

**HARBOR SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 12, 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: Wendland, Burdick, McDonald, Davis, Morse, Fischer and Furman (7)
Members Absent: (0)

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

Superintendent Larson reported on the following items:

- Fall Athletic Accomplishments – Boys’ Tennis won regional championship and went to state finals; Girls’ Cross Country won regional championship and was the state runner up; Boys’ Cross Country won regional championship and placed 7th in the state
- Dr. Larson thanked Pam Gibson, Susan Jacobs and Allen Talcott for an excellent job on the audit for Visual Imaging program at the high school

General Announcements:

- Fischer thanked the American Legion for the donation of the Trick or Treat bags and for supplementing the milk program for the children in need. He is asking the community to be patient and understanding with the parking arrangements with the changes in the athletic seasons and the programs that will be going on at the PAC.
- McDonald updated the board on the Education Foundation grants that were awarded.

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

- Informed the board on the lockdown at Blackbird on November 9, 2007 and the issue with no public address system
- Shay talent show was last week
- Parent teacher conferences Nov 14 & 15
- Family Craft Night - November 29 from 5:00 – 7:30
- Test scores for NWEA should be back this week

Middle school principal Wil Cwikiel reported on the following:

- MS students participated as spectators in the Halloween Parade and it went very well
- New media center lab is up and running – thanks to Thom Blank and Bo Whitfield
- MS Michigan Youth In Government – record number of students this year. They go to Lansing next week. Thanked Michelle Ketterer and Carrie Wiggins for their hard work and dedication to this program.
- Four staff members at each building have been trained to use the AED. MS staff will be trained on the AED on Thursday, November 15.

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

A motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Wendland to approve the board minutes from the regular meeting on October 8, 2007; special board meeting on October 24, 2007 – Retreat, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Wendland to approve the payment of invoices as follows: General Fund in the amount of \$426,004.44; Community Schools Fund in the amount of \$15,435.50; Athletic Fund in the amount of \$3,899.60; Lunch Fund in the amount of \$31,067.74; Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$35,232.90; Building & Site Fund in the amount of \$12,307.52. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wendland, seconded by Burdick to approve the four additional winter coaches as follows:

Jenny Brogger	9 th Grade Girls Basketball - Volunteer
Riley Justis	Assistant Ski Coach
Ellen Roberts	7 th Grade Volleyball
LeeAnn Stephan	Rams Volleyball

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fischer, seconded by Burdick to accept the resignation of superintendent Dr. Dave Larson.

Ayes: Davis, Wendland, Burdick, Furhman, McDonald, Morse, Fischer (7)

Motion carried unanimously.

Fuhrman thanked Dr. Larson for his dedication to the Harbor Springs School District. Fuhrman also indicated that as the Board is completing the purchase of a universal year, per Dave's contract, he will be available to answer questions that arise from both the interim superintendents and the permanent superintendent. The board will host an open house before the December 3rd meeting in the Middle School Cafeteria from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm to give the community a chance to say their goodbyes to Dr. Larson.

A motion was made by Burdick, seconded by McDonald to approve the Resolution for Participating in the Michigan School Readiness Program for the 2007-08 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals

- Dr. Larson informed the board on the "Safe Routes to School" Initiative
- Dr. Larson reviewed the NEOLA policy updates (second reading) and asked to table the District Support Organizations policy
- Davis informed the board on the Char-Em Boards' Association meeting held on October 17, 2007

Steering

McDonald noted that at the last meeting they discussed the workdays and that students are still having problems with spelling. Main focus was on early intervention support. Discussed the November 1st in-service day and possibly getting Susan Leddick back for half a day.

Communications

Fuhrman noted that we convened a committee of the whole for the communications and finance committees on November 9, 2007. Discussed the process and steps we need to take to fill the superintendent's position. On November 15th at 1:00 p.m. we will meet with the two candidates for the interim superintendent.

Facilities Update

Fischer noted the football storage building is coming along. Checked the roof at middle school and there is no checkerboard effects on the roof. There will be a meeting with John Dancer, Architect for the Building and Site fund on November 28, 2007.

Technology Update

Davis noted they had a great meeting; discussed the two labs; new series of Tech Geeks and Snacks for United Streaming; Next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2007.

Dr. Larson reviewed the November and December meeting schedule. The December 10th board meeting will be rescheduled to December 3, 2007, due to the band concert. The work session will be on November 26th where we will review the search process and hear the principals' report on achievement goals.

High school principal Susan Jacobs reported on the following:

- Noted NWEA testing is still going on
- Reviewed the exam schedule at the high school for the first trimester
- Announced the high school parent coffee at the Pier on Wednesday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m.

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

A motion was made by Wendland, seconded by Morse to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wendland
Secretary