

Beecher Community School District

A regular meeting of the Beecher Board of Education was held on March 4, 2015 in the Coates Administration Building Board Room, 1020 W. Coldwater Road, Flint, MI 48505 and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Vice President, Oceolar Denson Watson.

Member in attendance were: Joyce Jackson, LaSonya Larry, Reginald Mays, Mary Rankins, Marvin Smoot and Oceolar Denson Watson; Michele Loper was absent.

Ms. Watson asked board members and audience for a moment of silence in memory of Rebecca Turner, mother of Marcia Skinner (Dailey Teacher), who passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2015; Jacinta Quintanilla, mother of Sylvia Tinnin-Martin (Dailey Parapro), who passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2015; David Booth, brother of Mary Randle & Loraine Booth, who passed away on Wednesday, February 11, 2015; and Mrs. Lillie Neal, retired Beecher Community School District Teacher, who passed away on Monday, March 2, 2015.

Old Business

- A. Minutes of February 4, 2015 (Regular Meeting) – Board Secretary Smoot**
Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Mrs. Rankins to approve the Minutes of February 4, 2015 (Regular Meeting).

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

- B. Old Business – Board Members**

Mr. Mays – None

Ms. Larry – None

Ms. Jackson discussed the following: When the computers crashed, what other information was lost besides the theft information?

Mr. Smoot – None

Mrs. Rankins discussed the following: I still don't know who is handling our side of the property from the sale of the Buell property. Who are they and where are they involved in this?

Ms. Watson - None

New Business

- A. Public comments on agenda items only**

None

- B. Authorization for Payment of Bills – Board Treasurer Mays**

Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Mrs. Rankins to approve the Authorization for Payment of Bills totaling \$1,603,048.94 for the period ending March 4, 2015.

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All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

C. Business from Central Office/Informational Items – Dr. Talison, Superintendent

Dr. Talison asked for the following motions:

- 1) Motioned by Mrs. Rankins supported by Mr. Mays to accept the letter of resignation from Zena Franklin, 5th/6th grade teacher at Dailey Elementary, effective Friday, January 30, 2015.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

- 2) Motioned by Mrs. Rankins supported by Mr. Mays to accept the letter of resignation from Ashley Coolman, Math Teacher at Beecher Adult/Alternative Education, effective Friday, February 5, 2015.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

- 3) Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to accept the donation of \$1,000 to the Athletics Department from Nicole and Jeff Tate.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

- 4) Motioned by Mrs. Rankins supported by Mr. Smoot that Dr. Talison will see to it that the Athletic Director provides a breakdown on all sports activities and bring it back to the board.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson; Ms. Jackson voted no).

Motion carried.

Dr. Talison stated please note that the Beecher Early Head Start monthly reporting information for December 2014 & February 2015 is in your packet, which includes the Enrollment Counts, Home Visit Socialization Completion/Meal Counts, Financial Reports, Office of Head Start Communications, and Parent Policy Committee Meeting Agenda and Minutes.

D. Field Trip Approval

- 1) **21st Century After School Programs**

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- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve the 7th-12th grade field trip to Sea Life Aquarium in Auburn Hills, MI departing on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 3 PM and returning at approximately 7:15 PM. A tentative roster is attached with the final roster to be on file prior to departure.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Ms. Jackson to approve the 7th-12th grade field trip to Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, MI departing on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 3 PM and returning at approximately 7:15 PM. A tentative roster is attached with the final roster to be on file prior to departure.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to approve the 7th-12th grade field trip to Hitsville USA in Detroit, MI departing on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 3 PM and returning at approximately 7:15 PM. A tentative roster is attached with the final roster to be on file prior to departure.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

2) Tucker Elementary

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve the Tucker Elementary 6th grade field trip to the Field Museum in Chicago, IL and the Old Country Buffet in Michigan City, IN departing on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7 AM and returning at approximately 11:30 PM. A tentative roster is attached with the final roster to be on file prior to departure.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

E. GISD 2015-2016 Annual Budget Delegate and Alternate Appointment

Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to appoint Mr. Mays as the delegate and Ms. Larry as the alternate to attend the 2015-2016 Annual Budget Meeting of the Genesee Intermediate School District at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

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All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

F. Committee Reports

1) Committee #15/Student Hearing Results 2/23/15 – 5:30 PM (Ms. Jackson, Chairperson)

The meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and rescheduled for March 2, 2015.

