

Beecher Community School District

A regular meeting of the Beecher Board of Education was held on May 4, 2016 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 President, Michele Loper.

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

Mrs. Loper asked board members and audience for a moment of silence in memory of Joyce Auclair Piche, retired teacher at Messer, who passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2016; Rev. Gerald Lerche, retired teacher, who passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2016; and Ms. Josephine Beamon, Class of 2000 Beecher graduate, who passed away on Monday, May 2, 2016.

May 2016 Recognitions:

Dr. Talison recognized the following individuals:

Khalil Moten and Calvin Moten, Beecher High School students for taking 7th place in the 112 weight class and 7th place in the 125 weight class during the State wrestling tournament. Congratulations on a job well-done!

Johnnie Reed, Wrestling Coach, for your hard work and dedication to our students and the Beecher Community School District.

Monique Ragland, Shai'Erica Gould, Beecher High School students, for placing 1st out of the top 16 bowlers and for placing 13th out of the top 16 bowlers in the 1st round to qualify for the 2nd round during the State bowling tournament. Although both were eliminated in the 2nd round of the tournament, they both place in the top 16. Congratulations on a job well-done!

Connie Ragland, Bowling Coach, for your hard work and dedication to our students and the Beecher Community School District.

Kyle Dimitroff, substitute teacher, being a wonderful addition and individual to our school. In February, Mr. Dimitroff joined our staff and transformed the gym class completely. On a daily basis, Mr. Dimitroff offers developmentally appropriate physical education practices to the students. His physical education program helps students develop the knowledge, fitness levels, motor skills, personal and social skills needed to obtain the ultimate goal of being physically healthy for a lifetime. We would like to acknowledge his commitment to the students at Dailey and thank him kindly for providing a great service. The Staff, Students and Parents commend you on a job well done. You rock!

Old Business

- A. Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Mrs. Rankins to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2016 (Special Meeting).

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

Motion carried.

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B. Old Business – Board Members

Mr. Mays – None

Ms. Larry – None

Ms. Jackson discussed the following: I asked for some information a few meetings ago. I asked for the information about the gentleman coming into the district for the class where he said board members could not go into the building unless they got permission from the superintendent and also stating that the superintendent was not supposed to be around any cash money. Both of those items were talked about in that meeting. I want know where we received the information about the Little League being billed for something and it turned out to be a mistake that they were billed, I would like to know how and why could something like that happen. I want the information and I don't want to wait 1 or 2 months to get the information.

Mr. Smoot and Dr. Talison discussed the following: It was brought to my attention that we are not having a 6th grade graduation. The person would like to know if the parents could give it if it would be allowed and I want to know the reason why they're not having a 6th grade graduation? That is usually a building level decision, however, they wouldn't have a 6th grade graduation because of the 5th-8th grade building configuration. Usually when there is a promotion ceremony it is because they are transitioning to a new building, but in this case they aren't. If they want to have some type of format, that is the principal's decision; it should be translated to the parents of those students because they are used to seeing a 6th grade graduation and when we changed over the way we configured the grade levels, it should be communicated; I will communicate that to Mr. Brock so that he sends a letter out.

Mrs. Rankins and Dr. Talison discussed the following: When did GISD Head Start buses start back parking where our kids have to go in at in the morning? They have a new driver and no one has told him where to park. I would like someone to let them know ASAP where they are supposed to park; I will speak with Mr. Hawkins about it.

Ms. Watson discussed the following: Will you let Mr. Hawkins know there are still some things at Messer on the Cass side of the street that need to be taken care of.

Mrs. Loper – 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 \$1,040,022.69 for the period ending May 4, 2016.

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

Motion carried.

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

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Sandra Barnett, Special Education Teacher-5th/6th Grades at Tucker Middle School, effective Saturday, July 30, 2016.

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

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Carolyn Perry-Turner, Principal at Dailey Elementary, effective Friday, July 29, 2016.

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

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Catherine Ouellette, Title I Elementary School Academic Interventionist at Dailey Elementary, effective Sunday, July 31, 2016.

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

Motion carried.

Dr. Talison stated please note that the Beecher Early Head Start monthly reporting information for April 2016 are in your packet, which includes the Enrollment Counts, Home Visit Completion, Socialization Meal Counts, Financial Report (Including Credit Card Usage), Early Head Start Parent Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, and Newsletter.

D. Field Trip Approval

1) Dailey Elementary

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Smoot to approve Ms. Fleming's, Mrs. Guerra's, Mr. Bell's, Mrs. Orr's, and Mrs. Nelson's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes field trip to the Detroit Zoo in Detroit, MI departing on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 9:00 AM and returning by 3:30 PM. A tentative roster is included 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, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

Motion carried.

