

MEETING OF THE BENTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BURTON, MICHIGAN
Special Meeting
Meeting #7
January 6, 2010

Members Present:

Chris Sytek, President
Sofia Boulton, Vice President
Penny Kentish McWilliams, Secretary
Renee Gatica, Treasurer
Mike McCollum, Trustee
Toby Bauldry, Trustee
Vince Bontumasi, Trustee

Absent:

Others Present:

John E. Schantz, II / Superintendent

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Bentley Board of Education was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chris Sytek, President, in the High School Library, 1150 N. Belsay Road, Burton, Michigan, 48509.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS

There were no citizens to address the Board.

IV. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Approve Resolution For Enacting Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Schantz discussed the Race to the Top, which is a federal government stimulus grant program. This program was created by the United States Department of Education to use to reform education. This grant is a competitive grant that only a select amount of states will receive. As part of this grant, schools will be required to meet all the requirements of the grant, all of which have not been completely identified at this point. The federal application only requires the Superintendent to sign it, but Michigan went further and required the Board President's Signature and the BEA President's signature as well because they will be looking at districts that have full support. However, Superintendent Flannigan issued clarification indicating that they would not discard applications that do not have the union signature. Superintendent Flannigan also stated that once a district submits their application, if the district decides it's not in the best interest of the district to adhere to the grant, they can submit a letter to the State which would not require them to participate. Mr. Schantz indicated to the Board that the BEA would not sign the memorandum of understanding. Mr. Schantz recommended to the Board that they sign the resolution to give the Superintendent and Board President authorization to sign the memorandum of understanding.

The Board as a whole, when deliberating this issue indicated that they are relying upon the option to withdraw Bentley's application from the grant should they feel it is not in Bentley's best interest.

Motion by Mr. Sytek, supported by Mr. Bontumasi, that the Board approve the Resolution for enacting the Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding.

Bauldry / Aye McCollum / Aye Sytek / Aye Bontumasi / Aye Gatica / Aye
Kentish McWilliams / Aye Boulton / Aye

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0

V. ROUNDTABLE

- Discussed next board meeting: 5:00 p.m. for finance meeting and 5:30 p.m. for regular board meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

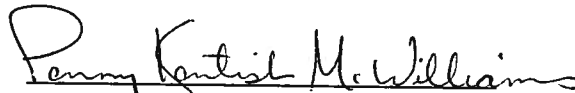
Motion by Mr. Sytek, supported by Ms. Bauldry, that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried: 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


Penny Kentish McWilliams, Secretary
Bentley Board of Education