

**HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
December 7, 2011**

President Morse called the special board meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Harbor Springs Middle School, 800 State Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Members Present: Lauer, Fairbairn, Bezilla, Fuhrman, Morse, Davis and Cupps (8:33 a.m.) (7)
Members Absent: (0)

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

President Morse asked if there was any public input. No one responded.

FACILITIES

Sinking Fund Projects – Chris Nelson reviewed the proposed Sinking Fund projects list as follows:

- New one-lane parking space at P.A.C.
- Tennis court and football practice parking lot paving
- Renovate locker rooms
- Tuck point bricks – 1915 High School building
- Pole barn at Reynolds Field
- New trophy cases
- Upgrade pool management and pump system (possible not from sinking fund)
- Upgrade Blackbird HVAC system
- Upgrade Shay HVAC system
- Blackbird carpet and paint, Shay paint
- Circulation fans in MS/HS great halls (possibly not from sinking fund)
- Metasys energy monitoring upgrade
- Additional roof drainage HS
- Complete the football practice building (currently not on list)

Nelson asked that we prioritize these projects with the brick tuck point project at the top of the list. Some of the projects could be combined with the technology project next summer.

Pool Roof – Scott Lepird updated the Board on the pool roof structure cracking on ceiling. A structural engineer will take look at roof and make recommendation on how to proceed.

Apple Computer Purchase – Chris Nelson reviewed the budget request from Allen Talcott for the Apple/Mac Lab computers at High School to be purchased from Voc Tech funds. It will be presented for approval at Monday's Board of Education meeting.

LEGISLATION

November School Board Elections – Superintendent Tompkins informed the Board that school board elections will now be held in November of even years. It could extend board members' terms by as much as 18 months. He also informed the Board that the Bullying legislation passed.

Uncapping Association Properties – Superintendent Tompkins reported that House Rep. Frank Foster is working on a bill to have association properties' taxes uncapped in order to have more equity with the rest of property owners. The issue was discussed in length and the consensus is not to take a position on this issue at this time.

POLICY

Fingerprinting – Superintendent Tompkins reviewed the criminal history background check process. A volunteer release form needs to be filled out by all volunteers. Tompkins suggested that members of the Board work on clarifying this policy. Bryan Lauer, Paul Fairbairn and Shauna Bezilla will work on this issue.

ATHLETICS

RAM Team – Dave Iafolla informed the Board regarding the Middle School B Team issue that has surfaced this year and asked for clarification of the funding of the B teams. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to fund the Middle School B Teams for boys and girls this year only and the B Team policy will be revisited.

Fundraising – The Middle School Ski Fundraiser and fundraising in general was discussed.

FINANCE

November Invoices – invoices were reviewed.

Young Adult and the Affordable Care Act – Age 26 - Pam Gibson reviewed the Young Adult and the Affordable Care Act with the Board. Adult children, age 26, can be covered on the employees' health insurance. The question was whether the district should cover them through the end of their birth month or until the end of that calendar year. The consensus was that the district covers adult children, age 26, through the end of their birth month only. This will be brought to the Board at Monday's meeting for approval.

Michigan 1% Claims Tax - Pam Gibson informed the Board of a new 1% surcharge on all health care that will support the Michigan Medicaid program beginning in January 2012. MESSA is picking up the 1% claims tax from January – June of 2012. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year the 1% tax will be rolled into our renewal rates.

Bond Timetable – Pam Gibson reviewed the timetable for the bond sale:

- December 12, 2011– authorize bond resolution and bond sale
- January 26, 2012 – sale of bonds
- End of February – receive funds

Finance Guide – Superintendent Tompkins distributed and reviewed a Finance Guide he had created for the Board that summarizes all the basic operations of the district.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Fairbairn, to go into executive session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss written opinion of legal counsel.

- Ayes: Morse, Lauer, Bezilla, Davis, Fuhrman, Fairbairn and Cupps (7)
- Nays: (0)

Motion carried.

Lauer left the special meeting/executive session at 11:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Bezilla, seconded by Cupps, to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the special meeting at 12:04 p.m.

- Ayes: Morse, Bezilla, Davis, Fuhrman, Fairbairn and Cupps (6)
- Nays: (0)

Motion carried.

President Morse asked if there was any public input. No one responded.

A motion was made by Bezilla, seconded by Cupps, to adjourn the special Board meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Bezilla
Secretary