

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting  
April 27, 2015

President Bruce Caudill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center and opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: B.Caudill, G.Zelinski, P.Peterson, Jr., F.Zelinski, J.Moll, N.Christ, T.Pallin, Admin. Peterson and Business Manager Robinson

Absent: None

Visitors: T.Hand, N.Powell, K.Caudill, J.Hook, S.Zelinski

Frances Zelinski requested "selection of Valedictorian and Salutatorian" be added to the agenda and President Caudill moved the 'Old Business' portion of the agenda to be addressed last. On a motion by G.Zelinski supported by P.Peterson, Jr the agenda was approved with this addition and correction. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by J.Moll supported by N.Christ to approve the physics trip final itinerary, excusing students from school May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion Carried.

There was no one in attendance from Lac Vieux Desert.

The Student Council conducted no meetings or activity to report on.

Discussion took place regarding utilization of LED vs fluorescent lighting in the gymnasium. With an analysis conducted by U.P. Power through B & B Electrical Contractors, Inc., the LED, at this time, is not cost effective as the fixture cost is still too high to get a return on any energy savings. The RFP will state "8 lamp, T8 Fluorescent" to replace the existing lights and fixtures.

With the lighting project in motion, discussion ensued regarding the re-surfacing of the gymnasium floor. The floor project will remain on the original date of June 1<sup>st</sup> with the lighting project to commence on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A proposal from D.Terry Nordine requesting use of the School's "Nimrods" trademark to promote business of Nimrod wear was received. The marketing idea is to increase foot traffic and sale of our Nimrod wear at his store location. On a motion by J.Moll supported by G.Zelinski, the proposal was approved and the Board requested a letter be drafted to document specific details of this approval. Motion Carried.

A history of events pertaining to Tenure Docket No: 15-015497 ED was given and that our Summary Disposition Motion is set for Monday, May 11, 2015 at 10:00 am.

With elementary numbers increasing in the combined 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, a brief discussion on the necessity to recruit a 6<sup>th</sup> grade instructor was initiated. No decision was made.

On a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by G.Zelinski the minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup> special meeting, February 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting, March 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and March 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes be approved. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by G.Zelinski supported by J.Moll to approve the April accounts payable totaling \$72,513.17 for the General Fund and \$4,105.18 for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Fund. Motion Carried Unanimously.

The Financial Report was accepted as presented.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member George Zelinski and seconded by Member Pete Peterson, Jr.

**WHEREAS:**

This Board received the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD General Fund Operating Budget on or before May 1, 2015; and

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In accordance with Section 280.624 of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD budget, and must submit to the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD Board any specific objections and/proposed changes the Board may have to the budget prior to June 1, 2015.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD General Fund Operating Budget for the 2015-2016 school year be (“supported” or “disapproved for the reasons attached hereto”), and that the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD Board of Education, along with any specific objections or proposed changes to the budget.

Ayes: Members            B.Caudill, P.Peterson, Jr., G.Zelinski, J.Moll, F.Zelinski, T.Pallin, N.Christ

Nays: Members            None

**Motion declared adopted.**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Watersmeet Township School District, Michigan hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on Monday, April 27, 2015, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board’s minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Signed:

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Joan Moll, Secretary, Board of Education

Budgeting revenue and expenditure items were reviewed and discussed. There was a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by N.Christ to approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

With Mr. Gregg Gatta retiring from the English and Spanish Department, committee member, Nick Christ, delivered a synopsis of the three applicants interviewed for the English position. Member Christ announced the committee recommendation to hire Richard Chiochios. There was a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by G.Zelinski to make an offer of employment to Richard Chiochios to fill the English Department vacancy.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes                      Motion Carried Unanimously.

As Social Studies Instructor, Mr. Cole Williquette, will be relocating to Missouri, Nick Christ addressed the unique features of the two applicant interviews. Member Christ announced the committee recommendation to hire John Biggs. On a motion by N.Christ supported by J.Moll there was approval to make an offer of employment to John Biggs filling both the Social Studies and Spanish Departments.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes                      Motion Carried Unanimously.

Committee member G.Zelinski gave a brief overview of the five (5) applicants interviewed for the Head Cook position. Member Zelinski announced the committee recommendation as highly qualified and offer the vacant position to Kathy Leonard. There was a motion by G.Zelinski supported by N.Christ to make an offer of employment to Kathy Leonard as the Head Cook.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes                      Motion Carried Unanimously.

With the School Improvement Team working on student data and assessments, there is a critical need to implement a new Writing Program. A team recommendation suggested purchasing McGraw-Hills Reasoning and Writing Program. Discussion was held. There was a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by T.Pallin to table the purchase for more research. Motion carried.

In a school-wide effort to increase communication with our parents, a few members of the School Improvement Team viewed a webinar from Alert Solutions, a communication suite fully embedded within PowerSchool software. Concluding discussion, there was a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by J.Moll to purchase Alert Solutions notification system. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Due to health issues, Coach Norm resigned his position as Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach. With a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by J.Moll his resignation was accepted and advertising within the union staff, accepted the only interested applicant, Brent Besonen. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Member Frances Zelinski made an inquiry on the selection process and timeline for Valedictorian and Salutatorian. At this point, the process and timeline(s) cannot be changed, however, Administrator Peterson will look into various needed Student Handbook improvements for the future and request input from staff, board members, and community.

The Principal Report was given.

Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District has requested a joint Board committee meeting to discuss the possibility of sharing an Administrator. This meeting will be set up as soon as possible and the committee will report back to the Board for a determination on which position to fill with the retirement of Sandra Robinson.

A PowerPoint proposal to provide shared Administration services was viewed by the Board.

Administration evaluations were discussed.

On a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by J.Moll the Board adjourned to executive session at 8:20 pm for administrative evaluations. Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

There was a motion by Pete Peterson, Jr. supported by G.Zelinski to return to regular session at 9:15 pm. Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Having no further business before the Board, there was a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by G.Zelinski to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

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President, Bruce Caudill

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Secretary, Joan Moll