

CARMAN-AINSWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by President Conway in the Conference Room of the Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building.

Members Present: Peggy Anderson, Joy Hart, Patrice Hatcher, Gloria Nealy, Recco Richardson, Ann Saunders, Mishaal Khan, Erick Skaff, President Conway

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent Haley, Steve Tunncliff, Russ Parks, Maribeth Goodheart, Paul Robinson, Dave Swierpel, Debra Klinck, Joe Hale, Dave Vanzile, Natalie Blythe, Sue Allen and other guests

President Conway led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Parks recited the mission statement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Receiving of Delegations: President Conway inquired if any delegates wished to address the Board. There were none.

Community Comments: President Conway inquired if any individuals wished to address the Board. Mr. Harold Steinman, 6315 Stonegate, Flint, Michigan spoke about his long-term support of the district, its excellent educational programs and diversity, his recent displeasure with the scheduled the high school Open House; and the importance of utilizing appropriate calendar tools to respect religious holidays. In addition to noting his previous apology to Mrs. Steinman, Superintendent Haley expressed sincere apology to Mr. Steinman and told of the recently tendered written apology to the Jewish Federation. Shared was Principal Mattar's willingness to place similar information in the high school newsletter. Mr. Steinman accepted the apology.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Haley introduced Carman-Ainsworth High School freshman, Miss Rani Richardson, who recently participated in Michigan State University's Math/Science/Technology summer program. To be eligible for the program, participants must have scored at the college entrance level on a national test. Superintendent Haley commended Miss Richardson's scholarly ability. Upon request, Miss Richardson introduced family members. Brief discussion ensued, including Miss Richardson's comment that speakers at the high school opening day were excellent.

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Haley indicated that Mrs. Gooheart and Mr. Swierpel were reporting on Student Support Systems and Mr. Parks on various operational items.

Student Support Systems

Mrs. Goodheart provided an overview of Student Support Services. A topical overview included:

- Special Education Staffing Update
- Key Departmental Service Changes – Eligibility; Guidelines; Goals; Curriculum Alignment; Scheduling; and an Increase in Co-teaching
- Support Staff Focus – Changing Roles of Psychologists, Teacher Consultants, Social Workers, Counselors and Nurse and Positive Behavior Support
- Section 504 Update – Numbers and Changes

- English as a Second Language Update – Numbers; Assessment and Assessment Criteria; and Tutoring Services
- Student Support Services Expectations – General Curriculum Access & Support; CIMS Monitoring Standards; Co-Teaching Model; Data Collection & Analysis; and Positive Behavior Support.

Upon inquiry, Mrs. Goodheart indicated that Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP) is being addressed through increased general education support, in addition to services, supports, and strategies in Readers Workshop. Regarding the identification of students for the highly able learner program, Mrs. Goodheart stated that teacher referral is utilized. Mr. Tunnickliff added that parent referral or request can also be utilized in the screening process.

Mr. Swierpel discussed other supports and a variety of programs offered by the district. Although there is no specific vision statement for the many programs, words that guide include: options, support, service, solutions, alternatives, and opportunities. Discussed throughout the presentation were the various programs and their connection to the above succinct philosophies, all teachers were highly qualified, and that applicable programs had the same high school graduation requirements as Carman-Ainsworth High School. Mr. Swierpel stressed that no longer are adult and alternative educational programs a short cut. Topical areas discussed were:

- Student Memories and Comments – Second Chances; Friendships; and Staff Guidance
- Stalker Adult Education Center Programs – Full/Part Time Diploma Programs; GED Preparation and Testing; Under 16 Program; and Credit Recovery
- Atlantis – Full Time Diploma Program; Purposefully Small; Limited Transportation; Excellent Staff; and an Internship Requirement
- Senior Goals – Furthering Education
- Carman Park-Baker Career Academy – Full Time College Credit and Diploma Program and Academic Acceleration Academy (AAA) for Credit Recovery
- Exceptional Staff, Past and Present – Ms. Balbaugh, Carman Park-Baker Career Academy; Mr. Hall, Facilitator at Stalker; Mr. Mayo the New Facilitator at Atlantis, and Ms. Marilyn Korpi, Supervisor of Programs
- Research Supporting Dual Enrollment Programs Increase College Attendance, Motivation, Confidence and Success
- Carman-Ainsworth Middle School – Proactive First Semester Identification of Struggling Students; Purposeful Targeting of Students in 7th and 8th Grade; Smaller Classes, Fewer Transitions, and Additional Support; Character and Behavior Focus
- Importance of Education – *Detroit Free Press*' Ballard Predicts Success Range for College/High School Graduates and Dropouts and the Realities of the Job Market
- Student Support Opportunities – A Continually Evolving Commitment.

