracted rate of \$24/hr., for the 2019—2020 school year.
- Amanda Harris as Extended School Year Speech Therapist at the contracted rate of \$24/hr., for the 2019—2020 school year.
- Amasa Gillingham as Extended School Year Nurse at her current contracted rate, for the 2019—2020 school year.
- Tina Kolesar, Brenda Hubler, Deanna Clinger and Melissa Yontosh as Extended School Year Classroom Paraprofessionals at their respective current contracted rate, for the 2019—2020 school year.
- Danielle Gregory as Extended School Year Speech Teacher Substitute, as needed, at the contracted rate of \$24/hr., for the 2019—2020 school year.

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Carr asked if the Extended School Year staff would be paid even if the program was cancelled due to COVID-19. Mrs. Dutrow responded that the District legally must offer the program regardless of our closure status. If the District remains closed, the services would be delivered via a remote program. If this is the case, ESY Teachers would still be paid for working with eligible students.

Volunteers Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Carolyn Smeal, Mike Wood and Jon Bell as volunteers to the District, all paperwork has been received. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

EDUCATION

380-20 Charter Funding Reform Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resolution number 380–20 regarding Charter School Funding Reform. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Spec. Ed. Comp. Plan Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Special Education Plan Report as part of the Comprehensive Plan. (Plan effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023). Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Graduation Requirements Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the graduation requirements for the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

Elimination - resume letter
cover letter
mock interview
post-secondary presentation

Modification - community service project hours (select students)

Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Carr asked how many students did not have to complete their community service project hours due to procrastination. Mrs. Dutrow clarified that the students had until the end of May to complete the required hours. She further clarified that while the number of students was five to seven, all students still had to complete a given number of hours. Those students were provided with reasonable and safe activities that could be completed during the period of closure.

Books Surplus Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to declare the following books surplus:

Your Health; Harcourt Brace, ISBN: 0-15-310143-1, 1999; 25 copies
Everyday Spelling; Scott Foresman, ISBN: 0-328-22302-6, 2008; 23 copies
Merriam Webster Elementary Dictionary; Merriam Webster, ISBN: 978-0-87779-675-6, 2009; 21 copies
English; Houghton Mifflin, ISBN: 0-618-31001-0, 2004; 26 copies
Math; Harcourt, ISBN: 0-15-320749-3, 2002; 26 copies

Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Revised
School
Calendar

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve to revise the school calendar for the 2019 – 2020 school year to reflect changes necessitated by the COVID-19 school closure. (174 student days / 182 teacher days). Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Veres requested an explanation on the changes made to the school calendar. Mrs. Dutrow explained how the new number of student and teacher days were calculated as a result school closure.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

McClure

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the proposal from McClure for a research and development study of our domestic hot water issue at the high school at a cost not to exceed \$9,900. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Carr questioned where in the facility we had the issue with hot water as the proposal only mentioned the Administrative Wing. Mrs. Dutrow clarified that the issue impacts both the Administrative Wing and the High School. When the issue is rectified in one area, it creates a lack of hot water in another area. Mr. Veres asked if the water was on a loop system and Mr. Catherman stated that type of system does contribute to the issue. Various Board members had conversation regarding the extent of McClure's role in the High School renovation project. Mr. Catherman did confirm for the group that a part of the issue is that the blueprints do not match the actual plumbing layout. The study will assist in determining the discrepancies and underlying issue.

POLICY

2nd Reading

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the second readings of the following policies:

- Attachment 220: Student Expression / Distribution and Posting of Materials
- Policy 222: Tobacco and Vaping Products – Pupils
- Policy 323: Tobacco and Vaping Products – Employees
- Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel
- Policy 904: Public Attendance at School Events

Mr. Jim Emigh seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

TRANSPORTATION AND ATHLETICS

Fall Head
Coaches

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Administrative Recommendation to retain the Fall Head Coaches and paid coaching staffs:

- Soccer: **Angie Fenush**, Alicia Lutz

T. Smeal Asst
FB Coach

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Res. D.
Catanzaro

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Terry Smeal as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Res. Kara
McGarry

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of David Catanzaro, Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, effective March 11, 2020. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Head Jr. High
Girls Soccer

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Kara McGarry, JV Cheerleading Coach, effective March 12, 2020. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Res. A. Taylor

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the administrative recommendation to open and advertise for the position of Head Jr. High Girls Soccer coach. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

MOU Longs

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Andrew Taylor, Assistant Jr. High Girls Soccer Coach, effective April 17, 2020. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

MOU Sones

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Long Motor Bus regarding COVID-19 safe opening and operation of buildings and facilities. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

MOU R&A

Mr. Carr indicated he had not received the three transportation MOU's and questioned if he was overlooking them in the packet. Mrs. Dutrow apologized for the oversight and indicated that they would be sent out to all board members the next day.

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Sones Transportation regarding COVID-19 safe opening and operation of buildings and facilities. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Diviney reminded the Board members that this MOU was one of the three missing as mentioned above and that Administration would send out a copy the following day.

