



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
TROY, MICHIGAN**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 17, 2012
SERVICES BUILDING**

President Philippart called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

In addition to Ms. Philippart, present were Board members Edmunds, Fleming, Hauff, Miletti, Schmidt and Underwood. Also present were Superintendent Fowler; administrators Birmingham, Cottone, Jolly, Keeling, Machesky, Rajter, Witt, and Wood; and approximately 65 members of the audience.

RECOGNITION

Senior Scholar Athletes

The Board recognized 104 senior scholar athletes from fall sports. These students have maintained a 3.5 cumulative grade point average while participating in an athletic program. The students recognized were:

Joshua Allen (Football), Arianna Armin (Girls' Swim & Dive), Andrew Aurand (Football), Kristine Barlow (Girls' Swim & Dive), Ujwal Bharath (Boys Tennis), Colleen Bielman (Cross Country), Lauren Bilinski (Girls Golf), Taylor Bommarito (Volleyball), Michael Brosseau (Cross Country), Filip Buniewicz (Boys Soccer), Jennifer Busk (Cross Country), Justin Byrne (Cross Country), Rebecca Campbell (Cross Country), Erin Carmona (Girls Golf), Amy Chen (Cross Country), Sameer Desai (Boys Tennis), Sanjay Devireddy (Boys Tennis), Jaclyn DiBartolomeo (Cross Country), Matthew DiBartolomeo (Cross Country), Kathryn Dickerson (Cross Country), Lauren Dietz (Girls' Swim & Dive), Christine Dolikian (Girls Golf), Matthew Dombrowski (Soccer), David Eicher (Boys Soccer), Michael Elias (Soccer), Jacqueline Farber (Fall Cheerleading), Nicholas Fava (Boys Tennis), Rhiannon Finney (Girls' Swim & Dive), Matthew Fitzpatrick (Football), Timothy Freiman (Soccer), Patrick Gao (Boys Tennis), Jennifer Gleit (Cross Country), Alexander Golinski (Cross Country), LaRee Golke (Girls Golf), Laney Hart (Volleyball), Christofer Hatzis (Boys Water Polo), Ethan Hoffman (Football), Vivian Hu (Cross Country), Christina Ignasiak (Girls Golf), Vladislav Jdanov (Cross Country), Oliver Jiang (Football), Andrew Kalina (Boys Soccer),

Emma Kollman (Volleyball), Colleen Konwinski (Girls' Swim & Dive), Joshua Krolik (Cross Country), Tara Kujawa (Cross Country), Matthew Kuntzman (Boys Tennis), Michael Kuntzman (Boys Tennis), Kevin Lalko (Cross Country), Tessa Lanzen (Girls' Swim & Dive), Lisa Lavelanet (Volleyball), Jason Leslie (Boys Soccer), David Li (Cross Country), Tingxi Liu (Swimming), Victoria Liu (Cross Country), Sarah Livingston (Cross Country), Grant Loukmas (Boys Tennis), Rachael Lynn (Cross Country), Kevin McDonald (Football), Haley Michaels (Cheerleading), Jeremy Middleton (Football), Thayer Morton (Soccer), Sanford Mouch (Football), Sanford Mouch (Soccer), Sean Murphy (Football), Baraka Nasari (Cross Country), Daniel O'Donovan (Cross Country), Marisa Oleski (Girls Golf), Matthew Oppenlander (Football), Kirsten Paavola (Girls Golf), Melissa Palmer (Cross Country), Anthony Panella (Boys Soccer), Justin Pearce (Football), Jason Petros (Cross Country), Kayla Plancon (Cross Country), Lindsay Podsiadlik (Cross Country), Adam Regalski (Cross Country), Noah Rice (Boys Tennis), Margaret Richter (Girls Golf), Carl Rizzi (Soccer), Christine Robertson (Cross Country), Eric Robertson (Cross Country), Laura Robertson (Cross Country), Mayara Sanches (Cheerleading), Erin Savage (Cross Country), Zachary Schenk (Cross Country), Stephen Schmidt (Boys Soccer), Shalin Shah (Boys Tennis), Adam Shaikh (Soccer), Kristen Shetler (Volleyball), Stanley Smith (Boys Tennis), Natalie Stagner (Cheerleading), James Sterba (Cross Country), Michelle Stuecheli (Volleyball), Jennifer Thompson (Volleyball), Tarah Thompson (Cross Country), Alexander Tompkins (Football), Joyce Tsao (Cross Country), Brian Turner (Cross Country), Edgar Wang (Boys Water Polo), Erica Wideman (Fall Cheerleading), William Yau (Cross Country), Julee Yee (Cross Country), Anna Young (Girls' Swim & Dive), and Kevin Zywicki (Boys Tennis).