(Ms. Jackson reported on the following committee since she was also the chairperson)

2) Committee #15/Student Hearing Results 3/2/15 – 5:30 PM (Ms. Jackson, Chairperson)

Case #14-07 was re-admitted to Beecher High School effective Tuesday, March 3, 2015; Case #13-02, per their mom, the family has moved out of the district and will be attending Carman Ainsworth High School effective Tuesday, March 3, 2015; Case #14-02 was re-admitted to Beecher High School effective Tuesday, March 3, 2015; and Case #14-19 was postponed pending further investigation.

3) Working Committee Meeting of the Whole 2/25/15 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)

The committee received a presentation of the 2015-2016 Early Head Start Grant Proposal/Budget; the committee discussed Administrative/Staff Reductions/Appointments; District Reshaping/Marketing Ideas; and Board/Superintendent concerns.

- Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Mr. Smoot to non-renew the staff contracts of the following individuals due to financial reasons as required by the state approved Deficit Elimination Plan:
 - Lindsey Hollenback (English/History)
 - Susan Heiss Ransom (Science)

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson; Ms. Larry and Ms. Jackson voted no).

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Mr. Smoot to consider the non-renewal of the administrative contracts of the following individuals due to financial reasons as required by the state approved Deficit Elimination Plan:
 - Kevin Brock (9GA Supervisor)
 - Patricia Hillaker (Supervisor of Beecher Adult/Alternative Education)

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All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Mr. Smoot, and Ms. Watson; Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson voted no).

Motion tied.

(Board members and Dr. Talison discussed why this had to be done now, the implications of not moving forward, etc. After the discussion, the board decided to vote again)

- Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Mr. Mays to consider the non-renewal of the administrative contracts of the following individuals due to financial reasons as required by the state approved Deficit Elimination Plan:
 - Kevin Brock (9GA Supervisor)
 - Patricia Hillaker (Supervisor of Beecher Adult/Alternative Education)

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson; Ms. Jackson voted no).

Motion carried.

G. Other Business – Board Members

Mrs. Rankins discussed the following: There a lot of things we need to discuss at our working committee meeting; I have always been concerned about our alternative education program because I think it is an important program and I don't want to lose the program. Some kids learn better in a smaller setting; we may lose students to charter schools if we don't do something now; we have to think about the kids; we need to look at other areas to cut to make room for alternative education; we need to look at the full program of Beecher; we should look into the cosmetology information that was given to us at the last meeting; the superintendent stated Mott College was coming, what happened to that? *(Dr. Talison stated they will be here next month)*

Mr. Smoot – None

Ms. Jackson discussed the following: As far as the superintendent's contract, is there anything stating that during part of the day or the end of the day that says he can leave his office and work the concession stand. Are you putting in vacation time when you go over to work the concession stand? I think there are times that time should be deducted for him being at the concession between 4:00-4:30 because there is no other employee in Beecher or anywhere else that can leave their job, a teacher or anyone else, that can go to work in the concession stand. A form needs to be filled out where vacation time is taken for the time you have been going over working in the concession stand. They ran it all these years and have done just fine. Your job, as far as I know what everybody is signing your contract for, is to be in your office doing the business of Beecher, not selling popcorn in the concession stand.

