

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JULY 6, 2009**

Superintendent Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 6 members present:

Tom Dean	Bill Burger	Merry Maiani	
Tim Scherer	Dave Harned	Ron Duquette	Paull Fry-absent

Administrators present: Kevin Murphy Matt Lewis

Citizens present: Stan Gardner Gail Harned Resorter/C Holliday

Citizen's comments: None

Organizational meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

-Motion to nominate Dave Harned for the office of President by Duquette, supported by Maiani. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

-Motion to nominate Tom Dean for the office of Vice President by Harned, supported by Maiani. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

-Motion to nominate Merry Maiani for the office of Secretary by Duquette, supported by Burger. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

-Motion to nominate Bill Burger for the office of Treasurer by Maiani, supported by Duquette. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

2009-1010 Committees:

Sexual Harassment, Intimidation and Civil Rights Complaints-
Member: Merry Maiani

Alternate: Bill Burger

Curriculum Committee-
Member: Merry Maiani

Alternate: Paull Fry

Grievance Officer-
Members: Tom Dean, Merry Maiani, Bill Burger

Alternate: Ron Duquette

Finance Committee-
Members: Tom Dean, Ron Duquette, Tim Scherer

Alternate: Paull Fry

Bargaining Committee-
Members: Tom Dean, Tim Scherer, Ron Duquette

Alternate: Paull Fry

Policy Committee-
Members: Tim Scherer, Bill Burger, Dave Harned

Technology Committee-
Members: Merry Maiani, Tim Scherer, Tom Dean

Booster Club Committee-

Members: Dave Harned, Tom Dean, Ron Duquette

Bond Committee-

Members: Tom Dean, Dave Harned, Tim Scherer Alternate: Ron Duquette
(meetings on the 2nd Monday @ 4:30 p.m.)

Schools adopted by Board Members

Collins Elementary K-3	Tom Dean and Paull Fry
Middle School 4-7	Paull Fry and Dave Harned
High School 8-12	Merry Maiani and Bill Burger
Adult/Community Ed	Tim Scherer, Tom Dean, Dave Harned, Ron Duquette

Medical Facility – Motion by Duquette to use the same facility as last year, supported by Maiani, all in favor, motion carried 6-0.

Depository – same as last year. Signatories same as last year – Superintendent, Business Manager, Board Secretary and Board President. The Maintenance & Repair account requires board action. Banks are: Chase, Northwestern Bank, Byron, Independent Bank, Mercantile, Fifth Third, Chemical, CDARS Program, Bank of New York.

Audit Firm – same as last year. Matt is ok with the firm we are using, but is not satisfied with the price. The auditors will be making a better offer. We will be taking bids for next year.

Meeting schedule- Discussion on not having a work session next July – start with the organizational meeting. 1st and 3rd Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. Have Evelyn put together the dates and vote/approve at the next meeting. Check into facility use prior to setting the schedule so there are no conflicts as in the past.

Superintendent's Report –

HS Principal interviews 7/8/09. 25 staff/student committee members. 6 strong candidates. Students led by Susan Tyer, HS staff led by Pam Akin, parents/administrators by Sue Milner. 1.5 hour for first 3 interviews, lunch, dialog – next 3 interviews, brief afterwards, narrow down to 2-3 to come back on Thursday a.m. He will make a recommendation to the board on the 20th. If not satisfied, we will not settle.

Business Manager's Report-

Interviewing for the Tech Director position. Had 3 applicants, will have 2 interviews. Interview team consists of Mark Washington, Rhonda Whitlock, Kevin Murphy and Matt Lewis.

Negotiations – met with teachers on Thursday.

Chartwells Kiosk – Federally reimbursed meals for after school hours, and during events. Will cost approximately \$30,000 upfront. We will be the second school in the state using this program (E. Grand Rapids). Will act as a service to students, as well as generate revenue. Chartwells will track the free & reduced numbers. This will help use some of the surplus funds in the Food Service account.

Discussion items –

Second reading of Collins Elementary 2009-1010 Student Handbook - Motion by Duquette to approve the handbook as presented, supported by Scherer, all in favor, motion carried 6-0.

Bud Bash parking – Dave Harned voiced his opposition. He feels it would send a bad message to the students. SADD group is opposed. Does not want to endorse this event by allowing groups to charge for parking on the school grounds. Merry Maiani understands the way Dave feels, on the other side, could this money be used to put textbooks in the classrooms?

Exploring time share – Met with Mrs. Wargo from Our Lady of the Lake. Interested in a job share for specials. It is too late for this school year. Needs to be in place before the September count. Will be approx. 1/6th FTE per child. Approx. 45 students – looking at approx. \$50,000. For future years they need to let us know in February. Kevin will contact them in January and let them know.

Discussion on changing the school board elections to November. Savings in the ballpark of \$12,000-\$15,000. We need 12 months notice. Matt Lewis is working on making this change. Will contact Thrun for further information.

Tom Dean showed an example of a list of goals set by the Kent City Community Schools BOE. Would like our board to look into coming up with something for our board. Could be a topic for a future board retreat.

Discussion on School Board classes in Lansing and Clare.

Motion by Duquette to go into closed session, supported by Scherer, all in favor, motion carried 6-0. Meeting went into closed session at 8:20 pm.

Signed,
Lynn Pope

9:20 p.m. - motion by Duquette; support by Maiani to come out of Closed Session; Motion carried 6-0

9:21 p.m. - motion by Duquette; support by Scherer to adjourn; Motion carried 6-0