

**BRITTON-MACON AREA SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

President Elizabeth Roe called the meeting to order.

Kevin Barrett, Sr. led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Beth Alcock, Ben Allshouse, Doug Armstrong, Kevin Barrett, Sr.,  
Taina Kimerer, Elizabeth Roe, Laurie Wielfaert  
Administration: Superintendent, Charles Pelham; Principal, John Eisley; Elementary  
Coordinator, Karen Scholl, Recording Secretary,  
Eileen Fore  
Audience: Elizabeth Pechaitis, Kendra Barrett, Marc Finger

Agenda was set for the evening.

Curriculum Showcase: MS/HS Principal, John Eisley, reviewed the Michigan Merit Credits and the immediate need to have another math class available for our students. Elizabeth Pechaitis is introducing a new math class for seniors. "Building Wealth" will highlight investments, personal finances, buying cars and other necessary skills to survive in today's economy. Portfolios will be done on line. Mrs. Pechaitis also informed the board of the results of the DECA competition. We have eight students qualify for the state competition, and eleven medalists out of the 57 students that attended.

Kevin Barrett, Sr. volunteered to attend the LISD budget planning meeting on Feb. 4 and the review on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Jim Berryman, MEA Uniserve Director, recognized the board for their time, commitment and service to their local Board of Education.

Beth Alcock moved to accept the minutes of the December 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting, the treasurer's report and bills payable. Laurie Wielfaert seconded the motion. Motion carried. Seven ayes.

Elementary Coordinator Report – Karen Scholl

- Announced PTO purchased an industrial laminator.
- Announced Cookie Smith-Kish was awarded a \$3200 grant to promote Lenawee Child.
- Student Anna Wright art work will be featured in a nature calendar. Also five students' art work will be on display at an upcoming art show.
- Announced an increase of numbers participating in Kids Care.

### Principal's Report – John Eisley

- Announced three new School of Choice students starting this week.
- As a result of final exams, students who failed Algebra have the option of a new pilot math class or attending summer classes.
- Announced excitement was high as our BD Basketball team beat Lenawee Christian. This was the first win in 17 years.

### Superintendent's Report – Charles Pelham

- Thanked the board for their time and commitment for their service on the board.
- Distributed statistical information on Michigan's economic ranking.
- Informed the board of new information regarding Race to the Top. Drop-out age will change from age 16 to 18. Schools must have minimum of 30 students graduate and the number of school days can't go below this year's number.
- Governor announced no more state aid pro-ration beyond the \$165 per pupil deduction this year. Next year will be larger reductions to the state aid.
- Increases to the retirement and MESSA rates are expected.
- A joint board meeting with Deerfield is being planned. Potentially Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting with Dundee School will be Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth Roe, Beth Alcock and Kevin Barrett, Sr. and the Superintendent plan to attend to discuss consolidating services.
- Updated the board on the increase of class offerings is together with Deerfield.
- Updated the board on the flooring issue. Architect Todd Dailey assuming the guilt. To fix the floor it would be \$20,000 each (Britton/Dailey/Baseline) versus going to court would cost us \$30,000 is attorney fees.
- Date for the February board workshop will be decided on Jan Parson's availability. Options will be February 13 or the 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Announced the smart boards are in five special ed classrooms. Teachers are receiving training.

### Board Report

- Laurie Wielfaert commented on the BD basketball game and felt the students and parents were all very supportive. Commented the teams were getting very competitive and were reaping the rewards of the cooperative transition.
- Elizabeth Roe informed the board that Ann Kinisel called and she will be interviewed on WLEN and WABJ radio station at 6:15 p.m. on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Barrett, Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Doug Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried. Seven ayes.