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Ms. Larry discussed the following: I attended a meeting at MASB and they said we can redo our policies. There are board members who are no longer here, but we are still living off of their policies; if we are going to close schools, lay people off, and shuffle our kids, we need to go back and look at every program and revise them; we have had two incidents at a basketball game and no one has talked about it; Dr. Talison, you got out here and got too friendly and too comfortable. Your job is supposed to be professional and neutral at all times. I can't tell you who to talk to and who to be friends with, between so many hours of Beecher time, you are their boss, they are not your boss. You are supposed to keep it professional at all times. That's where the conflict came in with me and you with my daughter because you looked at it as a "buddy" situation and not as a professional, superintendent, or boss level; I don't know what time you get off, I don't know if we ever established that, I don't know when the superintendent has to be here or when he doesn't have to be here but we always complain when our teachers aren't here on time; every time Dr. Talison brings us something we don't have to vote on it right then because it's something he wants us to do or his cabinet wants us to do; the Booster Club is supposed to be run by parents who have kids in sports, you are not supposed to be over there doing all of that. Why are you walking out of your job time going over there? Mrs. Seltzer is our Board Secretary, if we going to talk about one let's talk about all, she helps out at the gate after school when we have programs. If they're not supposed to do, they're not supposed to do it. If they want to volunteer it applies after certain hours, I don't know because I don't know when yall come or when yall go because I never established that information; the Booster Club has never come in front of us to give us a report about what they're doing or how they're doing this, that, etc. How many of them that volunteer have done a background check? The Parent Group has to do one ever year, but when it comes down to that certain group they get away with everything; where is their 501c? Whose tax exempt are they using? Every class is having trouble raising money. We should take the Booster Club back as Beecher Booster Club and let the seniors every year run the booster club. Mr. Mays even said if you want to do something out here at the school, come in front of the board; one person does not run Beecher.

Mr. Mays discussed the following: I want to clarify what I said which was when I was a senior here and we wanted to do some things as a senior leadership and as being seniors, we came to the board as seniors, our senior president along with the cabinet, and we let the board know what we were trying to do. We did that early in the year and we planned for it so the board knew what we were trying to do, we planned for it, we requested what we wanted to do and we got done what we were trying to do with some of the efforts we put forth; these meetings are open to the public, they are open to the students, and there is a time for comments for the public and that includes the students if someone wants to say something or had requests; the Booster Club has been around for a long time; there's a lot of people that make donations to Beecher; seniors or whomever who wants to do the concession stand from time-to-time but they need to come and have a plan with them so we can plan so we can get it scheduled and possibly do it, but to say we

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don't need a Booster Club.

Ms. Watson discussed the following: Our girls and boys bowling team are going to Auburn Hills on Friday and Saturday.

H. Public Comments

Public Comments were received from:

Bryant Nolden, Genesee County Commissioner – Want to introduce myself and I am going to make it a point to attend different boards of the districts that I have. I am very active in the community out here. If you need to reach me, you may call me at (810) 252-5170; I am very proactive and ask a lot of questions; if there is anything I can do from the county stand-point, please let me know.

Brittany Mixon, President of Class of 2015 – I want to know if you will approve a PayPal account so that we can transfer money from a Go Fund account that we started to raise money for our senior prom? *(Ms. Watson asked Ms. Mixon to speak with Luther Brown and Dr. Talison tomorrow)*

LaSonya Larry, Parent – I am a class sponsor and there were two fundraisers for the Class of 2015; the kids are trying to raise money and people are not giving money like the used to; if you cannot attend a fundraiser, donate something; no board members or the superintendent showed up at the fundraisers; Beecher doesn't have past-tense kids still at Beecher School District; what happened past-tense back in the day it worked; we have a new superintendent, different board members, and different kids that have come to this district; if the kids knew how to do the procedures of what we have in place, they would have been here; if we have procedures, upgrade your procedures; if they should have come in front of the board, I would have told them. I'm a board member and I didn't know that; let all class sponsors know what they are supposed to do; they have to come up with \$5,000 before May for their prom.

Terrie Seltzer, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Board of Education - Anything I do inside or outside of the district on my time, if you want to know what I'm doing and why I'm doing it, please feel free to ask me because nobody can tell you better than me.

I. Adjournment

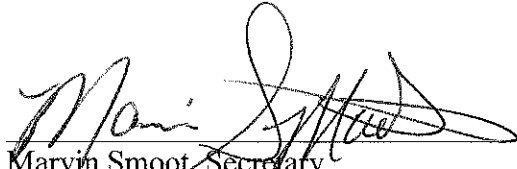
Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Mr. Smoot to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:30 PM.

All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, and Ms. Watson).

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

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Marvin Smoot, Secretary
Beecher Board of Education

4-1-2015
Date Approved

Minutes taken by Terrie A. Seltzer