All-State Athletes – Fall Sports

The following students were recognized by the Board for having received the distinction of being named all-state athletes in their respective sports:

Zachary Doepke (Boys Soccer), Kelly Feng (Girls Golf), Matthew Kuntzman (Boys Tennis), Jason Leslie (Boys Soccer), Kento Mizusaki (Boys Tennis), Sanath Shettigar (Boys Soccer), Matt Smolinski (Boys Soccer), William Yau (Cross Country), and Richard Zhang (Boys Tennis).

**2011 Siemens Competition
Winners**

The Board recognized three Troy High School students who will share \$50,000 in scholarship money after coming in second place in early December in the nation's premier science research competition. Seniors, Edgar Wang and Justin Yuan, along with junior, Wayne Shu, were the only Michigan students competing in a field of 20 in the national finals of the Siemens Competition. This competition is a signature program of the Siemens Foundation which supports science, technology, engineering and mathematics education, held at George Washington University in Washington D.C.

Board of Education

In honor of National School Board Recognition month, the Troy School District recognized a very important group of individuals: The Board of Education. Ms. Birmingham showed a short video to represent how important the Board is to our community. Board members were recognized with gratitude for their positive impact and exemplary service they have provided to the students, staff and Troy community. Board members were presented with an original canvas piece of art, which was created by Troy art teacher, Heather Kelly. Dr. Machesky and Mrs. Keeling on behalf of elementary and secondary principals presented the Board with cards and stated that a donation was made in honor of the Board to the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence.

ADDITIONS AND DELETION

None.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
(AGENDA ITEMS)**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA
12-010**

It was moved by Mr. Hauff and supported by Mrs. Fleming that **be it therefore resolved** that the Troy Board of Education takes action to approve items A, B, and C on the consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of the December 6, 2011, Board of Education Meeting;
- B. Minutes of the December 13, 2011, Board of Education Workshop;
- C. Treasurer's Report – November and December, 2011.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

PERSONNEL

**TESPA Negotiating Team
12-011**

It was moved by Mr. Miletti and supported by Ms. Underwood that **be it further resolved** that the Troy Board of Education hereby appoints Jasen Witt as its chief spokesperson and Mark Rajter and Sara Konieczka as team members to represent the Board in upcoming negotiations with the TESP/MEA/NEA, whose contract expires on June 30, 2012.

Be it further resolved that the Board desires to reach a fair and equitable agreement with TESP.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

**Elementary and Secondary
12-012**

It was moved by Mrs. Edmunds and supported by Ms. Underwood that **be it therefore resolved** that the Board of Education takes action to approve the aforementioned personnel recommendation as stated above (New Hires: Molly Brehm and Erin Hill).

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

CURRICULUM

**Oakland Community Accelerated
Learning Program (OCALP)**

Dr. Machesky shared a PowerPoint presentation on a learning program Troy high school students participated in over the summer. Oakland Community College hosts a program called OCALP (Oakland Community Accelerated Learning Program) that was designed to give students exposure to science and technology courses while earning college credits. Troy was one of five surrounding districts that provided this opportunity for students to begin building their college transcripts. Dr. Machesky provided data on the number of participants and credits earned last summer as well as the expectations for the summer of 2012. He indicated that high school counselors would be advertising and identifying prospective students to enroll in the program.

**T.R.O.Y. Elementary Fitness
Program**

Jamie Grant, physical education teacher, gave a report to the Board on a new fitness program they developed called T.R.O.Y. (Teachers Recognizing Outstanding Youth) Fitness Program. The program targets grades K – 5 and focuses on students challenging themselves to increase their own fitness level. This new program will replace the

traditional Presidential Physical Fitness Award. Mr. Grant provided examples of the Presidential Fitness Tests versus the T.R.O.Y. Fitness Program. He indicated that the department created a new report card which will allow parents to have a better understanding of how their child is progressing in overall fitness and skills. He also indicated that they have many activities that can be done in the classroom and at home so that students can continue challenging themselves.

Comments

The Board thanked Mr. Grant and the physical education department for the presentation.

