

Special Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, April 13, 2009 in the Board of Education office.

Members Present: Duquette, Maiani, Harned, Burger, Dean, and Scherer.

Members Absent: Fry

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Injasoulian, Pam Akin, Susan Tyer, Tonja Hinkston, Sally Cotterman, Matt Lewis, Stan Gardner, Gail Harned, Deborah Markiewicz, Alicia Ciaramitaro, Ken Warner, and Patti Caswell,

Visitors: Carl Hartman, Jan Manley, Lou Ann Pacheco, Mrs. Romo, Mr. & Mrs. Austin, Mark Vick, Jr., and Marilou MacKenzie.

Press: Cheryl Holladay, Houghton Lake Resorter  
Jerry Kent, Roscommon County Herald News

President Harned called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Citizen's Request to Address the Board:**

*Deb Markiewicz* – would like to suggest for the next time there is a superintendent to be hired, for the Board to please consider having an interview committee consisting of members from the administration, the staff, and community.

*Mark Vick* – addressed the Board to inform them of his basketball camp that he has been providing for the children for the last five years. He would like to offer the camp for free this summer and in doing so, is asking if the bd would be willing to waive the use of facility fee or greatly reduce it.

*Patti Caswell* – addressed the Board stating that Mark Vick was formerly one of her students and her son Josh has been working the camp because it is such a wonderful experience for the children. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children – and is hopeful that the Board would consider supporting Mr. Vick's request, because his camp is for the children in our community.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Injasoulian stated that he would share the results of the survey he completed regarding the high school students favorable with the district remaining with trimesters or changing back to semesters during the discussion portion of the agenda – so that the Board could move forward with hiring a new district superintendent. He then notified the Board of some upcoming agenda topics to be covered at the regular Board meeting scheduled for April 20, 2009.

#### **Discussion Items**

Board President Harned asked each Board member to share their comments/feelings about each candidate. Afterwards a roll call vote took place with each member to convey the candidate they desire to be the next Houghton Lake Community School Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote:

Harned ~ Murphy

Maiani ~ Murphy

Dean ~ Murphy

Duquette ~ Murphy

Scherer ~ Murphy

Burger ~ Carsten

Fry was absent but did submit a letter of support for Murphy

**Board Presentation:** None

**Action**

Motion by Harned, supported by Duquette to empower the negotiating committee to enter into contract negotiations with Kevin Murphy as superintendent of Houghton Lake Community Schools with final contract to be approved by the Board at a regular scheduled Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no. (Fry was absent)

Superintendent Injasoulian read the results of the data he collected from the student survey on trimesters.

**Citizen's Second Request to Address the Board:**

Ken Warner – addressed the Board to offer an explanation of why there are so many Independent Studies. Stating that Independent Studies are really what use to be classroom aides, about 6 – 7 years ago – the district was informed that you cannot have aids in the classroom – so at that time it was altered and the name changed to Independent Studies.

**Correspondence:** None

***Closed Session ~ Negotiations***

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani that the Board of Education go into closed session after tonight's meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Motion carried. Yes 6, No 0. Board took a short break at 8:03 p.m. - time was allowed for the building to empty - closed session began at 8:26 p.m.

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani that the Board of Education come out of closed session at 10:08 p.m. Motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.

Discussed:

- Baker class offerings vs. Kirtland
- Probably keep Trimesters
- Consider purchasing Skyward software which is a combined financial and student mgmt. package; approx. cost \$75K. \$30K for annual support fee
- Agreed to honor Mark Vick's request.

Motion by Duquette, supported by Scherer to adjourn at 10:22 p.m. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.