

**HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 11, 2010**

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

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

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Morse, to approve the agenda as amended. Remove IV. B. Board Retreat and add Election Update; add IX. B. Approval of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach and add XI. President's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Tompkins recognized and thanked the Board of Education members for their dedication to the district.

Superintendent Tompkins reported on the following items:

- Race to the Top Update
  - Drop out age
  - Algebra II requirements
  - Administrative certification
  - Additional charter schools
  - Evaluation system for administrators and teachers based on student growth and achievement
- Time line for the upcoming school election on May 4, 2010
  - February 9, 2010 last day for petitions to run for School Board
  - The following seats are up for this election
    - Fuhrman and Davis – four-year term
    - Lauer – two-year term

Elementary school principal Scholten reported:

- First Annual Science Fair
- Fifth grade will participate in the Steve Miller Essay Contest
- Fourth grade overnight stay at Camp Wolverine - January 21-22, 2010
- Leveled literacy library is coming together

Middle school principal Cwikiel reported:

- Great band concert
- Seventh graders took the MiPHY test
- Eighth graders took the pre-explorer test
- After school programs going on right now
- MS Girls' Ski Team beat Petoskey last week

High school principal Jacobs reported:

- At their staff meeting today they talked about how to handle the ACT test and exams at the same time – decided to lengthen the trimester by three days
- Everything is going fine at the high school

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

*Linda Rachwitz*, usher at the Performing Arts Center, commented on the positive change made at the Performing Arts Center. A row of seating was removed to improve safety and handicap accessibility.

**Finance Report**

Lauer noted that we reviewed the December invoices; a budget amendment will be presented at the February Board meeting.

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

- General Fund \$378,674.93; Community Schools Fund \$11,386.39; Athletic Fund \$9,600.31; Lunch Fund \$19,849.19.
- Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2009

Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Joneson, fourth grade teacher, thanked the Board for serving the district and talked about the fourth grade overnight trip to Camp Wolverine. The cost is \$25.00 per student and scholarships are available.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Lauer, to approve the fourth grade overnight trip to Camp Wolverine on January 21-22, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Cupps, to approve Zach Ward as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Information and Proposals**

Superintendent Tompkins reviewed the following:

- NEOLA Policy Update – Second Reading
  - Wireless Communication Devices – policy 5136V1
  - Bid Advertisements – policy 6321
  - Video Surveillance – policy 7440
  - Internet, Network and Appropriate Use – policy 7540.03
  - Electronic Communications – policy 7545

### **Communications Committee Update**

Davis reported on:

- Ram logo and colors - Full Circle Communications of Grand Rapids have made a presentation to the committee concerning standardizing our logos and colors.
- Re-working the mission statement

### **Finance Committee Update**

Lauer reported on:

- December invoices
- Upcoming budget amendment in February

### **Facilities Committee Update**

Morse reported on:

- Christmas break projects: lights, sound system in the high school gym, physics room
- Agreed to work with Cornerstone Architects on costs for possible upcoming work
- Reynolds Field Landscape Plan
- Technology

### **Steering Committee Update**

Tompkins reported on:

- We have new members on the committee
- Speaker Marcia McEvoy will be here in February

### **Technology Committee Update**

Superintendent Tompkins reported on:

- Entire Technology Committee will attend the MACUL conference on March 10-12, 2010

**Hall of Fame Committee Update**

Scott Cochran reported:

- Inaugural presentation on the Hall of Fame inductees - February 19, 2010
- Next meeting - Wednesday, January 13, 2010
- Nominations are coming in

**Board Retreat Update**

President Fuhrman reported on:

- Location: Heather Highlands Inn at Boyne Highlands - 5:30-9:00 pm
- Will talk about finances, possible ways to finance projects and ways to raise dollars
- Building & Site Fund
- Received updates on costs from John Dancer, Cornerstone Architects
- Present plan to public in February

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 adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Davis  
Secretary