**Schools of Choice – Section 105
Elementary
12-013**

It was moved by Ms. Underwood and supported by Mrs. Edmunds that **be it therefore resolved** that the Board of Education of the Troy School District, exercising the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will accept applications for a limited Schools of Choice program for the 2012-2013 school year for nonresident kindergarten and nonresident first grade students who attend a school district within Oakland County.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

**Schools of Choice – Section 105c
Elementary
12-014**

It was moved by Mr. Hauff and supported by Mr. Miletto that **be it therefore resolved** that the Board of Education of the Troy School District, exercising the option permitted by Section 105c of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will accept applications for a limited Schools of Choice program for the 2012-2013 school year for nonresident kindergarten and nonresident first grade students who attend a school district in another county, if that Intermediate School District is contiguous with the Oakland Intermediate School District boundaries.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

**Schools of Choice – Section 105
Baker Middle School
12-015**

It was moved by Mrs. Fleming and supported by Mr. Hauff that **be it therefore resolved** that the Board of Education of the Troy School District, exercising the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid

Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will accept applications for a limited Schools of Choice program for the 2012-2013 school year for nonresident students who attend a school district within Oakland County for the purposes of attending grades 6 – 8 at Baker Middle School.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Schools of Choice – Section 105c

Baker Middle School

12-016

It was moved by Mrs. Edmunds and supported by Mrs. Fleming that **be it therefore resolved** that the Board of Education of the Troy School District, exercising the option permitted by Section 105c of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will accept applications for a limited Schools of Choice program for the 2012-2013 school year for nonresident students who attend a school district in another county if that Intermediate School District is contiguous with the Oakland Intermediate School District boundaries for the purposes of attending grades 6 – 8 at Baker Middle School.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

BUSINESS

None.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
(NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

None.

OTHER

Update on Superintendent Goals

Dr. Fowler shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board and provided a brief update on the status of the Superintendent's Goals for the 2011-2012 school year. This is the third of four updates that will be presented to the Board during this school year. She addressed the five goals of: Visibility, Facilities Study, Data Processing Cost Analysis, Strategies for Student Success and Community Outreach.

Student Representatives Report

Student representative from Troy High, Maggie Steele, reported that everything at Troy High is going well and students are busy studying for exams. She stated that their main goal was to get through the exams so they could transfer to their second semester classes. She

informed the Board that Troy High was having a choir concert called the Gala Concert on Saturday, February 4th and that Student Government is planning a Snowcoming Dance and will be incorporating Spirit Week into it this year.

Student representative from Athens High School, Jonny Dowdall, reported that the academic rigor at Athens is very high and that students are getting ready to take their exams. He said that the juniors and seniors held their Student Leadership Luncheon and focused on culture, spirit and student to student respect and also participated in an anti-bully training session. He shared that the student council held a can drive and collected over 5,000 cans and also collected over 400 pairs of socks for the needy. He stated that four Athens students who attended the University of Michigan Model UN conference in Ann Arbor last week, received awards for going above and beyond in their work as delegates: Ramis Wadood, Promit Ghosh, Mukund Mohan and Misha Rahman. He also invited everyone to come to the Athens symphony concert on Friday night.

Comments

Ms. Underwood welcomed Karl Schmidt to the Troy Board of Education team. She congratulated and thanked the newly-elected officers of the Board and thanked Heather Kelly for her beautiful piece of art. She also thanked Mr. Grant and the PE staff for the time and energy they put into developing their program and said it was outstanding.

Mr. Schmidt also commented that he was very impressed with the physical education program and he appreciated how much thought went into creating it.

Mr. Hauff spoke briefly about beginning his new term serving as trustee on the Board. He talked about his responsibilities as a Board member as well as his commitment to students and their families.

Mrs. Edmunds commended Heather Kelly for creating such beautiful art canvasses for the Board.

Ms. Philippart also commended Ms. Kelly for her artwork and stated that it was an honor to serve as president of the Board the past year and is honored to serve as president for another term.

Ms. Philippart announced that the next Board Workshop would be held on Friday, January 27th at the Administration Building and the next regular Board Meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 7th in the Services Building.

CLOSED SESSION

Negotiations

12-017

It was moved by Mr. Schmidt and supported by Ms. Underwood that **be it therefore resolved** that, as permitted in the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267, Section 8 (c), the Troy Board of Education shall go into closed session to discuss negotiations.

Roll Call Vote:

Miletti	Yes
Philippart	Yes
Schmidt	Yes
Underwood	Yes
Edmunds	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Hauff	Yes

Motion carried 7 – 0

The Board moved to closed session at 8:37 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Underwood and supported by Mr. Miletti that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes:	7
Nays:	0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Miletti
Secretary, Troy Board of Education

Attachment
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