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with R&A Transportation regarding COVID-19 safe opening and operation of buildings and facilities. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Diviney reminded the Board members that this MOU was one of the three missing as mentioned above and that Administration would send out a copy the following day.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Disbursements

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motion:

Disbursements from March / April 2020:

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| \$103,321.71 | Cafeteria Account | checks 4407 through 4412 |
| \$2,036,207.26 | General Account | checks 53551 through 53750 (not including checks 53554, 53665, 53678, 53680, 53690, 53705, 53707) |
| \$2,139,528.97 | GRAND TOTAL | |

Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motion:

Disbursements from March / April 2020:

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| \$12,371.40 | General Account | checks 53554, 53665, 53678, 53680, 53690, 53705, 53707 |
| \$12,371.40 | GRAND TOTAL | |

Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-0-1. Mr. Carr abstained from voting due to vendor being a sibling. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – abstention; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 7 – yes; 0 – no; 1 – abstention.

Treasurers Report / Activity Acct.

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Treasurers Report for February and March 2020. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Activity Account for February and March 2020. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

CIU#10 Budget

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Central Intermediate Unit #10 2020 – 2021 General Operating Budget. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

New Drivers
Ed Car

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to defer to trade-in the district's driver's education vehicle, a 2018 Chevy Impala, for a used 2017 Hyundai Elantra, from Murray's Ford Lincoln with a receipt of \$1,086 prior to title fees. (Due to instructional safety issues). Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it deferred with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Veres asked for an explanation of this request. Mrs. Dutrow shared the concern of the Driver Education instructors about the blind spot issue in the current vehicle. Mr. Carr reminded the group that he previously recommended a minivan. Due to Mr. Johnston experiencing difficulty with his zoom audio, the conversation could not be completed and it then was deferred to the May meeting.

A la Carte
Pricing

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the revised a la carte pricing list for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-1-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – no; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 7 – yes; 1 – no.

TNG
Employee
Payment
Increase

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the recommendation to increase employee payment with The Nutrition Group during school closure (2 employees increase of \$2.00 per hour) retroactive to March 16, 2020 for the COVID-19 feeding program. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 6-2-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – no; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – no; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 6 – yes; 2 – no.

Mr. Carr indicated that he believed the school district should not assume responsibility for the increased hourly rate for the two TNG employees. He stated that it was TNG's responsibility to pay their employees. Mrs. Dutrow contended that she did believe it was the school district's responsibility because the two TNG employees declined to apply for unemployment so that they might assist the school district in feeding the children of the community. Mrs. Dutrow further stated that these ladies were suffering a financial loss at this time and she strongly supported the school district compensating them for their commitment to the COVID-19 feeding program.

Food
Service
Management

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Food Service Management contract to The Nutrition Group for the 2020—2021 school year, with three (3) remaining one-year renewal options upon mutual agreement of parties. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-1-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – no; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 7 – yes; 1 – no.

Spyglass

Mr. Robert Seprish, in the form of a motion, recommended to defer the District to contract with Spyglass Group, LLC to audit the district's telecommunications accounts (internet and phone invoices). Cost to district is a percentage of savings realized. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Carr asked if there was a contract for the audit. Due to Mr. Johnston having technical difficulties with his zoom audio, the conversation could not be completed and it then was deferred to the May meeting.

ADDENDUM

Ret. G.
Hubler

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the retirement of Greg Hubler, Technology Instructional Coach, effective June 30, 2020. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

Mr. Carr asked if Mr. Hubler would be receiving retirement benefits as per the contract even though he had submitted a late letter of intent. Mrs. Dutrow clarified that Mr. Hubler is not eligible to retirement benefits due to his years of service as per the contract.

Stadium
Project

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the restructuring the Stadium Project into two phases for the purpose of seeking bids and/or construction. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-1-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – no; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 7 – yes; 1 – no.

Mr. Veres stated that due to the current state financial situation and the ongoing pandemic, that the district should pursue the project in more than two phases. Mrs. Dutrow reminded Mr. Veres that regardless of the number of phases contained in the bid, the Board of Directors would still have the right to reject all or parts of bids. Mr. Carr requested that the bid process include stand alone pricing for various project options.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Veres inquired why the bills reflected a payment to an attorney other than the district solicitor. The Administration clarified that it was a personnel employment matter around garnished wages.

Mr. Carr inquired why the school district didn't own an audio video recording system that could be used for meetings. Mrs. Dutrow confirmed that the school district did receive this equipment in a recent grant award and that the equipment would be arriving soon. Mr. Carr suggested that the district consider buying a second system as a backup. Mrs. Dutrow indicated that she did not feel that additional expense was necessary due to the anticipated limited use of the equipment.

Mrs. Brown took the opportunity to compliment the administration on their professional handling of the school district during the COVID-19 pandemic to date. Mr. Diviney echoed Mrs. Brown's comments and further complimented the employees of the school district for stepping up to do whatever is necessary at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 7:58 p.m. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Kasi Woodring
Secretary to the Board of Education