

**HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2010**

President Fuhrman called the regular board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Middle School Large Group Instruction Room.

Members Present: Bezilla, Fuhrman, Lauer, Morse, Davis and Cupps (6)
Members Absent: (0)

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Lauer, to approve the agenda as amended:

Add IX. H. Approval of Changing Check Signature

Move X. A. Superintendent's Evaluation and Process to IX. I.

Add X. D. Appoint New Board Member

Motion carried unanimously.

Congratulated and recognized the Boys' Ski Team and coaching staff for winning the State finals. Superintendent Tompkins presented each member with a certificate.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Tompkins spoke about the unexpected loss of John Fischer, our Board Treasurer. We were very fortunate to have John be part of our school family and everyone will dearly miss him. A moment of silence was observed in memory of John.

Superintendent Tompkins reported about the Kiwanis Writing Contest, which was a big success.

Superintendent Tompkins spoke in response to the events that transpired at the last Board meeting in regards to the Sonic Wall report being released to all staff. He assured the community that a full investigation was conducted following the release of the Sonic Wall report, which resulted in a complete vindication of all staff members.

School Board Report:

President Fuhrman also spoke about the loss of John Fischer. He said John not only cared about the school system, he cared about the Harbor Springs community. Everyone will miss him tremendously. President Fuhrman extended his condolences to John's family. Board members expressed their sadness about the loss of John.

A celebration of John's life will be held at the HSPS Performing Arts Center on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Nancy Paige, HSEA representative, read the following statement: "The Harbor Springs Education Association recognizes the professional manner in which the Board of Education is handling the tech director situation. We especially appreciate the level of respect and dignity that has been extended to all employees within the district."

Administrative Reports:

Middle school principal Cwikiel was absent. High school principal Jacobs reported for the middle school:

- Josh Brey's wife had a baby girl
- Counselor Megan McShannock is back from maternity leave
- Anti-aggression initiative working well at middle school
- Talent show was a huge success
- Thanked Brad Moffatt, Ruthie Flynn and Pat Stedman
- Congratulated Pat Ruddy for a great performance of the MS band at festival

High school principal Jacobs reported:

- NCA self-assessment report
- ACT testing
- Parent/teacher conference attendance in February

Elementary principal Scholten reported:

- Leveled Reading Library
 - Books are coming in now
 - 4000 books need contact paper
- March – Reading Month
- Fourth Grade Battle of the Books
- Second Grade Mini Battle of the Books
- Creative Poems presentation at April board meeting
- First grade Spelling Bee – April 15
- Math Olympiad at Shay
- Fourth Grade Speech Competition
- Shay Talent Show – April 22
- Fifth grade debate team forming soon
- Parent/teacher conferences this week
- Good luck to Claire Liska at regional Spelling Bee in Traverse City

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

Finance Committee report:

Lauer reported the February bills were reviewed; talked about the server purchase and that there is new legislation in regard to the overall administrative budget for the district not to exceed 28%.

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

- General Fund invoices in the amount of \$378,596.45; Community Schools Fund invoices in the amount of \$13,050.12; Athletic Fund invoices in the amount of \$12,442.85; Lunch Fund invoices in the amount of \$26,117.68; Building & Site Fund invoices in the amount of \$10,273.62.
- Rescheduled Regular Meeting – February 8, 2010; Special Board Meeting/Retreat – February 23, 2010; Special Meeting/Retreat - Executive Session Minutes – February 23, 2010 Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Cupps, to appoint Bryan Lauer as interim treasurer as recommended by superintendent Tompkins. Motion carried unanimously.

