

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Decatur, Michigan

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Upjohn Media Center
March 21, 2016

Members present: Elmore, Grosvenor, Hemenway, McLeese, Southworth, Kennedy
Members absent: Baushke

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

VFW POST 6248 & LADIES AUXILIARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

Dr. Creagan introduced the teachers and talked about some of the reasons why they earned this award.

Elementary – Mickey Fisher
Middle School – Robert Bonhomme
High School – Josh Ernestes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A community member questioned the number of track meets that are held at our facility each year. Discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Hemenway, seconded by Southworth to approve the February 15, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda is approved as printed.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

Moved by Grosvenor, seconded by Elmore that the following bills and accounts be paid in the indicated amounts:

General:	\$455,087.11
Food Service:	\$ 34,807.26
Activity:	\$ 15,568.49

Ayes: Grosvenor, Hemenway, Southworth, Elmore, Kennedy, McLeese

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Grosvenor, seconded by Southworth that the consent agenda is approved as presented:

Spring Coaches
High School Math Teacher Hire - Josh Conover
Bus Driver Hire - Nicole Guritz
Bus Driver Resignation - Harry Sponseller

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PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING FACILITY AT TECH CENTER

A proposed partnership between the Van Buren ISD and District Health Department will merit the construction of a new two-story, public health educational training facility at the VBISD Technology Center. Construction could begin in September, with a targeted Fall, 2017 completion.

M-STEP SCORES

Dr. Creagan presented the 2015 M-STEP data, that compared us to the state average and the average of other schools in reform (SRO). It only includes schools on the priority list, therefore, the middle school data is not included. He commended everyone on an outstanding job.

VBISD STUDENT COUNT COMPARISON

Dr. Creagan presented student count data for Fall 2014 - Spring 2015. It showed all Van Buren County schools and their increase/decrease in student numbers. He also had data from MI School Data showing Decatur's student count decline since 2002-2003 school year. We have been losing an average of 26.23 students per year.

PRIORITY SCHOOLS 2ND QUARTER REPORT

Dr. Creagan presented the board with the Priority Schools 2nd Quarter Report. Discussion followed.

PLANNING FOR SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

25% of the annual Superintendent's evaluation shall be based on student growth and assessment data for the years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Beginning 2018-2019, 40% of the annual evaluation shall be based on student growth and assessment data.

POLICY UPDATE

Dr. Creagan talked about policy updates that are coming up.

LEGISLATIVE DINNER

Dr. Creagan reminded the board members to let him know by April 1 if they would be attending the Legislative Dinner on April 21, 2016 at the VBISD Conference Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A teacher talked about the upcoming events the TAP group has planned. The new teacher hire thanked the board for hiring him. A community member was glad to see we hired a math teacher and would like to see our other vacancy filled.

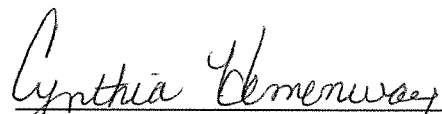
BOARD COMMENTS

Wyatt and Cindy thanked Brian Southworth for his hard work as Athletic Director. Cindy commented that the Father-Daughter Dance was a huge success. Joan thanked Mickey Fisher for going above and beyond in her job duties. She also thanked Patrick for greeting the kids at the elementary every morning. Laurie commented on the Wrestlers and Power Lifters that went to state. She also thanked Anne and Matt for all the hard work they do.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0


Cynthia Hemenway, Secretary
Board of Education