

September 9, 2008

Regular Board Meeting of the Lawrence Public Schools Board of Education.

Members Present: Julie Beam, Chuck Carpp, Jeff Johnson, Bill Lux, Carol Sjoquist, Carrie Rokos,  
Jim Sanborn. All present

Present: Jeff Miller, Athletic Director.

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

Student Representatives Present: None

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

Beam moved and Carpp supported the motion to approve the bills of \$494,929.27 as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Lux moved and Sanborn supported the motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2008 meeting as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried 6-0 with Sjoquist abstaining.

Comments from the public:

Jeff Johnson, speaking as a parent, expressed a concern regarding the KVCC class which had been scheduled to begin the first week of school at the Technology Center. The class had been cancelled the week before school started leaving the high school students lacking a class. Discussion was held. Overley stated he would check with the other superintendents and also with the Technology Center to see if this problem could be avoided in the future.

Gendron, High School Principal, stated the year began with three days of teacher professional development, working on the Michigan Merit Curriculum. He highlighted the upcoming open house which would include a meeting regarding the MMC and a "Meet the Student" event, the MEAP testing, and the student picture day. He stated the

loss of the part-time PE teacher has caused some scheduling concerns as it has reduced the amount of flexibility with class scheduling.

McQueen, Elementary Principal, stated the year began with three professional development days. The third kindergarten teacher had been hired and was in place for the first day of school. (*Correction, October 6, 2008 The third kindergarten teacher had been hired by the fourth day of school.*) The elementary is looking forward to a successful open house on September 10.

Sjoquist moved and Rokos supported the motion to accept the resignation of Candy Laufer at the end of the first semester with extreme regret. Motion carried 7-0.

Miller reported Heather Jarka had volunteered to help with the volleyball teams. Sanborn moved and Rokos supported the motion to appoint Heather Jarka as volleyball volunteer pending the background check. Motion carried 7-0.

Sjoquist moved and Carpp supported the motion to accept Erika Uribe's resignation as cheer coach. Motion carried 7-0.

Miller stated the lack of numbers of interested students for cheer would eliminate the fall cheer season. He will re-post the position for a coach for the winter season.

Overley presented bids from MNJ Technologies (\$24,422.00), Dell (\$25,052.00) and Sehi Computer Products ((\$25,558.24) for the purchase of TV monitors from the technology bond project. Sanborn moved and Beam supported the motion to accept the low bid from MNJ Technologies for 40 TV monitors and accessories at a cost of \$24,422.00. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Rokos moved and Sanborn supported the motion to approve joining the MiCase consortium at a cost of \$11690.55. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Sjoquist moved and Beam supported the motion to approve the date for Commencement, Class of 2009 on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Rokos moved and Sanborn supported the motion to approve a resolution and become a participant to the Interlocal Agreement for the Creation of the Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium Board effective as of September 9, 2008. The Lawrence Public Schools will adopt the "Adoption Agreement" and the "Base Plan Document" for the purpose of setting forth the terms and conditions of the tax-sheltered annuity plan made available to the eligible employees under Section

403 (b). Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Sjoquist moved and Rokos supported the motion to accept Ann Fuller's resignation as Special Education aide. Discussion was held...the position had been offered to the aide that had been laid off, but she declined the position. Motion carried

7-0.

Sjoquist moved and Rokos supported the motion to hire Jennifer Gilbert as a Special Education aide, pending background check. Motion carried 7-0.

Sanborn moved and Carpp supported the motion to recall Abbi Grimes to an elementary teaching position, per seniority recall list. Motion carried 7-0.

Carpp moved and Beam supported the motion to approve the Van Buren County K-12 Physical Education Curriculum. Motion carried 7-0.

Beam moved and Rokos supported the motion to allow the Jr./Sr. High School to have six late start dates during the 2008-2009 school year. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Carpp requested a policy be considered to set up guidelines to interview a new teacher. The policy would include creating a committee consisting of faculty, administration and a board member to be present at the first interview.

The athletic committee will meet next month to look at creating a policy concerning allowing a student to participate in a sport when a new medical condition is presented after they had been cleared to play through their yearly physical. The committee will also discuss the policy concerning the checking in and care of athletic uniforms.

Sjoquist moved and Carpp supported the motion to move into closed session. Roll call vote: Rokos Y, Sjoquist Y, Sanborn Y, Carpp Y, Beam Y, Lux Y, Johnson Y. Motion carried 7-0. The board moved into closed session at 8:50.

Pat Garrod

Recording Secretary

The meeting returned to open session at 9:14. Sjoquist moved and Lux supported the motion to adjourn. Motion carried

7-0. 9:15 p.m.