

Pending approval.

May 4, 2009 Regular Board Meeting of the Lawrence Public Schools Board of Education.

Members Present: Julie Beam, Chuck Carpp, Carol Sjoquist, Carrie Rokos arrived 7:40, Jim Sanborn. Absent: Jeff Johnson

Administration Present: Bob Gendron, Sue McQueen, John Overley. All present

Athletic Director Jeff Miller present.

The meeting was called to order by Carpp at 7:30 p.m.

A special presentation was made by Ms. Murney's and Ms Gendron's first and second grade classrooms. The students gave special recognition to board member Jim Sanborn for his help in their chicken egg project and for his years of service to the elementary classrooms.

Sanborn moved and Sjoquist supported the motion to approve the open minutes of April 14, 2009 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Beam moved and Rokos supported the motion to approve the bills of \$453,897.27 as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from the public:

Gene Butler presented his final plans for the "Bands for Books" fundraiser to be held June 20, 2009 to raise money for books for the school libraries.

Emily Pleadwell, Nicole Bell, Christina Kutchin, Ms Russell-Haight and Ms Saule presented ideas for "Green School" recycling projects. Discussion was held.

Sanborn moved and Sjoquist supported the motion to allow a recycling club to be

incorporated into an existing club and to allow the custodial staff truck recyclables to Paw Paw as needed. Motion carried 5-0.

The board stated they would look into the various costs of replacing Styrofoam lunch trays with hard trays.

Elementary Principal's Report: McQueen highlighted the 6th grade Latin festival, the many upcoming field trips, the 5/6 grade band concert, 6th grade graduation on June 2 followed by a day at Sherman Lake on June 3. She stated sixty-one children registered at kindergarten roundup.

High School Principal's Report: Gendron highlighted the completion of the annual IEP's for special education students, the Science Olympiad team, the Student Council blood drive and the band receiving "1" at State. Upcoming events included a Cinco de Mayo fiesta, PRIDE Day, Mock Disaster, Prom, NHS Induction, Variety Show and the Academic Awards banquet & Commencement.

Athletic Director's Report: Miller highlighted the completion of the winter sports program and gave a special thank you to Debbie Peek, cheer coach and to Josh Burnett, mascot. He stated spring sports were underway and doing well.

A special presentation of the MASA Champion for Children Award was made to Chuck Moden by Overlay.

Overlay stated the school election would be held on May 5, 2009 with two board seats open and the Headlee Override.

A special board meeting will be held May 12, 2009 for appointing a new board member to fill Bill Lux's seat.

Sjoquist moved and Rokos supported the motion to approve with regret and many thanks the resignation of Dave Smith as high school girls' basketball coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Sjoquist moved and Sanborn supported the motion to approve with regret the resignation of Adam Carpp as Jr. High football coach. Motion carried 5-0.

The following was accepted as the second reading of the Homeless Written Notification

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Written Notification Form

This form should be completed by a school administrator or Homeless Liaison when the parent's/guardian's request to return to the school of origin is denied. Give the original to the parent/guardian along with the Dispute Resolution Form (page2)

Date:

School:

Name & Title of Person Completing Form:

In compliance with Section 722(g)(3)(E) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001, the following written notification is provided to:

Parent/Guardian:

Student(s):

After reviewing your request to enroll the student(s) listed above, the enrollment request is denied. This determination was based upon:

Please have the parent/guardian sign and date below to indicate that they have received a copy of this form.

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date:

You have the right to appeal this decision by completing the attached Dispute Resolution Form provide your explanation verbally to the district's Homeless Liaison Sue McQueen at 269-674-8231

Resolution by the Homeless Liaison will be made within five (5) business days of receipt of Dispute Resolution Form

· *If the matter is not resolved at that level, you may set up a meeting with the Superintendent and present him with a written complaint. The Superintendent shall issue the District's decision within five (5) business days of the second dispute by parent/guardian.*

· *If the dispute is still not resolved, the complaint may be brought before the Board of Education.*

· *If the complaint is not resolved in a satisfactory manner at the local level, you may direct your complaint to the State Coordinator for Homeless Education, Michigan Department of Education, P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, MI 40908.*

Your complaint must include the following:

-Description of the situation that prompted the complaint.

-Name(s) and age(s) of the child/children involved.

-Name(s) of the involved school districts and district personnel involved.

-Description of the attempts that have been made to solve the issue.

· *The student listed above has the right to enroll immediately in the requested school, including full participation in all school activities pending resolution of the dispute.*

Dispute Resolution Form

To be completed by the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth when a dispute arises over school enrollment. The information may be shared verbally with the Homeless Liaison instead of completing this form. The Homeless Liaison can be contacted at 269-674-8231

Date Submitted:

Student(s):

Person completing form:

Relation to student(s):

I may be contacted at (phone or e-mail):

I wish to appeal the enrollment decision made by:

School:

I have been provided with a written explanation of the school's decision:

(check one) Yes No

You may include a written explanation to support your appeal in this space or provide your explanation verbally.

Signature of person submitting dispute:

Return completed form to the superintendent, Lawrence Public School

Wendy Murney had withdrawn her request to address the board.

Overley stated he had spoken with the Driver's Education companies and both Miss Mary's and EZway Driver's Education groups will use the school to have classes for the Lawrence students.

Sanborn moved and Sjoquist supported the motion to move into closed session. Roll Call vote: Beam Y, Carpp Y, Sjoquist Y, Rokos Y, Sanborn Y. Motion carried 5-0.

The open meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Pat Garrod, Recording Secretary

The board returned to open session at 9:09 and adjourned.