

**HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
February 23, 2010**

President Fuhrman called the special board meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Middle School Large Group Instruction Room at Harbor Springs Middle School, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740.

Members present: Fuhrman, Davis, Cupps, Morse, Bezilla and Lauer (6)

Members absent: Fischer (1)

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Morse, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

President Fuhrman asked at this time if there would be any public input. No one responded.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Davis, to go into executive session to review written opinion of legal counsel at 4:35 p.m.

Ayes: Davis, Bezilla, Cupps, Fuhrman, Lauer and Morse (6)

Nays: (0)

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Cupps, to take a five-minute recess and reconvene the meeting at 5:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Fuhrman called the meeting back to order at 5:30 pm and introduced the district's attorney Pat White from Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett.

Mr. White stated he would be facilitating for the Board of Education. Mr. White asked if they would like an open or closed session. Mr. Parsons, attorney for Mr. Whitfield, responded that they would like to speak in open session.

Superintendent Tompkins read the termination of Bo Whitfield, technology director, effective February 23, 2010.

Mr. White took the packet of information that the Board was looking at to Mr. Parsons to look over. Mr. White asked if Superintendent Tompkins had any more comments. The Board had no comments.

Mr. Whitfield read a letter to the Board of Education in his defense. He stated that he would not be taking any questions at this time.

Superintendent Tompkins expressed his disappointment with the allegations presented by Mr. Whitefield. He reassured the Board that there was no illegal activity going on.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Davis, to make a motion to terminate Mr. Whitfield's contract as of February 23, 2010, as recommended by Superintendent Tompkins.

Ayes: Davis, Bezilla, Cupps, Fuhrman, Lauer and Morse (6)

Nays: (0)

Motion carried unanimously.

Let the records reflect Mr. Whitfield is tendering school property and has turned in the IPOD to Superintendent Tompkins.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Bezilla, to take a five-minute recess. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. White led the discussion on the superintendent evaluation process.

A closed session has been scheduled for Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for the evaluation of the superintendent.

President Fuhrman asked at this time if there would be any public input. No one responded.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Bezilla, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Tim Davis  
Secretary