Superintendent Haley stated the district is committed to guarantee learning for every student. Discussion is ongoing regarding being mindful of student needs and how counseling roles may need to change to meet those needs. Stressed is that no student should be left out.

Operations and Non-certified Staffing Plans

Superintendent Haley shared that the first day of school went superbly. Mr. Parks indicated that transportation also had a great first day, with no transportation complaints.

Mr. Parks provided a 2009-2010 Year in Review for Operations and Grounds. Mr. Parks discussed the following topics:

- Honeywell Energy Management System
- Various District Projects – Athletic Facilities; Paving; Carpet; and Painting
- Technology Upgrades – Elementary ITV Rooms; New Computer Labs; Camera Additions in Buildings and Busses

- Miscellaneous Projects – Administration Building Restrooms/Flood Restoration and High School Air Conditioning
- Routine Items – Computer Cleaning; Summer Cleaning; Cooperative Purchasing; Recycling of Computers and Milk Containers; Sharing Electrical Services with Flushing Community Schools
- Registrations – Mobility Data and Choice Programs.

An opportunity was provided for questions or comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Hatcher noted her attendance at the Athletic Review Committee meeting the previous month and the Genesee County Area School Board Members (GCASBM) Executive meeting. At the Athletic Review meeting information was shared regarding the Saginaw Valley Conference application process. Feedback is anticipated this fall. The GCASBM meeting attendees scheduled a work session for September 30th, discussed the forthcoming holiday gathering on December 9th, and potential GenNET changes.

BOARD GENERAL DISCUSSION

President Conway asked if the members had any items for general discussion. There was no response.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

In response to an inquiry by President Conway, Superintendent Haley responded that there were no additions to the agenda.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Richardson, supported by Hatcher, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 17, 2010 and the Executive Session Meeting of August 17, 2010, and that they be approved as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Conway determined that there was no treasurer's report this evening.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Motion by Nealy, supported by Anderson, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of the employee noted below; authorize the unpaid leave for the employee noted below; and employ the below noted individual teachers for the 2010-2011 school year upon the receipt of their Michigan teaching certificates and acceptable criminal history/FBI reports, as recommended by Superintendent Haley.

Acceptance of Resignation

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Current Status</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
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| Jessica Haggerty | High School Science | July 22, 2010 |

Authorization of Leave

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Current Status</u> | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
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Kathleen Piper Childcare Leave Childcare Leave 2010-2011 school year

Offer of Contract

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>University</u> | <u>Degree</u> | <u>Prior Experience</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|------------------|--|-------------------|--|--|---------------|
| Sara Anderson | 4 th /5 th Grade | Central Michigan | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education | Carman-Ainsworth Long Term Substitute and Tutor since 2007 | 1/A |
| Amanda Hotchkiss | Kindergarten | U of M – Flint | Bachelors in Elementary Education Minors: Language Arts, Social Studies and Early Childhood | Substitute work in Carman-Ainsworth and Grand Blanc | 1/A |
| Amanda Klein | Special Education | Central Michigan | Bachelor's Degree in Special Education with a minor in Child Development | Lee County Schools – North Carolina – 2 years | 3/A |

A brief discussion ensued regarding tenure implications. Mr. Tunnichliff voiced that Ms. Haggerty performed wonderfully for the district.

Motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

President Conway noted that there was no Old Business at this time.

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ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATORS

- Mr. Robinson mentioned that this summer was the first time schools had to submit school improvement plans online. The plans were first forwarded to Superintendent Haley for review prior to submission. The plans will be reopened after Oct 18th. Mr. Robinson observed the opening day at Dye Elementary where many happy student faces were observed.
- Mr. Swierpel announced that the Under 16 program began today; other alternative programs begin September 20th.
- Mr. Tunnichliff indicated the Board would be copied an email being sent to those teachers which helped facilitate professional development last week. They were a tremendous help. Mr. Tunnichliff clarified that the previous report on projectors at the August 17th Board meeting should reflect that the \$2,000.00 cost is greatly reduced from the usual \$6,000.00-\$7,000.00 price range. Mr. Tunnichliff indicated he had the opportunity to assist Montrose in their Professional Learning Community (PLC) kickoff. Hopefully, we can let others know what it is that we already do. This is most positive for Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools.
- Superintendent Haley shared that, after attending every building except the middle school, it was determined that the first day of school went very well. Superintendent Haley added that he would be attending the middle school tomorrow. Superintendent Haley commended the high school staff for planning an alternative opening day schedule; it was both mindful and intentional and may make a positive difference for students. Superintendent Haley indicated that one high school assistant principal position was open, but interviews were underway. Until a selection is made, Mr. Barton Zachrich will assist temporarily. A recommendation to the Board is forthcoming.

