

BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015
6:30 P.M. COMMONS

Minutes

- A. **Call to Order and Announce Meeting is Being Tape Recorded** – Skar called the meeting to order.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Skar led the Pledge
- C. **Roll Call** – All members present except Hrdlicka
- D. **Public Notification of Meeting** – The agenda was posted on April 8th, 13th & 15th.
- E. **Agenda Approval** – consider approval of the agenda
- F. **Webinar (6:30 – 7:00 pm)** – Board participated in a webinar about going paperless for meetings.
- G. **Spring Election** – Becca Hrdlicka and Robert Herscher were elected to the Board. Mr. Skar was recognized for his 15 years of School Board service.
- H. **Community Member Comments (Current Items of Business)** – Linda Zillmer thanking Mr. Skar, posting of minutes and accountability.
- I. **Presentation of Minutes by Clerk:**
1. Minutes – Motion by Langham and second by Downey to approve the minutes for March 16th Regular meeting. Motion passed 4-0.
- J. **Financial Report & Presentation of Bills by Treasurer (Action & Discussion Items):**
1. Payment of Bills – Motion by Robotka and second by Langham to approve the payment of bills. Motion passed 4-0.
 2. Loans – Board was given an update on status of existing loans and future options. Quotes will be sought out.
 3. Loan Resolution – Motion by Downey and second by Langham to approve resolution authorizing the redemption of the School District of Birchwood \$1,510,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds dated February 1, 2004. Motion passed on roll call vote 4-0.
- K. **Principal Report (Discussion Only):**
1. Student Council – Mr. Stanley reported on Blood Drive.
 2. Charter – Governance Board had a planning session and Downey will be School Board representative at the May 6th Governance Board meeting.
 3. Report Cards – Mr. Stanley presented an update on grade 4 & 5 Common Core report card development
 4. Forensics – Some students received silver and bronze level awards at State competition.
 5. Field Trip – Some Birchwood students are joining Cumberland on a field trip to Thunder Bay this Spring.
 6. Field Trip – Birchwood has been invited to join New Auburn for a Band & Choir trip to Orlando next Spring.
 7. Project Ghost – update on student led AODA activity
 8. Career Days – Two Career Days were recently conducted with help from the Washburn County Economic Development Office.
 9. Other as Appropriate - None
- L. **Administrator's Report (Discussion Only):**
1. CESA Report – No report this month, but will be a regular item being Hrdlicka now serves on the Board of Control for CESA 11.
 2. School Calendar – 2015-16 School Calendar options were discussed.
 3. Technology Committee – Group is proposing a 1:1 buy-back option for students.
 4. Insurance – Health Rates for Coop from April 9th meeting were shared.
 5. Open Enrollment – An update on applications was given.
 6. Textbooks – Elementary staff are working on Mathematics and Reading curriculum materials adoptions.
 7. Legislator Visit – The March 20th visit by Romaine Quinn & James Edming went well.
 8. Other as Appropriate – Board was reminded of WASB survey results that are available for review.
- M. **Committee Reports (Discussion & Action):**
1. Building & Grounds – March 25th meeting focused on upcoming projects and there is a scheduled April 29th meeting.
 2. Policy - There is a need to schedule May meeting.
 3. Alternative Education – A work group will be meeting to continue working on details of the Bobcat Virtual Academy.
- N. **Old Business (Action):**
1. Charter Contract – Motion by Downey and second by Langham to approve Bobcat Virtual Academy Contract with Birchwood Charter School Governance Board. Motion passed 4-0.
- O. **New Business (Action):**
1. Resignations – Motion by Downey and second by Robotka to accept resignations of Sara Waldron (Co-Yearbook Advisor) and Keith Gay (JV Boys Basketball). Motion passed 4-0.
 2. Resignation – Motion by Robotka and second by Downey to accept resignation of Ms. Jill Hockersmith. Motion passed 4-0.
 3. Resignation – Motion by Langham and second by Downey to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Ms. Donna Soper, Pre-K teacher aide. Motion passed 4-0.
 4. Hiring – Motion by Langham and second by Robotka to approve hiring of Mr. Michael Brown as E2 Montessori teacher. Motion passed on roll call vote 4-0.
 5. Hiring – Motion by Downey and second by Langham to approve the hiring of Charity Knauff as General/Vocal Music Long-Term Substitute. Motion passed on roll call vote 4-0.
 6. CESA 11 Delegate – Motion by Robotka and second by Langham to appoint Robert Herscher to be delegate to CESA 11 Annual Convention. Motion passed 4-0.
 7. Donations – Motion by Downey and second by Langham to accept donations from CPTO (\$500 towards HMV), Viking Coca-Cola (\$319.61 towards All Sports Account), Target (\$38.97 as undesignated) and Warren Thomas Memorial (\$170 towards Golf). Motion passed 4-0.
- P. **Community Members (Current Items of Business)** - None
- Q. **Closed Session** – Motion by Robotka and second by Langham at 8:50 pm pursuant to s. 19.85 (c) and (f) for the purpose of discussing: 1) Negotiations. Motion passed on roll call vote 4-0.
- R. **Regular Session** – Motion by Langham and second by Downey at 9:14 pm to convene into Regular Session for the purpose of considering motions as a result of Closed Session discussions. Motion passed on roll call vote 4-0.
- S. **Adjournment** – Motion by Langham and second by Robotka at 9:15 pm to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0.