

**HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2008**

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, Wendland, Burdick, Fuhrman, McDonald, Morse and Fischer (7)

Members Absent: (0)

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

Interim Superintendent Reynolds reported on the following items:

- Maureen Nicholson from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation presented a grant to CASA in the amount of \$10,000. These funds come from the Community Endowment Fund; Youth Fund; Strategic Initiative Fund.
- Ruthie Flynn reported on the poetry contest winners for Grades 1-5
- Nancy Paige informed the Board on the Jeffrey P. Bodzick Scholarship Golf Outing to be held on May 16th at 1:00 pm at Boyne USA
- Susan Clarke discussed the possibility of building a new public library in Harbor Springs. Would like someone from the Board to come to the meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at West Traverse Township Hall at 7:00 pm.

General Announcements

- Burdick commented that she would like to get back on track with the communications meetings.
- McDonald noted that the Harbor Springs Education Foundation gave out several grants: Middle School Science Olympiad; 6th Grade Walk for Life; 6th Grade Camp Daggett Trip; 8th Grade Chicago Trip.
- Fuhrman stated that "Meet the Candidate" night is Monday, April 21 at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Susan Jacobs and Wil Cwikel informed the Board on the Alcohol and Drug Survey results. Susan noted that there is a Parent Coffee at the Pier on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Blackbird/Shay Elementary principal Karey Scholten reported:

- Americorps worker Amelia Nicolson organized March Reading Month and the students raised \$1,500 for classroom literacy resources; second grade will donate their \$250 to the Historical Society for the Chief Blackbird exhibit.
- Preschool Kindergarten Parent Meeting - Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m.
- NWEA Testing begins April 21-May 2 for Grades 3-5
- K-2 Elementary Music Teacher position was posted today. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, May 14-15.
- Volunteer breakfast for Blackbird and Shay Elementary - April 29, 2008 at 8:15 a.m. at Blackbird Elementary
- Kindergarten Round-up - April 24 and 25, 2008
- Shay Carnival - Friday, May 9, 2008

Middle School principal Wil Cwikel informed the Board on the following events/programs:

- Thanked the Harbor Springs Education Foundation for the grants the middle school received
- Itinerary for the 8th grade overnight trip to Chicago scheduled for May 21, 22 and 23
- Choir received one's for their performance at Big Rapids
- MEAP scores
- MS students swept the poetry contest sponsored by Crooked Tree Arts Center
- Young Authors' Tea - Saturday, April 20, 2008
- Making the switch from Center Point to PowerSchool; staff was trained last week.

- Global Ethics program will be here next week

High School principal Susan Jacobs reported on the following:

- Went over the ACT test scores--very pleased with the results
- Parent teacher conferences this week (Tuesday and Thursday)
- Senior dance in memory of Bill Miilu to set up scholarships
- Prom - May 3, 2008 at Mackinac Island

Kent Reynolds informed the Board on the band director search. He stated that there is a group of four going down to observe the band teacher Patrick Ruddy at Flushing High School on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. Susan Jacobs went over the process that was followed in the hiring of the new band director. Kent Reynolds noted that the process was done.

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

Robin McCarty voiced her opinion in regards to the hiring of the new band director.

Joan Fenton thanked the Harbor Springs Community Foundation for the grant awarded to CASA and a special thanks to Cindy Baiardi for her work on this grant.

Eden Erxleben voiced her opinion on the hiring of the band director.

Fischer provided the finance report; discussed purchasing a new bus, paperless board meetings, nova net and playground equipment for Blackbird.

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

- Regular Meeting Minutes – Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting – March 3, 2008; Special Board Meeting; March 10, 2008, March 10, 2008 Executive Session, March 18, 2008 Superintendent Interviews; March 19, 2008 Superintendent Interviews; March 24, 2008 Superintendent Interviews
- General Fund invoices in the amount of \$436,791.65; Community Schools Fund invoices in the amount of \$20,980.17; Athletic Fund invoices in the amount of \$3,691.19; Lunch Fund invoices in the amount of \$22,037.71; Capital Projects Fund invoices in the amount of \$3,490.06; Building & Site Fund in the amount of \$7,808.22.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Wendland to approve the purchase of BoardBook software and computers for the paperless board meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Burdick, seconded by McDonald, to adopt a resolution for the Michigan Education Association “Outstanding Person in Education” OPIE Award recipients Nona Carr and Chad Broughman. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Morse, to approve the purchase of a Thomas MVP 84-passenger front engine transit bus for \$85,373. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by McDonald, to approve the purchase of Phase 3 playground equipment for Blackbird in the amount of \$21,017. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Wendland, to approve the purchase of Nova Net subscription license for a 3-year period in the amount of \$6,400. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Burdick, to amend the agenda by adding VIII. E. 8th Grade Trip to Chicago. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Wendland to approve the 8th Grade Trip to Chicago on May 21, 22, and 23. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals

- Rob Fuhrman discussed the Non-Homestead millage renewal, the Special Education millage renewal and the two open board seats on the May 6th election ballot.

Committee Reports

Steering

- McDonald noted that there was no meeting in April; Drug and Alcohol data presentation by Susan; Dave Taylor informed them in regards to the new science GLCEs and there may need to be some financial support; Karey reported on summer school; Dave Taylor reported on the Dr. Susan Leddick conference.

Facilities Update

- Fischer reported on the opening of bids on the 18th of April at 4:00 pm in the High School Library for the building and site projects.

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

Noah Fowle introduced himself as the new reporter from the Petoskey News Review.

Michael Phillips spoke in regard to the band director hiring.

Grace Kane spoke in regard to the band director hiring.

Alan McCarty spoke in regard to the band director hiring.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by McDonald, to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Laurie Wendland
Secretary