

HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2007

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

President Fuhrman asked to take a moment of silence in memory of Bill Miilu.

Members Present: Davis, Wendland, Burdick, Fuhrman, McDonald Morse, and Fischer (7)

Members Absent: (0)

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Burdick to approve the agenda as amended. Add VIII. B. Authorization for Camp-Hayo-Went-Ha trip and High School Stratford Theatre trip. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Larson discussed the following items:

- Successful beginning of the 2007-08 school year
 - Great start to the beginning of the school year
 - High school rolled out the new trimester schedule
 - Thanked the staff
- Successful Kiwanis Blood Drive on August 10, 2007
- Harbor Springs Education Foundation Fundraiser “Ticket to Tuition” Raffle

General Announcements

- Fischer commented on the events that happened last week in regards to Bill Miilu.

Blackbird/Shay Elementary principal Karey Scholten reported:

- The portable for Blackbird Daycare has a temporary occupancy. They will be moving in September 11, 2007. Thanked Kelcey Quinn and the daycare staff for their hard work over the last week to get the classrooms/portable ready.
- 24 out of 25 students read the book that was sent home for the summer
- Open house for Blackbird & Shay – September 18
- Shay student Reese Haller presented the writing process of the Six Traits of Writing
- MEAP and NWEA testing will happen over the next three weeks
- Updated the board on the upcoming grade level and enrichment activities

Middle School principal Wil Cwikiel reported:

- Bill Miilu was a huge loss to our students and staff. The staff did a great job coming together helping the students.
- NWEA testing and prep
- We will offer study hall three nights per week - Title technicians will run this program
- Expanded exploratory classes with science and writing classes
- Day trip for 6th graders at Camp Daggett this week
- 7th and 8th graders will go to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha
- Open house is next Thursday
- Drug dogs will be here September 24

High School principal Susan Jacobs reported:

- We will not use Interquest for the drug dog this year. We will be able to utilize the drug dog thru the sheriff's department at no cost to us.
- NWEA will start next week

- The beginning of the year turned out fabulous
- We have students going on the Stratford Trip this Friday
- The Odawa class is going well
- State police came in to drive the epic car

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

Jim Gillespie complimented the board and the administration on the leadership that they have shown. We are concerned that by waiting to do the pool repairs it will be more costly.

Dr. Larson commented on how the money comes in and the process it takes to get the work going.

Miriam Jacobson noted that they are really looking for a commitment to the repairs - Summer of 2008.

Jim Gillespie would like to see the school board partner with the city to get some community financial support. It should not be up to the school to fully fund the pool.

Pat Duvernay commented that for some of us it's the only activity we can do.

A motion was made by Wendland, seconded by McDonald to approve the regular board minutes from August 13, 2007 and the Special Board Meeting – August 23, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Morse to approve the payment of invoices as follows General Fund in the amount of \$319,721.65; Community Schools Fund in the amount of \$8,477.38; Athletic Fund in the amount of \$5,278.23; Lunch Fund in the amount of \$6,149.61; Construction Fund in the amount of \$24,185.60. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Fischer to approve the additional Donation to C.A.S.A. in the amount of \$19,990 pending the health insurance costs. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Burdick to approve the PAC use policies. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Burdick, seconded by Morse to let the bids for snow removal for the 2007-08 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Morse to approve the High School Stratford Theatre trip and the Middle School trip to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals:

- Scholten reported on the 2007 Summer School Program for Grades K-7
- Dr. Larson discussed the Board Growth and Development areas that need to be discussed and addressed
- Jan thanked Maresi for a great job on the community pamphlet

Steering Committee:

- McDonald reported a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13

Technology Committee:

- Davis reported on their August 23rd meeting. Building needs and building the technology curriculum were discussed.

Communications Committee:

Burdick complemented Wil on how well they handled the tragedy with Mr. Miilu. Talked about getting the dehumidification system in place during Christmas break.

Facilities:

Fischer reported that we have had three driving rainstorms and no leaks to report. Foam insulation was done over the summer. We went from an R19 to an R51 insulation factor. GMB would like us to sign off with Altas because they will pay \$15,000 to help offset the cost for GMB/Christman to make the repairs.

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

Joan Fenton thanked the board for increasing the donation to CASA.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by McDonald to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wendland,
Secretary