2) Tucker Middle School

- Motioned by Ms. Jackson supported by Mr. Mays to approve Tucker Middle School's 5th-8th grade field trip to The Adventure Park in Frankenmuth, MI departing on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 9 AM and returning at approximately 3

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PM. A tentative roster is included with the final roster to be on file prior to departure.

(Discussion ensued amongst board members and Dr. Talison regarding the following: the issues at Tucker; the safety of students and staff regarding the issues; the trip is a PBIS incentive field trip; what the criteria was for selecting the students; the type of bus being taken; how the trip is funded; and more students should have been selected)

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

Motion failed.

E. 2016-2017 Genesee Intermediate School District Budget Resolution Adoption

Motioned by Mr. Smoot supported by Mr. Mays to adopt the 2016-2017 Genesee Intermediate School District Budget Resolution.

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

Motion carried.

F. NEOLA Volume 30, Number 1, September 2015-Part I Adoption

Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Mr. Smoot to adopt NEOLA Volume 30, Number 1, September 2015-Part I Policies.

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

Motion carried.

G. Committee Reports

1) Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole-Closed Session 4/18/16 – 5:30 PM (Mr. Mays, Chairperson)

The committee consulted with legal counsel, which was discussed in closed session.

2) Staff Open Dialogue Discussion Beecher Board of Education Meeting 4/19/16 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)

The board met with staff to discuss their ideas and concerns with the district and moving the district forward.

3) Working Committee Meeting of the Whole 4/20/16 – 5:30 PM (Mrs. Loper, Chairperson)

The committee discussed Contract Negotiations, which were discussed in closed session; the committee also discussed Child Care; Beecher Community School District Internal Accounts Fund; NEOLA Volume 30, Number 1, September 2015-Part II; the committee received updates on the Maintenance Department; and Deficit Elimination Plan.

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- Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Ms. Watson to approve the contract extension between the Beecher Board of Education and the Beecher Office Paraprofessionals from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2019.

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

Motion carried.

- Motioned by Mr. Mays supported by Mr. Smoot to approve Uniquely Created Children's Center to lease space at Tucker Middle School for child care services for the 2016-2017 school year.

(Discussion ensued amongst board members and Dr. Talison regarding the following: information from the previous day care center who wanted to lease space; the information was in the Informational Items Packet that went out that Friday; if they would be serving Flint families; why are we charging them to lease space and we don't charge other outside organizations i.e., Booster Club of Beecher; difference between charging non-profit and for-profit organizations; using a separate entrance; when it will start; if they would be open during our intercession/holiday breaks; and seeing the contract prior to voting)

- Motioned by Mrs. Rankins supported by Mr. Mays to table the aforementioned motion until the contract has been reviewed and discussed.

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

Motion carried.

- This is considered the second reading of NEOLA Volume 30, Number 1, September 2015-Part II policies. Board members, if you have any corrections, please let me know prior to the next board meeting as at that time, they will be considered for the second reading.

4) Committee #13/Student Hearing Result 4/25/16 – 5:30 PM (Ms. Larry, Chairperson)

Case #15-17 was expelled for the remainder of the 2015-16 school days and may attend New Directions effective Thursday, April 28, 2016.

H. Other Business – Board Members

Ms. Watson – None

Mrs. Rankins discussed the following: This is my last year on the board and there will be possibly 5 seats available. If there are 5 seats available, we have to find someone that's available to run and we need people in November that really know what's going on, not someone on here for their own agenda, but someone that has concerns for Beecher children. It is May and we need to start looking now. You have to live in the district.

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Mr. Smoot and Dr. Talison discussed the following: When the department heads presented, I asked to see a report of where are students are, 9-12 grade. I would like to see that report to see how many students that might be left behind or need extra help. When will we get that report? I will have it for your informational packet; I would like to see it before the school year is over. My concern is I see students who may have graduated last year, what are we doing to put them in a position to attend a trade school or something. What do we have in place that these kids get the same opportunity who might not have the GPA's? That is something we try to facilitate with the Skill Center to make sure they receive a trade and having Mott come in to do the 1-year apprenticeship programs. Those presentations take place throughout the entire school year. Our goal is to have them an option after high school because everyone may not want to go to college. We try to have a dualism to address the college-bound students and the trade-bound students; for the last three years, do we have a percentage of kids that went on to post-secondary education, trade school, or military, etc.? GISD keeps that information. I will see about getting that information; you see students who have graduated 2-3 years ago still walking around our community; the bigger issue is we make sure every student at graduation enrolls in Mott, we give them that option. A lot of it is the retention of students who go. Some don't stay the entire time; I want to see the retention numbers; I will get the information from GISD.

