

HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR RESCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2007

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 Morse seconded by McDonald to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Larson reported on the following items:

- The High School Band performed in Grand Rapids at the Michigan Music Conference on January 26, 2007 and it was a big success and their performance was outstanding!
- Book Memorial for Traver W. Miller, Father-in-law of Gail Tolzdorf
- Congratulations to Riley Ford, National Merit Finalist
- Shay Spelling Bee was held last week and 12 area schools attended

Shay/Blackbird Elementary principal Scholten reported:

- 100th day of school is Friday
- Conferences are scheduled for February 21 and 22
- Swim lessons begin this week at Shay
- DARE continues in the fifth grade
- Multiage and fifth grade field trip to Lansing
- Literacy Night at Blackbird on March 6
- Exploring looping option for kindergarten for next year
- Kindergarten round-up is scheduled April 19 and 20

Middle School principal Cwikiel reported:

- ELA & Math committees have been meeting
- Prentice Hall trainer will be here February 6th for English language teachers
- Susan Kolaski of Project Northland will be presenting a workshop to the seventh graders on drug and alcohol prevention
- Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for February 21 and 22

High School principal Jacobs reported:

- Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for February 21 and 22
- Parent forum for trimester schedule is February 13, 2007
- ACT test is scheduled in March

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

- Tom Cooper asked the Board to support contracts for Scholten and Cwikiel.
- Craig Cottrill urged the Board to extend the contract for Dr. Larson.
- Don McCarty unconditionally supports the contract renewal for Dave Larson..

A motion was made by Wendland, seconded by Davis to approve the board minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2007, Special Board Meeting on January 19, 2007 Retreat on January 19, 2007 and the Special Board Meeting Work Session on January 23, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Wendland to approve payment of invoices from the
General Fund in the amount of \$420,241.01
Community Schools Fund in the amount of \$4,195.30
Athletic Fund in the amount of \$2,643.62
Lunch Fund in the amount of \$18,020.30
Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$404.91

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Larson informed the Board on the annual millage proposition and the Building and Site Sinking Fund millage.

A motion was made by Burdick, seconded by Fischer to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Building and Site Sinking Fund at .66 mills and the operating millage proposition for the annual election at 13.9911. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by McDonald to approve Baird, Cotter and Bishop as the district auditor for a three-year contract beginning with the 2006-07 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Larson discussed the parameters of the administrative contracts stating that it rolls out the third year of the contract and provides assurance for continued employment. There are no current step increases. Any salary increases will be determined at a later date.

A motion was made by Wendland, seconded by Davis to approve the extension of contracts for the following administrators and counselors:

Susan Jacobs	2007-2010
Wil Cwikiel	2007-2009
Karey Scholten	2007-2010
Joanie St. John	2007-2010
Shelby Richardson	2007-2010

Ayes: Davis, Wendland, Fuhrman, McDonald, Morse (5)

Nays: Burdick, Fischer (2)

Motion carried.

Burdick felt she is lacking information; Fischer stated all administrators are doing a good job but his vote is based on purely economics and legal aspect; McDonald wrestled with this issue for some time and has reservations about multi-year contracts.

President Fuhrman discussed Dr. Larson's evaluation in the nine areas of focus. Wendland read the evaluation to the Board. (See attached evaluation)

A motion was made by Wendland, seconded by Davis to approve Dr. Larson's contract extension (2007-2010).

Ayes: Davis, Wendland, Burdick, Fuhrman, McDonald and Morse (6)

Nays: Fischer (1)

Motion carried.

At the time of the vote Fischer said Aye and at the end of the meeting changed his vote to Nay. Fischer stated that he votes no on all multi-year contracts. Fischer noted he would like the tally sheet attached to the evaluation.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Morse to approve the Michigan Youth in Government overnight trip to Lansing; the multi-age trip to Lansing and the 5th grade class to Lansing. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Fischer to approve the High School Gym Floor Commemoration to Charlie Paige. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer seconded by McDonald to approve the employee criminal background check completion for the following staff members:

Behm, Rebecca	Kuhlman, James
Cole, Travis	Maurer, Jessica
Crawford, Michael	Meyer, Judith
Dopke, Krista	Meyer, Meghan
Furstenberg, Doretta	Sanderson, Brian
Greenawald, Ann	Shibata, Cynthia
Grzelak, Karyn	Snively, Betrina
Hallenbeck, Kevin	Tippett, Carolyn
Heinz, Jennifer	Trautman, Thomas
Hoffman, Phillip	Wressel, Ryan
Hollocker, Stephen	Miller, Mary
Ketterer, David	

Motion carried unanimously.

Fuhrman summarized the 2006 Board Self-Evaluation.

Dr. Larson reported that the following board members were recognized by MASB for the following:

- Robert Fuhrman – Certified Board Member Award
- Laurie Wendland – Certified Board Member Award and Award of Merit

Melissa Claramunt and Winnay Wemigwase from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians informed the Board that their goal is to create an opportunity for the students of Harbor Springs Public Schools by bringing in the Odawa language class next year.

Facilities Committee Report

Fischer reported:

- Icicles are back
- Received preliminary report from Wade Trim and they are looking closely at the energy code and how it was installed.

Steering Committee Report

McDonald reported:

- Next meeting is Thursday, February 8
- CPS systems have been distributed
- Discussion on grade level assessments

Communications Committee

Burdick reported:

- Discussion on looping in the elementary grades
- Gym commemoration
- Football Advisory Committee

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

Scott Carbeck, President of the Rams Football Organization, reported that we need to work on the strengthening and conditioning program for our sports team. Josh Luck has done a great job starting this program. The Rams Football Organization will support the sinking fund.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by McDonald to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8: 47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Laurie Wendland
Secretary