

**HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2009**

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

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

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Morse, to amend the agenda as stated. Removal of item C. Schedule B and add IX. G. Let Bids for the High School and Middle School Gym Lights, High School Gym Sound System and Addition of Tables for the Physics Room; add IX. H. Address change. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Tompkins administered the oath of office to appointed board member Bryan Lauer.

Superintendent Tompkins discussed:

- Request to change the date for the board retreat from Monday, October 19, 2009 to Wednesday, October 21 from 4:30 to 8:30 pm.
- Scott, Mark, Rob and Gary met with the Petoskey Schools staff regarding their “Hall of Fame” program.
- Thanked staff their dedication to the Harbor Springs Public Schools.
 - Karey Scholten thanked Jan Voelker for her many years of service and dedication
 - Susan Jacobs thanked Jim Borowski for his many years of service and dedication
 - Dan Warner thanked Ken Morse and Doreen Luebke for their many years of service and dedication
 - Superintendent Tompkins thanked Janie Burdick for her work as a board member
 - Rob Fuhrman thanked Janie Burdick for her enthusiasm on the Board

A motion was made by Bezilla, seconded by Fischer, to adjourn for 10 minutes for refreshments. Motion carried unanimously.

President Fuhrman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

General Announcements:

- *Fischer* thanked the people who organized the fifth grade car wash. The band did a great job.

Blackbird and Shay Elementary principal Karey Scholten reported on the following:

- Working with high school athletes to do the “Elf Program”
- Publishing Center opens October 21 at Blackbird; Wee Mail opens October 22 at Blackbird
- 5th grade students practicing for the Spelling Bee in December
- Ruthie Flynn is working on a school-wide Science Fair starting January 11, 2010
- MEAP starts this week
- Halloween Parade – October 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Middle School principal Wil Cwikiel reported on the following:

- Very pleased at how well things are going academically as well as behaviorally
- 6th grade Camp Daggett and 7th grade Camp-Hey O-Went-Ha trips
- MEAP starts Tuesday, October 13
- Mentor groups will meet Wednesday, October 14
- Middle School play *The Curse of the Cobra’s Kiss*
- Middle School election is on Tuesday, October 13
- Middle School Rams are doing very well

High School principal Susan Jacobs reported on the following:

- NWEA testing is finished and went very smoothly
- Homecoming week
- Powder Puff Football - Friday, October 16
- Homecoming parade - 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 17

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

Linda Rocquest thanked the board for dealing with the PAC issue.

Finance Report

Fischer noted that we went over the bills; the snow plow bid will be re-bid due to inconsistencies; DTE Energy has a program that allows us to combine usage at buildings that are contiguous and will save the district approximately \$4,000.

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

- General Fund \$338,616.36; Athletic Fund \$8,557.19; Community Schools Fund \$11,919.75; Lunch Fund \$915.51; Building and Site Fund \$120,100.48.
- Regular Board Meeting minutes – September 14, 2009
- Special Board Meeting minutes – September 30, 2009

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Bezilla, to approve a one-year leave of absence for Jean Radle, para-professional at the elementary school. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Bezilla to approve the Middle School Youth in Government overnight trip to Lansing on November 22–24, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Tompkins presented the revised Article 17 – School Improvement. President Fuhrman asked to table the School Improvement contract language.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Bezilla, to table the School Improvement Contract Language until the Union approves it. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Cupps, to approve the conflict of interest and vote to continue our relationship with Lauer Pest Control for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes: Davis, Bezilla, Fuhrman, Morse and Fischer (5)

Abstained: Lauer (1)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cupps, seconded by Morse, to table the Amendment to the Transportation Policy 8600 until the November board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Bezilla, to appoint Gary Morse as vice president. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Cupps, to let the bids for the following:

- High School and Middle School gym lighting
- High School gym sound system
- Adding water and gas tables to the High School Physics class room

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Bezilla, to approve the address change for the High School from 327 East Bluff Drive to 500 Spring Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals

Superintendent Tompkins discussed the following items:

- First early release day scheduled for Wednesday, October 14
- Bully Prevention Seminar for all staff coming on Wednesday, October 28th
- Healthy Student Plan
- Emmet County Health Department scheduled clinics at the schools for the H1N1 flu on Wednesday, November 11
- Student enrollment update

Communications Committee

Bezilla talked briefly about the district survey. There will be more discussion at the board retreat.

Finance Committee

Fischer noted that we are looking at solar panels; high school needs calculators; new copier at Shay Elementary.

Facilities Committee

Morse talked about the list of projects that need to be looked at:

- Lights in the middle school and high school gym
- Blackbird Elementary boiler mother board replacement
- Removal of 35 seats from the PAC to allow for safety of traffic
- Replace boilers at some future date
- Roofs are in bad shape

Superintendent Tompkins commented on the \$165 state funding cut per pupil to districts.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Davis,
Secretary