

BELLAIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2018

Bellaire Middle/High School – Performing Arts Center

A. The meeting was called to order by R. Silk at 6:30 p.m.

B. Board members Present: D. Hoyt, W. Mann, K. Shannon, M. Robinson, M. Dyste, R. Silk, P. Wendling

Administrators: J. Emery, K. Poel

C. R. Silk led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Budget Hearing

The meeting opened at 6:32pm

B. Papes reported on the 2017-2018 amended budget and the 2018-2019 proposed budget

The meeting was closed by the chair at 6:40pm

E. Budget Hearing Public Comment

N/A

F. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

18-22 Motion by M. Robinson, seconded by D. Hoyt to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Yeas: D. Hoyt, W. Mann, K. Shannon, M. Robinson, M. Dyste, R. Silk, P. Wendling. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

G. Communications:

1. From the Public:

N/A

H. Administrators' Reports:

1. Elementary/Middle School Principal – Kristi Poel

Judy Schieber – Retirement

Judy will be missed by all of her colleagues. She has always been a positive person and has touched the lives of many students. We will truly miss her but wish her the best!

Kindergarten Teacher Interviews

Mandy Crooks will be moving to 2nd grade in the fall so we posted the open kindergarten position. We received 16 applications and have selected 5 for interviews which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

.5 Title Teacher

We will most likely need to repost this position as we did not have any applicants specifically apply for this position. The possibility exists that 1 of the kindergarten candidates who aren't selected for that position might be interested in the .5 Title position.

Summer Tutoring

We are offering summer tutoring to students who qualify in grades K-3 in order to provide as many learning opportunities as possible to the early elementary grades in conjunction with PA306 (3rd grade reading law). Peggy Stevens, Jill Beatty, Lizzie Mann and Kim Frank will be in charge of the summer tutoring program.

5th Grade Graduation/Orientation

Kelli planned another wonderful 5th grade graduation ceremony and it was attended by several parents, grandparents and friends. Many happy memories were shared through a slide show and it is always a bittersweet time for everyone. All of the elementary teachers were able to attend and wish the 5th graders the best of luck at MS. 5th grade orientation will be held during Open House in August.

MANNA Food

We are thankful for the continuing partnership with the MANNA Food Project based in Harbor Springs. Their regular food delivery for children is appreciated by our school and the families that receive it weekly.

Field Day

Jeff Lampman organized Field Day for students in grades 3-5. The students look forward to this fun event annually which included races, Frisbee throw, long jump and much more!

Teddy Bear Picnic

Rebecca, Mandy and Judy organized a teddy bear picnic for the K-2 students. Children brought teddy bears and a sack lunch to the athletic complex and enjoyed an afternoon of fun activities.

Band Concerts

The MS and HS Spring Band Concerts were held on the same evening this year and as always a great display of our student talent. The concerts were well attended and it is always impressive to see the progression from 5th grade band to HS band.

Hayo-Went-Ha

The 7th graders made their annual overnight visit to Hayo-Went-Ha on May 25. The activities were enjoyed by everyone and the Zipline is always a big hit!

Lansing Trip

Sue decided to take the 4th graders to Lansing the day after school was out in order to avoid any possible bus conflicts with other events. Several parents went along as chaperones and although the day is long - Impressions 5 Museum, Capitol and the Historical Museum the students had a memorable time.

PTO

A big thank you to the PTO who once again outdid themselves with the activities, events, and classroom donations to enhance opportunities for our students in addition to showing immense appreciation to our staff.

Boy Scouts

The Bellaire Boy Scout troop weeded and mulched the elementary school gardens in front of the school as well as some ground clean up as part of their volunteer hours. We appreciate their help!

2. Jim Emery updated the Board on the following items:

EOY Band Concerts

Held on the same date this year, the end of the year band concerts went quite well. I did hear comments from some parents that liked the idea of coming on one night to hear both concerts. This was the first attempt to have both on the same night but it really came about due to our spring schedule of delayed athletic seasons and the timing of our major overnight class trips.

Graduation

We did receive quite a few compliments on the overall graduation ceremony from those in attendance. We are in the process now of sending out report cards to our families and final transcripts were sent today to all the colleges and universities that our graduates will be attending.

Proposed Social Studies Standards

Normally when it comes to required curricular standards, less is better. However, the proposed changes for 2018 are coming under fire for what is being omitted and the group that has attempted to rewrite many of the standards. The Office of Educational Supports has published a 152-page document that shows a side-by-side comparison of the current, 2007 standards vs. the proposed 2018 standards. From a positive standpoint, it appears that they have simplified many of the standards and made them more manageable for the classroom teacher; it is the closer look at what is proposed to be eliminated that is causing the ruckus. The proposed standards remain open to public comment before they become official. Time will tell what may or may not yet change as we move forward.

Proposed Board Meeting Dates

The yellow handout is a proposed schedule for Board Meeting dates for the 2018-19 school year. I have adhered to the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm with the exceptions noted with an asterisk. Those dates are moved to the 3rd Monday due to vacations, Holidays, or tax timelines.

Possible Elimination of Universal Free Breakfast at Elementary

It looks like the universal free breakfast that all students at the elementary currently receive, may be eliminated beginning this fall due to the fact that the number of families that qualify for free and reduced is now too low. Our numbers currently sit below 50% so that may mean that we no longer qualify. Ben and the officials at Chartwells are looking for possible ways to keep the program.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 26 – Special Board Meeting @ Antrim County Airport @ 6:30 pm

Monday, July 23 – Regular Board Meeting in PAC @ 6:30 pm

I. Non-Action Items:

1. Open Enrollment:

J. Emery proposed to the board that the 2018-2019 school year be closed to open enrollment for all grades (K-12).

2. Math Expressions:

K. Poel informed the school board of a math program called Math Expression for grades K-6. Math Expression will be on display for 30 days in the high school office prior to becoming an action item at the July board meeting.

J. Action Items:

- 18-23 Motion by P. Wendling, seconded by M. Robinson to approve the Amended 2017-18 General, Debt Retirement, and Food Service Fund Budgets. Yeas: D. Hoyt, W. Mann, M. Dyste, M. Robinson, K. Shannon, R. Silk, P. Wendling. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 18-24 Motion by M. Dyste, seconded by D. Hoyt to approve the resolution to levy the General Fund and Debt Retirement Millage. Yeas: D. Hoyt, W. Mann, M. Dyste, M. Robinson, K. Shannon, R. Silk, P. Wendling. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 18-25 Motion by K. Shannon, seconded by R. Silk to approve the Proposed 2018-19 General, Debt Retirement, and Food Service Fund Budgets. Yeas: D. Hoyt, W. Mann, M. Dyste, M. Robinson, K. Shannon, R. Silk, P. Wendling. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 18-26 Motion by D. Hoyt, seconded by P. Wendling to approve the 2018-19 school calendar. Yeas: D. Hoyt, W. Mann, M. Dyste, M. Robinson, K. Shannon, R. Silk, P. Wendling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

K. Board Member Comment

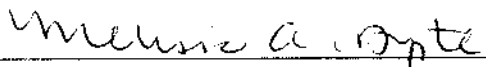
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L. Public Comment

Sue Mills wanted to publicly thank Deb and Vin Cannella for presenting the 4th grade class with scholarships to attend camp Hayo-Went-Ha.

M. Adjournment:

- 18-27 Motion by W. Mann, seconded by P. Wendling to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Yeas: D. Hoyt, W. Mann, K. Shannon, M. Robinson, M. Dyste, R. Silk, P. Wendling. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Melissa Dyste
Recording Secretary & Board Secretary