After an overview by interim tech director Chris Nelson, a motion was made by Davis, seconded by Bezilla, to approve the purchase of a HP ProLiant DL 380 G6 Server in the amount of \$12,822 from SEHI. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Cupps, to approve the following spring coaches and overnight athletic trips as recommended by athletic director Cochran as follows:

Baseball	Mark Grosvenor	Track and Field	Mike and Emily Kloss
J.V. Baseball	Bill Montgomery		Fred Troup (unpaid)
Baseball Assistant	Josh Brey (unpaid)	Girls' Tennis	Laura Chamberlin
Boys' Golf	Brian O'Neill	Softball	Debbie Hamlin
Golf Assistant	Joe Breighner (unpaid)	Girls' Soccer	Ed Fantozzi

Chad Broughman

Middle School Track Peg Schiller

Overnight Trips:

Team	Overnight	Location	Event Name and Date	Likelihood
Boys' Golf	Sun, April 25	East Lansing	East Lansing Invite, April 26	Definite
Boys' Golf	June 10-11	Ypsilanti	State Finals, June 11-12	Probable
Girls' Tennis	Fri, May 7	Essexville	Essexville-Garber Invite, May 8	Definite
Girls' Tennis	June 3	Kalamazoo	State Finals, June 4	Possible
Track	June 4	Grand Rapids	State Finals, June 5	Probable

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Davis, to approve the overnight trip for the Anishinaabemowin language class to Sault Ste. Marie on March 24-28, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Lauer, to approve Cornerstone Architects for the design and development work for renovation of the band room this summer in the amount of \$6,750. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Davis, to approve letting bids for district roofing projects. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bezilla, seconded by Morse, to adopt the resolution for the Michigan Education Association "Outstanding Person in Education" (OPIE) award recipients Vicki Mathews and Mike Davies. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Bezilla, to approve superintendent Mark Tompkins as the signatory for all fund checks until the July 2010 organizational meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

President Fuhrman reviewed the new evaluation process and new timelines as follows:

August Board Meeting	Report on goals to the community and schools
October Retreat	Updates; review status of goals, projects, staffing
February/March Retreat	Performance review for superintendent, administrative staff; and goals
June Retreat	Full day retreat: final superintendent and administrative evaluation, assessment of district goals, and planning for next year.

On behalf of the Board, secretary Davis read the following statement:

The Board of Education for Harbor Springs Public Schools would like to announce that we are proud to offer a vote of confidence to Mark Tompkins, superintendent of Harbor Springs Public Schools, and that we will re-new his contract on June 30, 2010. Some areas of strength that we as the board have identified that we felt Mr. Tompkins excels within are the streamlining of the educational process for Harbor Springs Public Schools. He has "new" ways of thinking in regard to curriculum, school operation and community goodwill. He has a good handle on how schools work, and has the ability to think outside the box and is not afraid of change. Some areas where the Board of Education for Harbor Springs Public Schools sees a need of improvement is communication with the board, making sure the board has all information that pertains to the school system in a timely manner. We have asked to work more as a team with the superintendent, and make sure that the board and the superintendent work together toward goals and solutions to problems that we foresee in the future.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Bezilla, to approve the renewal of superintendent Mark Tompkins' contract on June 30, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals

Superintendent Tompkins reviewed the budget shortfall for the coming school year. He asked the Board's input on how to proceed as to using fund balance to offset the cuts necessary for the coming school years. It was recommended not to go below a fund balance of 20% for the 2010-11 school year and 15% 2011-12.

Communications Committee Report

Communications Committee did not meet.

Finance/Facilities Committee Report

Morse mentioned that interim tech director Chris Nelson and facilities director Jim LeJeune met with the Committee and he thanked them for all their hard work.

Steering Committee Report

Superintendent Tompkins reported that the Committee met and finished reviewing the strategic plan and is also working on the mission statement.

Technology Committee Report

Davis noted that the committee members will be attending the MACUL conference this week; also reported on the server consolidation.

Superintendent Tompkins noted that there will be a one-year appointment to the Board. The process and timeline for this appointment is as follows:

Friday, March 26 Deadline	Candidates send letter of interest to Mark Tompkins
Monday, March 29	Interviews at Special Board Meeting – 6:00 pm Middle School Large Group Instruction Room
Monday, April 19	Appointment at Regular Board Meeting

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

A motion was made by Bezilla, seconded by Davis, to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:28 p.m. in memory of John Fischer. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Tim Davis,
Secretary