**WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**Regular Board Meeting** **Monday, June 13, 2011**
**City Council Chambers** **7:00 PM**

Those present at this meeting included:

Craig Artist, Superintendent
Mike Owen, Board President
Richard Paulus, Board Member
Carolyn Harold, Board Member
Deb Schreiber, Board Member
Kathy Knoop, Board Member
Gregory Norfleet, West Branch Times Reporter
Angie Morrison, Business Manager/Board Secretary
Michelle Lukavsky, High School Principal
Jessica Burger, Elementary Principal
Sara Oswald, Middle School Principal/Curriculum Director

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| Chad Fiderlein | Doug Cummings | Joe Holland |
| Connie Hamilton | Amanda Tisinger | Matt Muckler |

**Call to Order/Open Forum:** President Owen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Schreiber read the mission.

**Approval of Agenda:** It was suggested that the PPEL and Central Office Items be moved up to #5 and that the Board Policy Review be omitted for the month. Pre-K Consideration and Trails Agreements were moved up ahead of Consent Items. Motion Harold, second Schreiber to approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote. All ayes.

**Closed Session:** Motion Paulus, second Knoop to enter closed session under 21.5(1)(C ) Pending Litigation. Roll call vote all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:01 PM. Motion Knoop, second Paulus to come out of closed session at 7:54 PM. Roll call vote. All ayes. Board entered open session.

**1:1 Computing Initiative:** This project was reviewed and discussed. It was decided to table until July at which time there will be presentations from staff and Mr. Hatfield will be available for input as well. Cummings will try to get quotes before the meeting so if it is decided to move forward, the project will be able to move forward more quickly to allow him time to get the necessary infrastructure things done. The district will be increasing bandwidth regardless of the 1:1 project.

**Board Policy Review Schedule:** tabled until July.

**PPEL Projects:** The approved summer projects were reviewed. The visitor bleachers at the football field were discussed. Two quotes were received. Motion Knoop, second Paulus to approve bid for concrete slab bleachers at a price of $37,500. Roll call vote. All ayes. Fiderlein also plans to use the old high school gym bleachers around the guard rail to provide more seating around the field.

**Central Office:** A proposed layout was presented for remodeling the industrial arts area of the middle school into office space. Motion Paulus, second Schreiber to approve moving forward with getting more detailed plans and cost estimate from OPN. Roll call vote. All ayes.

**Pre-K Consideration:** A Pre-Kindergarten program was discussed. Burger presented a report on the possibility of this program regarding history, tentative numbers, funding, etc. There are currently nine students who have committed to participating in this program. Motion Paulus, second Knoop to move forward with the program for the 2011-12 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes.

**Trails Agreement:** Two agreements were presented. One is a joint agreement with the District, the Park Service and the City regarding two sections of the trail. The second is an agreement between the City and the District regarding the west end of the trail. The agreements lay out the responsibilities of each entity in maintaining the trail. Motion Knoop, second Paulus to approve both agreements to begin January 1, 2012 for five years. Roll call vote. All ayes.

**Consent Items:** Motion Knoop, second Harold to approve the consent agenda consisting of Minutes for the May 9, 2011 Regular meeting; May 16, 19, 20, 23 , 24, 25, 2011 Special Meetings and Closed Sessions; Bills; Financial reports and Authorization to Process Bills Received through June 30, 2011. Roll call vote. All ayes.

**Administrative Reports:** Reports were received by all four administrators. A list of summer projects and summer workers was presented.

**Personnel Action:** Motion Schreiber, second Knoop to approve contracts for Seth Schroeder, HS Social Studies and HS Asst Girls Basketball Coach; Erin Hallquist, Elem Reading/Math Support; Amanda Hughes, HS Student Government; Letters of Assignment for John Pickett, Custodian; Jean Reynolds, Custodian; Ted Miller, Asst. Girls Basketball; and Resignation of Erin Petersen, Special Ed Associate. Roll call vote. All ayes.

**Board Meeting Dates:** Motion Knoop, second Schreiber to approve Board Meeting dates for 2011-12 as presented. They will be reviewed in July. Roll Call Vote. All ayes.

**Student Handbooks:** Motion Paulus, second Schreiber to approve handbooks as presented with the addition of additional wording regarding grade weighting in the Middle School Handbook. Roll call vote. All ayes.

**2011-12 Fee Approval:** Motion Paulus, second Knoop to approve the fee schedule as presented. Roll call vote. Fees will remain the same as the 2010-11 School year. All ayes.

**Early Graduation Request:** Motion Knoop, second Schreiber to approve the early graduation request of Gabriella Lindley provided she meets all requirements by the end of the 2011-12 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes.

**Adjournment:** Knoop made motion to adjourn at 9:39 PM. All ayes.

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Date Approved

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Board Secretary Board President