

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Of Tuesday, March 9, 2004
At Prairieview School

- Call to Order and Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present: DeRuiter, Eberhart, James, Vassalla, Marchigiani, Grimmer, Superintendent Tiede, Principals Smith, Schultz, Windsor and Assistant Principal Rice Absent: Edwards
- Reception of Visitors Tom Tedeschi, Bob Hodac, Brian Ohlsen, Tina Jones, Tony & Diane Hundseher, Jocelyn David, Doris Kaspar, Rob Wynn, Pat Romaniszak, Kate Nikiel, Kim Froats, Terese Nowakowski, Cynthia and David Mojica, Diane Foernssler, Cindy and Joe Nagle, Therese and Ed Kopytko, Liz and Bob Koch, Theresa Herstowski, Vicky Cavanaugh, Mary Carioscia, Mary and Phil Testa, Jeanette Burton, Tom and Debbie Mikols, Carrie Marano, Kathleen Eterno, Pat Tanar, Gary Donar, Ellen Barton, Barb and Chris Banach, and Pam and Stan Mazurek.
- Recognition of Solo Contest Finalists Mr. Tedeschi, Mr. Hodac and Mr. Ohlsen presented certificates to those students who earned a perfect score at the District solo contest. Dr. Tiede congratulated all of these students on a job well done.
- Additions to Agenda None
- Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Dr. Marchigiani and seconded by Mrs. DeRuiter to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2004 and February 24, 2004 regular session. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: Eberhart, Vassalla, James, Marchigiani, DeRuiter, Grimmer
OPPOSED: None
- Consent Agenda A motion was made by Mr. Eberhart and seconded by Mrs. James to approve consent agenda item A and B.
- a. Financial Affairs
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| 02/27/04 Payroll - | \$189,877.31 |
| 02/27/04 Accts Payable Payroll - | \$106,298.92 |
| 02/26/04 Accts Payable | \$ 315.00 |
| 02/26/04 Accts Payable | \$416,535.00 |
| 03/05/04 Accts Payable | \$ 2,470.58 |
| 03/09/04 Accts Payable | \$ 85,153.41 |
| 03/09/04 Accts Payable | \$ 47,947.18 |
- b. SASSED Transportation Contract - See Memo #148

A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: Marchigiani, DeRuiter, Eberhart, Vassalla, James, Grimmer OPPOSED: None

LEND Seminar	Dr. Tiede updated the Board on the recent LEND Seminar that he and Mrs. DeRuiter attended. Mrs. DeRuiter disbursed information packets to the Board of Education.
House Appropriations Committee Testimony	Superintendent Tiede informed Board Members of his testimony before the House Appropriations Committee on March 2, 2004.
Budget Update	Dr. Tiede stated since there has not been any drastic changes or new information on the budget the presentation will be postponed until the next meeting.
Compensation Committee	Dr. Tiede advised that the Compensation Committee intends on meeting March 16, 2004 and April 20, 2004 from 3-7 p.m.
Arbitration Session	Dr. Tiede informed the Board of Education the Arbitration Session has been confirmed for March 25, 2004 at Prairieview School and Board members will not be required to attend until after lunch.
Policy	<p>The following policies were presented for 2nd reading and approval: 4:10, 4:20, 4:30, 4:40, 4:45, 4:45-R, 4:50, 4:60, 4:60-R, 4:70, 4:80, 4:90, 4:90-R, 4:100, 4:100-R, 4:110, 4:110-R2, 4:120, 4:120-R, 4:130, 4:140, 4:140-R, 4:140E1-E4, 4:150, 4:160, 4:160-R, 4:170, 4:170-R1, 4:170-R2, 4:170-E.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Eberhart and seconded by Mrs. James to approve the policies as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: DeRuiter, James, Vassalla, Eberhart, Marchigiani, Grimmer OPPOSED: None</p>
2004-2005 Calendar	Dr. Tiede discussed the 2004-2005 calendar with the Board. This calendar has teacher institute on August 25 th and August 26 th . Students will be returning for Open House on August 27 th with the first full-day of school on Monday, August 30, 2004. A motion was made by Mrs. James and seconded by Dr. Marchigiani to approve the school calendar as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: Marchigiani, Vassalla, James, DeRuiter, Eberhart, Grimmer OPPOSED: None

School Fees 2004-2005

Superintendent Tiede reviewed the neighboring districts fees and also the Center Cass District #66 consumable book fees. The Board of Education requested the neighboring districts fees be added together for comparison. The Board stated the District's fees must cover at least the consumable book fee costs. Dr. Tiede will revise the neighboring districts fee chart and present at our next meeting.

Summer School

Dr. Tiede recommended the removal of the remedial classes from the summer school program for grades 3-8. Dr. Tiede explained the rationale is based on the success of our "Homework Club" and other tutoring programs during the school year. He also stated many of the children are not able to attend the summer session due to lack of transportation.

Auditor Bids

Superintendent Tiede recommended the Board of Education approve the auditor quotes from Bark and Associates for 2004 - 2006.

A motion was made by Mr. Vassalla and seconded by Mrs. James to accept the bids for audit services as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: Marchigiani, Vassalla, DeRuiter, Eberhart, James, Grimmer OPPOSED: None

Transportation Bids

Dr. Tiede explained the bus bids that were received on March 5, 2004. While 5 transportation companies attended the pre-bid meeting, only 2 bids were received. The other 3 companies provided a letter of refusal to bid. Dr. Tiede presented a letter from Legat Architects to provide a bus storage facility at Elizabeth Ide School. The bid was for \$62,000 however, Dr. Tiede felt the final cost would probably range from \$90,000 to \$100,000. Dr. Tiede will obtain another opinion next week. He advised the Board of Education that another issue could be the Darien Zoning Code. Superintendent Tiede stated a brief executive session would be held to discuss the transportation situation.

Public Hearing

Questions were asked by the audience regarding the transportation situation and fleet storage facility. Dr. Tiede updated the audience and answered all questions of concern. Mrs. Grimmer stated the Board hopes to take formal action at the March 23, 2004 meeting.

Old Business

Superintendent Tiede advised the Board of Education that the Prairieview gutters are to be repaired on Thursday and Friday (March 11, 12, 2004).

Dr. Tiede informed the Board of Education that the Athletic Conference is recommending our football program go from flag to tackle football. A vote will be taken on Monday, March 15, 2004. Dr. Tiede will check with our insurance agent regarding liability insurance.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. James and seconded by Mr. Vassalla to adjourn to executive session at 8:25 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: Eberhart, Marchigiani, Vassalla, DeRuiter, James, Grimmer OPPOSED: None

Regular Session

A motion was made by Dr. Marchigiani and seconded by Mrs. DeRuiter to return to regular session at 8:55 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: DeRuiter, Eberhart, Vassalla, Marchigiani, James, Grimmer OPPOSED: None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Eberhart and seconded by Mrs. James to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: Marchigiani, Vassalla, James, Eberhart, DeRuiter, Grimmer OPPOSED: None

Respectfully submitted,

Sue James,
Secretary

ACCEPTED:

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_____, Eberhart

_____, Vassalla

_____, DeRuiter

_____, Grimmer