

FARWELL AREA SCHOOLS
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING

7:00PM

Regular Meeting

Farwell High School Media Center

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - PRESIDENT MAXEY
Members Present: Jade Campbell, Bill Geyer, Joe Maxey, Shari Buccilli, Kellee Robinson, Angelina Smith
Members Absent: John Gross
Administrative Staff Present: Steve Scoville, Dorothy Boge, Dee Yarger, Cathy Gross, Nancy Cairnduff, Deb Schomisch, Darryl Johns

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- III. APPROVE AGENDA
Motion by Smith with support from Geyer to approve agenda with addition of V. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, B. CELEBRATIONS, 3. *MICHIGAN PRINCIPALS' MONTH*. Motion passed 6-0.

- IV. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- V. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT
 - A. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ANY AGENDA ITEMS None
 - B. CELEBRATIONS
 1. HS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
Presented by Dr. Yarger
8th: Madison Forfinski (not present)
12th: Bishop Wilson
11th: Kylee Donelson
10th: Kaleb Dunford
9th: Thomas Taylor
Timberland: Jasmine Brown

 2. EAGLE SCOUT KYLE FROST
Presented by Scoutmaster Mike Firman

3. MICHIGAN PRINCIPALS' MONTH

Certificate presented to Yarger, Gross, Cairnduff by Scoville. Mike Groulx not present to receive certificate.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. APPROVE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL INVOICES

TOTALING \$246,796.65

(ACTION)

Motion by Buccilli, support from Geyer to approve monthly operational invoices.

Question from Smith about getting bids for large items. Large items for athletic complex were reimbursed by Sports Boosters. Motion passed 6-0.

B. APPROVE GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

(ACTION)

1. SPORTS BOOSTERS (ATHLETIC COMPLEX) - \$531.90

2. DEBORAH GADILLE, DDS (DONATION TO SPECIAL ED) – \$200.00

Motion by Robinson with support from Smith to approve donations. Motion passed 6-0.

VII. REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Boge: Financial audit underway

Gross: Donations from community for attendance awards – recognized donors;

November 1st Elementary Carnival 5-7PM

Cairnduff: CHAMPS training – seeing success in classrooms; highlights of Tiffany Trites' Cultural Crafts class with ties to Social Studies.

Yarger: athletic highlights and schedules; TLH update – 30 students on days, 15 on nights, attendance initiatives; Thanksgiving dinner/lunch for students being planned for Friday, November 22nd; Homecoming updates; Robotics Club took tour of Melling plant, still looking for donations of old electronics; Senior Focus Day; HS Pictures October 18th; NHS Inductions October 22nd.

Schomisch: State Police inspections upcoming, last year passed 100%. Expect same pass rate this year.

Johns: Boilers all fired up for the year; installing new gates at athletic complex.

B. BOARD COMMENTS

Smith: Glad to see celebrations back as part of board meetings now that school is back in session; enjoys celebrating student successes.

Maxey: October 1st meeting about bond with community, IDI, JCI: good dialogue, thank you to those who attended to help answer questions; hoping for positive outcome of November 5th bond proposal.

C. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Scoville: Thank you to Delos Blain for work at athletic complex in preparation for improvements; great to have student celebrations again at board meetings; bond update: one township meeting left and Village of Farwell meeting, and will have met with every

township in district; Carol Densmore from Department of Treasury visit to Farwell to confirm Preliminary Qualification Application for bond; State of Michigan Budget passed, increase of \$240/pupil; Family Forest Designation for Farwell properties.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBOOK (ACTION)

Motion by Buccilli with support from Smith to approve Middle School Handbook.

Motion passed 6-0.

B. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (ACTION)

Motion by Smith with support from Campbell to approve Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion passed 6-0.

C. FESA WAGE REOPENER (ACTION)

Motion by Buccilli with support from Robinson to approve FESA Wage Reopener.

Discussion: Scoville explains savings to district from staff changes, possibility of unfreezing wages for hourly employees. Motion passed 6-0.

D. TEAMSTERS WAGE REOPENER (ACTION)

Motion by Smith with support from Campbell to approve Teamsters Wage Reopener.

Discussion: Scoville explains Teamster union dissolution; wage unfreeze options. Smith amends motion to "group formerly known as Teamsters," Campbell still supports.

Motion passed 6-0.

E. RESIGNATION

1. MS Paraprofessional – Crystal Music (ACTION)

Motion by Smith with support from Campbell to accept resignation with regret.

Motion passed 6-0.

IX. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dan Dysinger: Thank you to superintendent and committee for bond meeting that was held; still has concerns about bond; no support for November 5th bond proposal.

Letha Raymond: Appreciation and respect for board members; no support for November 5th bond proposal; still concerns about long-term plan.

Ryan Blain: Thank you to BOE and teachers for education of students; still strongly opposing bond proposal; concerned about costs.

X. CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS

Motion by Smith with support from Geyer to enter closed session. Roll call vote. Motion passed 6-0. Enter closed session at 8:08PM.

Motion by Smith with support from Geyer to enter open session. Roll call vote. Motion passed 6-0. Enter open session at 8:36PM.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion by Buccilli with support from Robinson to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

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Board President

X Angelina Smith
Board Secretary

X Kate VanBoskirk
Board Recorder