Ms. Jackson discussed the following: I want to say to Mrs. Turner that you are truly going to be missed. I know the children that are there now are going to miss you because your name still comes up in my house. My son still repeats what Mrs. Turner said. We didn't have to worry about the children when they were around you. You are truly going to be missed from Dailey and even when you were at the high school. The young men around my house remember everything that you said. I want to say thank you.

Ms. Larry discussed the following: I think we need to look into another security company before school starts next year because parents are complaining about the fighting and fighting in the hallways. Where is security at? Security should be walking around and not sitting at a desk charging their phones. Security should be walking the hallways and outside of the building. They are not doing their jobs. They are here to protect our kids and make sure our schools are safe, not to do errands for administrators or teachers; our mission statement needs to be up and we need to look at it when we're making decisions for this district. It is about the kids. We should see the mission statement when we walk in here; Dr. Talison you need to look at all of the building because we have less kids in the building now and we don't need all of the staff administrators at the high school. Look at staffing in that area; I saw the President coming off of the plane and to look at Air Force One.

Mr. Mays discussed the following: I was here at the adult education on April 26 and did a presentation for Michigan Works about some of the opportunities for our school youth and the ones that are about to graduate. There are opportunities with Michigan Works with some of the trade & technical schools, portable certifications, which they can take anywhere in the United States once they obtain those, etc. We, somehow, need to get the information to our seniors. As you said, there are students who are not going to college, but there is a lot of money here that the Federal Government has pumped so much money

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into this state and this area for training and entrepreneurships, all of those things, they're there and we are not taking advantage of it. For the record I don't plan on going anywhere. That is not why I'm on this board. I am running for Mt. Morris Township and the information I have, I can do both as long as there is no conflict and we don't have any contractual situations with Mt. Morris Township and Beecher, I can still serve both. I don't plan on going anywhere. To Mr. Reed, we did recognize you tonight but this is a recognition from me, Class of '81, you do a great job and I want to applaud you personally for the work you do with the kids. Wrestling is a lot of work and I know sometimes you don't get all the help you need. Mrs. Turner, I hate to see you go. You will be missed, we love you here, and we appreciate everything that you have done here. I want to applaud you as well.

Mrs. Loper discussed the following: I want to applaud Ms. Larry and Mr. Mays for the student hearing. It was really well done and well handled. It was a tough hearing and the way it was handled was outstanding and I want to applaud the committee. I was a part of that committee and I think we really served that student well and we exemplified, between the three of us, what really working in the best interest of a student is all about. I wanted to mention that it was an outstanding student hearing. I want to encourage our community, students, board members, and staff that this is celebration time. We have prom coming up, the District Wide Honors Night, which will be Monday, May 16, 2016, to come out and support our students. We recognize K-12 and it is wonderful to see them walk across the stage and shake our hand. I want to encourage you to be as active as you can and urge the parents to support our kids. When I looked at the resignations of Ms. Ouellette, Ms. Barnett and Mrs. Turner, these are people who have been in the district for a long time and they have given a lot. I want to say thank-you and we appreciate all of your services. I am running for a seat on the Mt. Morris Township Board.

Mr. Smoot stated this is for the entire Beecher Community, Genesee and Mt. Morris Townships, Mr. Nolden and I are doing a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the roads, housing, why businesses are not in the community, etc. All of the right people to answer those questions will be here on May 12, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the Randall Coates Auditorium. Come out and get the information so there won't be any speculations.

I. Public Comments

Public Comments were received from:

Mr. Sumpter, Beecher High School Assistant Principal – Do not overlook our positive kids at Tucker. A lot of time we look at the bad seeds and what they're doing. Looking at the field trip, I would really like you to reconsider the field trip for the positive kids that get overlooked. Those are the same faces you're going to look at during the District Honor's Night that you just turned down. You might not agree with the criteria, but we can come back and look at that, but just think about those kids who are going to miss out.

Mr. Hawkins, Athletic Director – I am here to support my coaches and the athletes who were here today. There was a question about athletics. For anybody that comes to our athletic events and supports our athletic events see that we are some of the best dressed teams in Genesee County. Our teams do not share uniforms; boys and girls do not do

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that. Have we had instances where a kid showed up without a track jersey that they left at home and maybe they shared it that day because they left it at home, yes that has happened with some of the young kids. As your athletic director, each and every one of our teams have uniforms and we are some of the best dressed. As for our Booster Club, every dime that our Booster Club makes goes back into our students in numerous ways. We've had our Booster Club here before, they've presented to you, and we've been through that whole song and dance. Nothing has changed. We are a strong group, we work hard, people work tirelessly on behalf of our students, and I wanted to make sure that was very clear because for some reason, some of the information that was put out it doesn't match us or the program that I run. I just want to be very clear. If there are ever any questions about uniforms or anything, please call me and I'll give you the correct information before false information is put out into our community.

