

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 27, 2010

Houghton Lake Community Schools

Board Members Present – Merry Maiani, Tom Dean, Dave Harned, Paull Fry, Dave Johnson, Tim Scherer, Ron Duquette

Administrators and Staff – Kevin Murphy, Matt Lewis, Pam Akin, Susan Tyer, Brent Cryderman, Heidi Palatka, Stan Gardner, Gail Harned, Anjanette Rusmisl, Deb Markiewicz, Lori Warson, Jill Trahan, Brenda Kunik, Kathy Serum, Sally Cotterman, Michelle Johnson

Visitors – Brad and Amy Stimac, Joe Wagner, Tracy Wilson, Renee Britvec, Nicole Bruce, Bill Trahan, Robbie Moore, Garrett Stimac, Scott Bockelman, Nicole Rushamel

Press – Cheryl Holliday

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Houghton Lake Community Schools was held Monday, September 27, 2010, beginning at 6:30 PM at the Technology Hub.

1. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting** - 8/23/10 Regular Meeting
Motion by Duquette, support by Maiani to approve minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 6, No 0
2. **Citizen's Request to Address the Board of Education** –
Anjanette Rusmisl - questioned the intent of negotiating self evaluation tool. It was to be used as self reflection and now they are to be turned in to administration. Mailboxes are still not in.
Kathy Serum – HS teacher with a son at Collins. Would like to see the board consider another program to replace Sunshine Kids.
Lori Warson – Expressed concerns about having early release the same day as MEAP testing.
Deb Markiewicz - Expressed concerns about having early release the same day as MEAP testing.
3. **Superintendent's Report**
 - A. MDE Recognition - Food Service
Our food service program is recognized for their commitment to the breakfast program. Thank you to Sue Williams and her Chartwells a job well done.
 - B. Relay For Life Certificate of Recognition –
Received a certificate thanking the district for the use of the schools grounds for the Relay for Life function.
 - C. Committee Reports
 1. Policy Committee –
This was an important and tedious process. The board policies will now be on the web and searchable. This is on the agenda as an action item.
 2. Finance Committee –
Discussion on the method of paying the Board. Asphalt paving the Administrative Center parking lot. New finance director. Thank you to Matt Lewis for all he has done for our district. Matt Lewis thanked the Board. He said Houghton Lake has been a fantastic

community to be involved in.

4. Board Presentation

A. "It Matters Because You Matter"

Recognition Committee – Dave Johnson recognized Brad and Amy Stimac, Joe Wagner, Pam Gandolfi, Dawn Ignat for their work on the AYSO Board. Coach Bockelman, Robbie Moore, Bill Trahan and Garrett Stimac described a fundraising soccer camp.

5. Discussion Items

A. 2nd Reading - Board Meeting Stipend

Easier to pay a flat rate rather than tracking meetings attended and miles driven.

B. 2nd Reading - NEOLA Board Policy

Confirmed that sections worked on last year are included in the new policies.

C. 2nd Reading - HLESPA Contract

D. Staff Resignation –

Benjamin Talerico/ HS Lights and Sound Technician

E. 2nd Reading - SBHC Curriculum

Discussion on new curriculum. When it will begin, which grades will receive instruction?

F. 1st Reading - Board Goals and Superintendent Objectives

The Board went into this enthusiastically. We do not want to change the Vision and Mission. The intent was not to undo what has already been worked on. Would like to see them reviewed and supported. The Board would like feedback and to have people participate and be involved in the process.

6. Citizen's Second Request to Address the Board of Education

7. Board Opportunity to Make a Comment/Statement –

Dave Harned – Matt came to our district and made a difference. He was able to say no and taught us a measure of control. We hope that his lessons will continue. I think of Matt not only as a mentor but also as a friend.

8. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda –

Motion by Duquette, support by Dean to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

1. Monthly Revenue Report -

2. Monthly Expenditure Report

3. 2010-2011 Tenure and Probationary Contracts

4. New Hire Michele McDonald - HS Special Education

5. Accept Staff Resignation - Benjamin Talerico

B. Board Meeting Stipend –

Motion by Dean, support by Maiani to approve the change in Board Pay from per-meeting to a stipend. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

C. NEOLA Board Policy –

Motion by Maiani, support by Fry to approve the NEOLA Board Policies as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

D. HLESPA Contract –

Motion by Duquette, support by Fry to approve the HLESPA Contract as presented. President Harned abstained from voting. Yes 6, No 0, motion carried.

E. SBHC Curriculum –

Motion by Dean, support by Scherer to approve the SBHC Curriculum for the 2010-2011 school year as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

F. Certify Delegates - 2010 MASB Assembly –

Motion by Duquette, support by Fry to approve the certification of the 2010 MASB Assembly Delegates (Dave Harned and Tom Dean) as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

G. Change in Authorized Signers –

Motion to approve removal of Matthew Lewis and addition of Kevin Murphy and Chavon Nihls as signers on checks, contracts, agreements, and purchase orders for the district as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

9. Correspondence –

A letter was read from a parent who had an issue with his/her child not being allowed to play Powder-puff Football by a coach of another sport. The parent requested that their name not be disclosed.

10. Adjourn –

Motion by Duquette, support by Maiani to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0