

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2014
6:30 P.M.

Vice President G.Zelinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the media center.

Present: G.Zelinski, D.Giannola, P.Peterson, Jr., Dr. J.Hobart, G.Robinsons, Jr.,
Absent: M.Hazen, J.Moll
Visitors: S.Zelinski, B.Besonen, C.DeForge, J.Hook, M.Allard, L.Williams,
H.Garrison, C.Williams, A.Peterson, T.Hand, M.McGrath, N.Powell,
D.Taavola, R.Pallin

A few members from the Class of 2014 and Advisor Williams were in attendance to provide a report on events of their journey and the educational/life lessons learned throughout the experience.

Communication from Executive Director, John Forkenbrock of NAFIS was received regarding our attendance at the Washington, DC conference in March and a Certificate of Completion for Business Manager, Sandra Robinson who attended a Level 1 training on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

On a motion by D.Giannola supported by G.Robinson, Jr. the March 24, 2014 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by G.Robinson, Jr. supported by Dr. Hobart to approve the April accounts payable, which are tabulated and presented for payment. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report was accepted as presented.

Discussion was held on the numerous school days cancelled and/or delayed due to raw weather conditions. The District worked with our compliance auditor to achieve the States mandated days and hour requirement and will end our school year on June 9, 2014 providing the days in April will be forgiven. No action was taken.

Administrator Peterson notified the Board that MEA UniServ Director, Steve Smith was contacted via written communication regarding the Board's decision to contract with Tom Smith of MASB for negotiations and provide him with contact information for Mr. Smith. No Action was taken.

There was a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by Dr. Hobart to table the Administrative evaluation and review. Motion Carried.

Extensive discussion was held regarding the current combination of grade 5 (12 students) and grade 6 (3 students) increasing for next school year to 12 students in fourth grade (current enrollment) and 12 students in fifth grade (current enrollment). No action was taken.

Administrator Peterson proposed contracting our lawn care to address immediate building maintenance issues to be completed. There was a motion by D.Giannola supported by Dr. Hobart to advertise for lawn care bids. Motion Carried.

On April 11, 2014 the State announced a pilot program grant providing at-risk school districts financial compensation up to \$750,000 for implementing a year-round instructional school program. Discussion was held and visitors were given an opportunity to present their views on the subject. Commencing all discussion and contingent upon there is no obligation to accept the grant, the following preamble and resolution was offered by member D.Giannola and supported by Dr. Hobart:

WHEREAS, Section 31b of the State School Aid Act provides that at-risk school districts may be eligible for financial grants of up to \$750,000 for implementing a year-round instructional program in a school.



WHEREAS, the board of education of **Watersmeet Township School District** desires to apply for the grant.

WHEREAS, the **Watersmeet Township School District** is eligible in 2013-2014 for the community eligibility option for free and reduced price lunch under 42 USC 1759a.

WHEREAS, at least 50 percent of the pupils in membership of **Watersmeet Township School District** met the income eligibility criteria for free breakfast, lunch or milk in the immediately preceding state fiscal year, as determined under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 USC 1751-17691.

WHEREAS, eligibility for the year-round school financial grant is contingent upon adopting a resolution that states (a) the district will implement for the first time a year-round instructional calendar that will begin in 2014-2015 for least one school operated by the district and (b) commits to providing the year-round instructional calendar in each of those schools for at least three (3) school years.

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. The board of education of **Watersmeet Township School District** certifies the following:
 - The school district will implement for the first time a year-round instructional calendar that will begin in 2014-2015 for the following school(s):
 1. **Watersmeet Township School District**
 - The school district commits to providing the year-round instructional calendar in each of the aforementioned schools for at least three (3) years.
2. The board of education of **Watersmeet Township School District** authorizes and directs its treasurer to file this resolution with the State Aid and School Finance Office of the Michigan Department of Education not later than May 1, 2014.

