

MEETING MINUTES
Chelsea Board of School Directors
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2008 @ 7:00 PM
Chelsea School Business Education Room
Approved September 17, 2008

Board Members Present:

Emily Marshia, Chair
Chris Byrne, Vice Chair
Joseph Spinella
Tracy Crocker
Kelly Lyford

Community & Staff Members Present

David Bickford, Superintendent
Karoline Johnson, Principal
Jennifer Cypher, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Emily called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Kelly asked to strike the second sentence under "Future Meetings" in the August 6 draft meeting minutes; those minutes were approved with said change. Tracy asked to clarify in the August 20 minutes that the coaching positions listed were all for soccer. The August 20 minutes were approved with that clarification.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Emily requested a brief executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Correspondence

Emily received a card from Damariscotta Miller, thanking the Board for its support of her professional development over the summer.

Emily received a letter of resignation from Anthony Popoli.

Finally, Emily received a list of health topics from Mr. Stevens that will be discussed in the fall semester.

Public Comments

Chris has been involved in a discussion with parents from Wellspring, wondering how they improve the communication related to sports programs (specifically, when sign-ups/practices are being held, policy for non-Chelsea students playing for Chelsea teams, etc). This information would be useful to add to the website once it is updated.

Chris also spoke with Sam Kelman to discuss potential incentives for gaining more players on the boys' soccer team. The school is not able to field a boys' soccer team this year. Emily will speak with Terry for clarification on fielding teams in the future.

Old Business

Retreat Notes/Develop goals for 2008/2009

The Board discussed how to share and/or implement the goals and objectives identified at the retreat held August 6. The Board agreed that it would be good to get input from faculty, Friends of Chelsea members, and potentially students. Several Board members will attend the full faculty meeting scheduled for October 2, followed by a Board meeting on October 15 which will be held directly after school rather than the regularly scheduled time. Between the faculty meeting and the school board meeting, the Board will refine the notes from the retreat to present the information more clearly.

Second Reading: Animal Dissection Policy

The animal dissection policy was provided to Board members for a second reading. It will be warned for the next meeting.

Reports

Principal's Report

Karoline reports that the school year is off to a smooth start.

Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was provided to Board members via email. The supervisory union is off to a good start.

OWSU Executive Committee Report

None.

RTCC Representative Report

The RTCC Board met last Thursday. There are 162 students attending RTCC, with some of the most popular programs being Automotive Technology, Building Trades, Diesel Technology, Culinary Arts, Environmental Resource Management, and Power Technology. A survey was conducted recently to gauge interest in new types of programs. Joe reported that as a result of that survey, a program involving Sports Medicine is being seriously considered for the 09-10 school year. No action was taken at the RTCC Board meeting.

New Business

David provided a draft of a Building Use Policy that the board will review for input.

A discussion regarding transportation ensued. David will meet with Bill Ackerman to get his input into future transportation needs.

Future Meetings

The next regular Board meeting will be held on September 17.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:03 pm. The Board exited Executive Session at 9:17. No action taken

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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.