

**HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
February 14, 2011**

President Fuhrman called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Large Group Instruction Room.

Members Present: Fuhrman, Novak, Morse, Davis and Cupps (5)
Members Absent: Bezilla, Lauer (2)

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

President Fuhrman reported on the following items:

- February 28th Special Board meeting will go into closed session for a litigation update on a former employee
- Presented Molly Jones with an award from the Michigan Press Association Teacher Intern Program

Superintendent Tompkins reported on the following items:

- High School newspaper is first rate and thanked Molly Jones for her hard work
- Thanked Julie Cupps for her hard work on the Hall of Fame
- MS Ski team undefeated
- MS Math Counts won the regional competition
- Thanked Mari Schumaker for the great work she is doing with Community Schools

Finance Committee Report

Davis noted that we discussed the following:

- 2010-11 General Fund budget amendment and the 2011-12 preliminary budget
- HSPS's bond rating is in top 4% of school districts with a AA rating
- Reviewed sinking fund history
- Music wing update
- Technology bond in the form of a Capitalized Interest Bond
- FDIC insurance
- Gathering more information on our bus runs
- Fundraising

Facilities Committee Report

Cupps noted that we discussed the following:

- Jim LeJeune gave an update on the band wing construction project
- Chris Nelson updated on the band wing's technology
- Budget request for new audio/video equipment
- Sinking fund history
- Transportation update
- Fundraising policy

Communications Committee Report

Novak noted that we discussed the following:

- Teacher evaluation progress
- Superintendent's evaluation process
- Update on letter head and posters
- NEOLA policies

The administrators presented information on bullying and discipline. Superintendent Tompkins began by talking about the issues with bullying and discipline. The principals shared the following:

High School principal Jacobs reported on:

- Definition of bullying
- Implementation of the McEvoy training
- Student Code of Conduct
- Expanding the initiative

- Effective practices
- Challenges

Shay/Blackbird Elementary principal Scholten reported on:

- Accomplishments
- Ongoing challenges

Middle School principal Cwikiel reported on:

- What's working
- What needs to be improved

Superintendent Tompkins stated that he was very proud of the work the staff has done with the bullying initiative.

Bond Finance Presentation:

R.J. Naughton of Stauder Barch and Associates informed the Board on the technology/bus bond of \$4,240,000.

- Capitalized interest bond - the first two payments would be covered by bond proceeds and not a debt levy. The debt levy will not take effect until the 1991 debt is paid off in May 2013.
- Bonds are paid back over a period of 10 years.
- Using a decrease of 5% for taxable values for 2011 - millage rate would have been higher if we would not have done the refunding in November 2010.
- Harbor Springs Public Schools has Non-Qualified Bonds due to an AA rating, short bond term (10 years or less) and history of non-qualified bonds. A school bond loan fund would not be beneficial to HSPS. It also allows us to not have to pay state prevailing wage for our bond projects.

General Announcements

Novak recognized Wil Cwikiel and Molly Baker for hosting the Little Traverse Conservancy and getting kids outdoors. She also thanked Ally Berry from the Little Traverse Conservancy.

Morse commented on a great Hall of Fame presentation. He thanked Julie Cupps for all her hard work organizing the event.

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

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

- General Fund invoices in the amount of \$387,683.71; Community Schools Fund invoices in the amount of \$8,767.02; Lunch Fund invoices in the amount of 18,673.57; Building & Site Fund invoices in the amount of \$205,963.24.
- Regular Meeting - January 10, 2011; Special Board Meeting Retreat – January 24, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Davis, to approve the updated NEOLA Board policies as presented:

- 7540 Network: Staff Acceptable Use
- 7540.04 Network: District Restrictions on Network
- 7540.05 E-mail: Staff Acceptable Use and Public Record
- 8310 Public Record: FOIA Requests
- 7543 Website and Network Access

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Cupps, to approve the General Fund and Community Schools Budget Amendment for the 2010-11 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Cupps, to approve the resolution calling the annual school election on May 3, 2011 and authorizing the millage proposition. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Novak, to approve the Extended Maternity Leave for Molly Hoggard through June 10, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Morse, to approve Mike Mathews as the Girls' Varsity Softball coach for the 2011 spring season. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals

- NEOLA Policies Update – Health – First Reading

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

Melissa Claramunt, parent, voiced her concern regarding the eighth grade girls' basketball coach.

Ann Griffin, non-resident parent, presented a letter regarding School of Choice for her son, a 2012 Kindergartener, to attend HSPS in the fall of 2012.

President Fuhrman clarified the reasons why HSPS is not accepting out-of- district students at this time.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Davis, to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Rob Fuhrman,
President