

BERRIEN REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

A regular meeting of the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency Board of Education was held Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in Conference Room D of the Administrative Center, 711 St. Joseph Avenue, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Kalling at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present:	RESA Staff:		
President: Sharon Kalling	Superintendent:		Kevin Ivers
V. President: Cathy J. Bair	Assistant Superintendent:		Jim Palm
Treasurer: Linda Holt	Controller:		Jeff Jasper
Trustee: J. Allene Smith	Administrative Assistant:		Joan Rodell

Board members absent:

Secretary: Thomas J. Fanning

Other RESA staff members present: Craig Blasko, Karen Heath, Eric Hoppstock, Lynda Hurlow, Becky Meier, Doug Montey and Brian Pyles

Visitors: None.

II. Consent Agenda - There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 12, 2011

Motion by Mrs. Bair and supported by Mrs. Holt that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2011 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Financial Matters

A. Routine Bills

Prior to action, a revised Routine Bills sheet was distributed. A motion was offered by Mrs. Bair and supported by Mrs. Smith that bills in the amount of \$1,857,656.81 be approved:

General Fund:	\$ 627,694.95
Special Education Fund:	1,208,510.46
Food Service Fund:	20,226.40

Magnet Fund:	<u>1,225.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	\$1,857,656.81

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Financial Statements - Mr. Jasper commented briefly on the Special Education Financial Statements and federal funds reimbursement.
  - C. Cash Flow - No comments were made.
- V. Communications
- A. Board members received a copy of a memorandum from State Representative Al Pscholka regarding School Funding and Resources; and, a letter from The Center for Michigan regarding a year-long campaign to engage citizens on the topic of student learning through town hall-style meetings called “Community Conversations.”
- VI. Old Business - There was no Old Business.
- VII. Reports of Committees
- A. MASB - No meetings were attended.
  - B. Berrien/Cass School Boards Association - Mrs. Bair reported the Board of Directors would be meeting on January 24 at Berrien RESA.
  - C. Building & Site - No meetings have been held. Blossomland Learning Center pool project bids will be opened January 30 at 11:00 a.m.
  - D. Personnel/Policy - No meetings have been held.
- VIII. Reports, Recommendations of the Superintendent and Information Items
- A. Reports
    - 1. Activities Calendar - No comments were made.
    - 2. Minutes of Superintendents Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of December 9, 2011 - Superintendent Ivers highlighted pertinent information listed in the minutes. The January 13, 2012 SAC meeting was cancelled due to a countywide snow day.
  - B. Recommendations of the Superintendent
    - 1. Appointment of Hagar Twp. #6 Board of Education Member - Agenda Report #1

Motion by Mrs. Bair and supported by Mrs. Holt that Tim Smith be appointed to the Hagar Twp. #6 Board of Education to a term commencing on January 17, 2012 and concluding on December 31, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Possible Employment of Staff

a. Board Authorized Employment - No staff was employed.

b. Superintendent Appointments

- (1) Superintendent Ivers reported that Joyce Miller, formerly the School Improvement & Accountability Consultant, is now the Homeless Education/Health Consultant. Buzz Calvert will be retiring June 30, 2012 and Ms. Miller is being transitioned to fill this position. Ms. Miller's former position will be posted in the near future.

C. Information Items

1. School Board Recognition Month - Superintendent Ivers took the opportunity during School Board Recognition Month to recognize the members of the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency Board of Education. He noted that public education is the backbone of American society, and local school boards are deeply rooted in US tradition. Local school boards continue to do the most important work of their communities – that of educating our youth. Dr. Ivers thanked the members of the Board of Education for their contributions to public education and presented each member with a Certificate of Appreciation.

IX. New Business

A. General Administration

1. Contract Extension with EduStaff, Inc. - Agenda Report #2

Motion by Mrs. Smith and supported by Mrs. Holt that a one-year contract with EduStaff, Inc. for assistant superintendent of administrative services for 101 days a \$55,073 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Special Education

X. Administrative Reports

A. Dr. Brian Pyles, Director, Career & Technical Education

1. CTE Annual Report (the report followed Call to Order) - Dr. Brian Pyles reviewed the 2010-2011 Berrien County Career & Technical Education Annual Report, and distributed a copy of the 2012-2013 CTE Programs that will be published in the local newspapers.

XI. Hearing of Citizens Present - There were no citizen comments.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business and no objection to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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Kevin M. Ivers, Superintendent

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