

HARBOR SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular Board Meeting
June 8, 2009

President Fuhrman called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the large group instruction room at Harbor Springs Middle School.

Members present: Fuhrman, Bezilla, Burdick, Fischer, Morse, Davis and McDonald (7)
Members absent: (0)

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by McDonald, to approve the agenda as amended. Added XIII. Public Input. Motion carried unanimously.

Jan McDonald, Harbor Springs Education Foundation representative, presented the HSEF Creative Writing/Illustrators' contest winners. The grand prize winners are Libby Garver and Taylor Baldwin.

The Youth Development Committee presented their work regarding bullying prevention.

Superintendent Tompkins reported on the following items:

- Wonderful graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 7, 2009

General Announcements:

- Fischer thanked the volunteers for helping out throughout the year. He also thanked Jan McDonald for the contributions to this community and to this board; the staff and teachers for another successful year, the STRIVE program and the High School for all their work during their Day of Caring
- Morse noted that the Middle School Equestrian Team had a very successful debut.

Elementary principal Karey Scholten reported on the following:

- Last week's Blackbird Picnic
- 2nd and 5th grade celebrations
- Young Fives and Preschool's full day of school
- Transition from 5th to 6th grade
- K-8 Summer School – July 6-30

Middle School principal Wil Cwikel reported on the following:

- 6th grade student/parent orientation was a success
- 7th grade team cultural celebration
- Successful 8th grade trip to Chicago
- 7th & 8th grade choir performance last week
- Exam week
- 6th & 7th grade spending day at Reynolds Field
- 8th grade graduation – Wednesday, June 10th

High School principal Susan Jacobs reported on the following:

- Undergraduate awards; honors convocation; STRIVE program
- Great turnout for 8th grade transition to 9th grade
- Day of Caring

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

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Morse, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- General Fund \$440,741.03; Athletic Fund \$8,865.08; Community Schools Fund \$15,004.59; Lunch Fund \$22,125.71; Building and Site Fund \$8,840.00.
- Special Board Meeting minutes – May 11, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Report:

Fisher noted the following:

- Tennis court bid
- Exploring the cost of re-surfacing the parking lot at Reynolds Field and more parking at the PAC
- PAC changes
- Facilities manager position
- Bid for asphalt

Gibson commented on budget. Use of fund balance for 2008-09 about \$50,000 and for 2009/10 \$500,000. She also commented on the decrease in taxable values for the 2009/10 school year that needs to be addressed.

Superintendent Tompkins discussed the changes to programs for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. **Reducing Kindergarten Sections from Five to Four:** Enrollment is down 15-20 students from past years. Our projected numbers of kindergarten eligible students for next year is 71, divided into four sections of 17-18-18-18. This is an appropriate kindergarten class size. If we move to 19 students in any class, then we will consider adding a part-time aide in the classroom. Most likely, these will be the smallest kindergarten classes in our area.
2. **Eliminating Young Fives:** Enrollment for Young Fives for next year is at nine students. This is an unrealistic class size. In addition, the state of Michigan is not “counting the minutes for Young Fives” in the same manner as in the past creating an issue with fulfilling state requirements.

Instead we are planning to offer all families who are planning for Young Fives to enroll in Kindergarten. These families will have many Kindergarten options to choose from to tailor our program to their child’s needs. We will work with them on offering our kindergarten as a ½ day option, a full day option, and/or a two-year option. Our goal is to be a school and district that is ready for all students, where we provide choices for our entering students and families.

3. **Restructuring Spanish at the Elementary Level:** Our current program is not educationally sound. While well taught, our elementary students have been limited to 40 minutes once a week. We need to improve our foreign language instruction, and we need time to study, plan, and consider our options. Our current teacher will be reassigned.

Harbor Springs students need foreign language instruction. It is becoming increasingly important in our global world, and is in the process of becoming a state graduation requirement, and necessity for entrance to college. A planning team will work on this for the future.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Burdick, to approve the program changes for the 2009-10 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Bezilla, to approve a two-year contract extension (2009-2011) for Dave Fox as Maintenance Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by McDonald, to approve a part-time facilities director position for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

The approval of the Theater Arts Program Changes (Schedule B) for the 2009-2010 school year was tabled.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by McDonald, to approve the MHSAA membership resolution for the 2009-10 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bezilla, seconded by Burdick and to adopt the School of Choice resolutions for the 2009-10 school year as follows:

1. School of Choice Cooperative Program
2. Accept Non-Resident Students under Section 105C of the State Aid Act

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Bezilla, to approve the Transportation Maintenance Agreement with Alanson Public Schools for the 2009-10 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Davis, to let bids for resurfacing of our tennis courts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Davis, to let bids for middle school roof repairs to be completed. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Burdick, to approve the Operating Millage Levy at 13.9911; Building and Site Fund Levy at 0.66; 1991 Debt Levy at 1.12 and the 2001 Debt Levy at 1.80 (includes 2006 & 2007 Refunding) for 2009-10. Motion carried unanimously.

President Fuhrman asked at this time if there would be any public input.

Thom Blanck, HSEA co-president, spoke on behalf of contract negotiations and expressed how pleased the staff is.

A motion was made by Burdick, seconded by Morse, to go into executive session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations after a five-minute recess. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Morse, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the regular board meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Tompkins updated the Board on the HSEA contract for 2009–2012. The three-year HSEA contract includes a 2% pay increase; \$10 drug card 2009/10 & 2010/11 and \$10/\$20 Drug card 2011/2012; reimbursement of the drug card; 3 personal days 11 sick days; teacher task force on elementary planning time.

President Fuhrman commented that at this time we will not approve Schedule B.

A motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Fischer, to approve the HSEA Contract for the 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 school years.

Ayes: Davis, Bezilla, McDonald, Fuhrman, Burdick, Morse, Fischer (7)

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Tompkins updated the Board on the HSESPA contract for 2009–2012. The three- year HSEA contract includes a 2% pay increase; \$10 drug card 2009/10 & 2010/11 and \$10/\$20 Drug card 2011/2012; reimbursement of the drug card; increased life insurance; district has right of assignment of staff.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Davis, to approve the HSESPA contract for the 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 school years.

Ayes: Davis, Bezilla, McDonald, Fuhrman, Burdick, Morse, Fischer (7)

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bezilla, seconded by Burdick, to table the pay increase for administrators, counselors, directors and supervisors for the 2009-10 school year to the June 22, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Tompkins reported on the Kiwanis/American Red Cross Blood Drive held on May 8, 2009 at Harbor Springs Middle School.

Superintendent Tompkins reported on behalf of the Steering Committee:

- Putting together the curriculum committees for next year

Facilities Update

- Fischer commented on the re-surfacing of the parking lots due to the lower cost of oil.

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

A motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Bezilla, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Davis
Secretary