Mr. Reed, Wrestling Coach – I noticed what Ms. Larry said and I don't want to say its all security. When I was a student the hanging in the hallways and the foul talking we didn't have that and I hate to see the kids hanging in the hallways when I go to the school. I wouldn't just put it on security. Teachers need to hold students accountable and we need to be a little bit harder on them. We have to start somewhere or it's going to keep getting worse and worse. A lot of the kids have young parents who don't care about their kids and you have coaches and different staff members who care about the kids, but we can't do it all. It has to improve somewhere and hopefully we can get it to a better understanding that we get Beecher's education back up higher than where it is at. We have a lot of good athletes but athletes with no education leaves nothing.

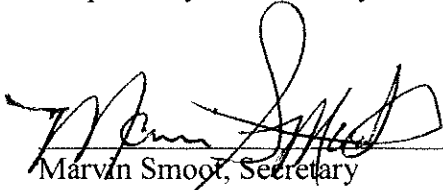
J. Adjournment

Motioned by Mrs. Rankins supported by Mr. Mays to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:04 PM.

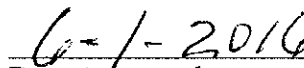
All present voted yes on roll call vote (Mr. Mays, Ms. Larry, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Smoot, Mrs. Rankins, Ms. Watson, and Mrs. Loper).

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by



Marvin Smoot, Secretary
Beecher Board of Education



Date Approved

Minutes taken by Terrie A. Seltzer

**GENESEE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) is required by law to adopt a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee Intermediate School District budget development process includes GISD staff, constituent district staff, superintendents, and board members; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee Intermediate School District budget is based on priorities established by GISD; and

WHEREAS, this plan has been approved by the Genesee County Superintendents Association; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration and review by superintendent committees, the Genesee County Superintendents Association approved all 2016 – 2017 proposed budgets submitted by the Genesee Intermediate School District; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Superintendents Association recommended that all GISD 2016 – 2017 proposed budgets be submitted to constituent district representatives for review, consideration and approval at the annual budget meeting; and

WHEREAS, at the annual budget meeting held on March 23, 2016, the constituent school district representatives approved the Genesee Intermediate School District 2016 – 2017 proposed budgets; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Public Act 234 of 2004, the Genesee Intermediate School District proposed General Education Fund budget is being presented to each constituent school district board of education for review; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Genesee Intermediate School District's long-standing tradition of publicly disclosing all budget information, the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education is asking that each constituent district review, consider and approve all GISD 2016 – 2017 proposed fund budgets following the guidelines of Public Act 234 of 2004; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that after careful consideration of each 2016 – 2017 proposed GISD fund budget, the Beecher Community School District Board of Education resolves that:

GENERAL EDUCATION FUND

The 2016 – 2017 proposed Genesee Intermediate School District General Education Fund budget is supported by the Beecher Community School District Board of Education.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

The 2016 – 2017 proposed Genesee Intermediate School District Special Education Fund budget is supported by the Beecher Board of Education Board of Education.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUND

The 2016 – 2017 proposed Genesee Intermediate School District Career Technical Education Fund budget is supported by the Beecher Community School District Board of Education.

ENTERPRISE FUND

The 2016 – 2017 proposed Genesee Intermediate School District Enterprise Fund budget is supported by the Beecher Community School District Board of Education.

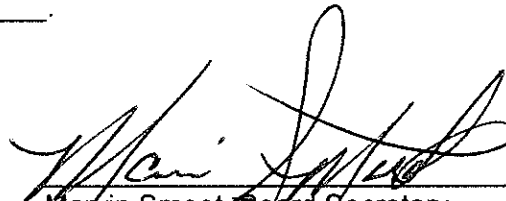
OTHER FUNDS

The 2016 – 2017 proposed Genesee Intermediate School District School Lunch Services Fund is supported by the Beecher Community School District Board of Education.

Ayes: Ms. Larry, Mrs. Loper, Mr. Mays, Mrs. Rankins, Mr. Smoot, and
Ms. Denson-Watson

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Resolution declared May 4, 2016.



Marvin Smoot, Board Secretary
Beecher School District Board of Education