

READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JULY 24, 2007  
MINUTES

President Pridgeon called the organizational meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Reynolds Elementary Annex Building.

Members present: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Members absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Luchenbill, T. Good, J. Wiler, N. Winters, F. Kaufmann

President Pridgeon administered the oath of office to newly elected board members, Mark Iveson and Cynthia Weaver.

Pridgeon appointed Superintendent Luchenbill as temporary chairperson.

Nominations were opened for the office of president. Kovacic nominated Pridgeon for president. No other nominations were made. Vote was taken for Pridgeon for president.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None

The newly elected board president for 2007-2008 is Bill Pridgeon. (Pridgeon resumed chairing of the meeting.)

Nominations were opened for the office of vice-president. Sigler nominated Jeff Kovacic for vice-president. No other nominations were made. Vote was taken for Kovacic for vice-president.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None

The newly elected vice-president for 2007-2008 is Jeff Kovacic.

Nominations were opened for the office of secretary. Sanders nominated Cynthia Weaver for secretary. No other nominations were made. Vote was taken for Weaver for secretary.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None

The newly elected secretary for 2007-2008 is Cynthia Weaver.

Nominations were opened for the office of treasurer. Galloway nominated Scott Sigler. No other nominations were made. Vote was taken for Sigler for treasurer.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None

The newly elected board treasurer for 2007-2008 is Scott Sigler.

Motion was made by Sanders and supported by Sigler to designate Century Bank and Trust, Hillsdale County National Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Bank of Lenawee, and Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus as depositories for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion also authorized appropriate signatures for accounts: General Fund – Superintendent Luchenbill; Debt Funds, Land Acquisition Fund, Hot Lunch and Athletic Accounts – Superintendent Luchenbill or Teresa Good in his absence; Section 125- Cafeteria Plan Account – Superintendent Luchenbill; General Fund Investment Accounts – Superintendent Luchenbill or Teresa Good in his absence; Internal Accounts – Building Principals and Superintendent Luchenbill.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None - Motion carried.

Motion to designate Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as legal counsel for the Board for the year of 2007-2008 was made by Galloway and supported by Kovacic.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None - Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sigler to designate Justine Galloway as the LRN designee from the board for 2007-2008. Motion seconded by Sanders.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None - Motion carried.

Motion to retain membership in the MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) for 2007-2008 was made by Iveson and supported by Galloway.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None - Motion carried.

Motion to set the school board compensation at \$30 per meeting for attendance at 12 regular meetings and \$15 for up to six special meetings was made by Sanders and supported by Sigler.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: none - Motion carried.

(The board is requesting a form be given to each board member allowing each to designate their board stipend to a school fund of their choice if desired.)

Motion was made by Sanders and seconded by Iveson to approve the present policies.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None - Motion carried.

Sanders made the motion to schedule the regular meetings of the Board of Education for the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Annex Building unless a different location is posted. Motion was seconded by Sigler.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None - Motion carried.

Motion made by Kovacic and supported by Galloway to certify our compliance with Section 9524 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding constitutionally protected prayer.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None - Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sanders and seconded by Kovacic to request a waiver of approval for additional minutes of travel time to BACC and Hillsdale Career Center to be counted as instruction time.

Ayes: Galloway, Iveson, Kovacic, Pridgeon, Sanders, Sigler, Weaver

Nays: None - Motion carried.

President Pridgeon adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Cynthia Weaver, Secretary