ITEMS FROM TRUSTEES

- Mr. Skaff explained that he was tardy this evening due to a tennis match with Powers Catholic High School. This Thursday they play Davison at home. Last Thursday they played Flushing. Regarding the opening day of school, Mr. Skaff summarized that discussed were expectations, and that students were broken up by grade level. Mr. Skaff shared that the day's events increased his motivation for the school year. Mr. Skaff commented that the high school Open House is September 9th with National Honor Society Inductions for new 10th-12th graders on September 10th.
- Ms. Nealy shared that she attended Randels' Kindergarten Open House last week; the tour went well. Ms. Nealy noted her attendance at a recent presentation on corrections at the high school. The discussion was open and very frank. Ms. Nealy hoped that this discussion helped students make good choices. Ms. Nealy noted that the Senior Center was having a breakfast this Friday at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$2.00.
- Dr. Richardson complimented the basketball and x-country coaches for an enthusiastic conditioning. The enthusiasm was contagious, causing his daughters not to want to let the coach down. Dr. Richardson noted that Dye Elementary was business as usual the first day. Dr. Richardson made positive comment regarding the middle school program, Mr. Parks' data, and Dillon Elementary's data board regarding Parent Club earnings books, and other details.
- Miss Khan shared that the high school speakers were interesting and motivating. Especially liked was Mr. Swanson's boot story. Discussed were tardiness and drug abuse, which Ms. Khan found to be very motivational.
- Mrs. Hatcher shared that she attended the high school opening day and was impressed with the organization, attentiveness, and respectfulness of the high school students. Mrs. Hatcher noted that she was present for the 6th grade schedule pick-up; there was a line, but it was moving efficiently. Mrs. Hatcher noted that a recent high school x-country meet was cancelled due to rain. Regarding athletic photography sessions, Mrs. Hatcher indicated that seven or eight photographers were present at the high school and only three at the middle school. Superintendent Haley added that this is the first year for middle school athletic photography. Adjustments can be made.
- Ms. Hart shared that her daughter is excited about school. Today's opening high school festivities were a good experience for many students. Ms. Hart announced that 15, 9-11 year-old girls from Carman-Ainsworth will be participating in a fall softball league. Games will be held in Brandon.
- Mrs. Anderson shared that she was positively impressed with a report Assistant Principal Davis gave to seniors. The data provided placed a monetary value on a variety of important matters pertinent to them. The program included signing a gown to commit to graduation. Mrs. Anderson noted support for Mr. Swierpel's quote, "Each time we add a layer of support we catch a few more students." Mrs. Anderson shared that she saw Dr. Richardson on a Channel 12 interview discussing back to school issues and was happy to see Mr. Zachrich at the high school. Mrs. Anderson provided an update on the recent meeting of the Superintendent Contract Committee; an evaluative report card is being developed. Mrs. Anderson voiced appreciation of the various reports at Board meetings.
- President Conway inquired with Mr. Skaff regarding the book *Jayne Eyre* and congratulated both Mr. Skaff and Miss Khan on beginning another school year.

ADVANCED PLANNING

Future Meeting Dates

Superintendent Haley reminded that an important remembrance for Carman-Ainsworth graduate Joseph Dennis Johnson, who was killed in Afghanistan, is scheduled for Friday's football game. The Blue Brigade Marching Band will also dedicate their half-time show in his honor.

Board of Education Meeting, September 21, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

Board of Education Meeting, October 5, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

Board of Education Meeting, October 19, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

Suggested Agenda Items

Superintendent Haley shared that three upcoming Board meetings would provide school improvement reports from the various school buildings regarding specific and intentional things they are doing to impact data.

- Superintendent Success Indicators
- Demographic Data
- Building School Improvement Reports
- Discipline Data
- Operation Data
- District 2009-2010 Financial Audit
- Election Cycle
- Superintendent Interim Evaluation
- Budget Amendments
- School Improvement Progress Monitoring

ADJOURNMENT

President Conway declared the Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Recco Richardson, Board Secretary