

**HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2011**

President Morse called the special board meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Harbor Springs Middle School, 800 State Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Members Present: Fairbairn, Bezilla, Fuhrman, Morse, Davis and Cupps (6)
Members Absent: Lauer (1)

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

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

Superintendent Tompkins discussed the following:

- Introduced Tom VanDeventer, who will be a candidate for interim principal at Blackbird and Shay Elementary, beginning in January 2012. We will recommend the hiring of Mr. VanDeventer as interim principal at the November 14, 2011 Board of Education meeting.
- Teacher Evaluation Process - we are looking at becoming a pilot school for the new teacher evaluation process.

Facilities – Chris Nelson discussed:

- High School steps project outside of the PAC complete - weather has caused a delay.
- Roof leaks
 - High School - most of them have been pinpointed as wall issues at the High School. This is due to the cement or lack of between the bricks on the outside of the building. Tuck-pointing of the bricks will take care of most of the leaks at the High School.
 - Middle School – leaks have to do with glycol imbalance and it is causing the pipes to deteriorate from the inside out.
- Projects we need to look at in the future
 - Carpet at Blackbird
 - Boiler at Shay
- Technology
 - Thanked the community for passing the bond proposal; discussed the time line of the bond.
 - Fred Trimble will be managing the project
- Superintendent Tompkins commented on the following:
 - Look at bus routes
 - Manage expectations with the community on the purchase of technology

Finance – Pam Gibson discussed:

- Wequetonsing Tax Changes – House Bills (HB) 4668 & 4669 have to do with the uncapping when an association gets close to the 50% cap in taxable values. Wequetonsing is close to the cap. This could bring more money into our district, but we have to see what happens with HB 4668 & 4669.
- Personal Property Tax (PPT) Update – Senate Bill (SB) 34 Repeal of Personal Property Tax - Utility personal has been removed from the PPT; this affects both schools and county government by \$1.2 Billion. The House Fiscal Agency separated the PPT to just school districts/ISD's and it will cost them \$573 Million. \$129 Million of the \$573 Million will affect debt funds, causing a tax increase to tax payers.
- We received the following grants from the Harbor Springs Education Foundation
 - Jeff Joneson received \$1,875 for the fourth grade overnight trip
 - Jib Liska received \$392.35 for Title I supplies
 - Kelly Dutcher received \$150.00 for economic simulation materials
- Best Practices Update – We will be presenting to the Board a resolution to approve the Best Practices funds. We have fulfilled 4 out of the 5 best practice criteria. This will give us \$100 per student.

Communications – Mark Tompkins discussed:

- Letterhead – Mark presented a copy of the new letterhead. The Board was satisfied with it.
- Boys' Soccer – encourages the use of the stadium for soccer games, whenever there is not a conflict.
- School Elections - will move to November in even years
- Bullying Legislation has been introduced

Curriculum – Mark Tompkins discussed:

- CIMS Audit – Susan did a very complete and thorough job with the audit. The state had no recommendations.
- MEAP Chart – how the new cut scores will look; we will need to come up with target numbers for our goals.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Davis, to go into executive session to review written opinion from legal counsel at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Bezilla, to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the special meeting at 11:17 a.m.

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

Nays: (0)

Motion carried.

The agenda for the upcoming Board meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011 was discussed.

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

A motion was made by Fuhrman, seconded by Fairbairn, to adjourn the special board meeting at 11:21 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Bezilla
Secretary