

Minutes of Work Session

January 10, 2011

Houghton Lake Community Schools

A Work Session of the Board of Education of Houghton Lake Community Schools was held Monday, January 10, 2011, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Technology Hub and Staff Training Center.

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

Administration/Staff Present: Kevin Murphy, Chavon Nihls, Brent Cryderman, Sue Milner, Heidi Palatka, Susan Tyer, Pam Akin, John Earley, Jared Socia, Stan Gardner, Gail Harned, Jen Murphy, Paula Youngberg, Melisa Akers, Deb Markiewicz, Amy Bontekoe, Laina Delay, Tonja Hinkston, Angela Mann, Helen Wiggins, Maureen Whidden, Sue Williams, Marilou MacKenzie, Heidi Palatka, Rhonda Whitlock, Bill Henry

Visitors: Kristi Carrick, Kim Akin, Jim Kent, Deb Davis, Jon Talbot, Stacey Barnes

Press: Cheryl Holladay, the Houghton Lake Resorter

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order - *Pledge of Allegiance*

2. Correspondence

President went out of order to read portions of an e-mail from a former Business Manager addressing his concerns about the current Business Manager. Mr. Harned addressed his own concerns regarding this same issue.

3. Citizen's Request to Address the Board of Education

Paula Youngberg addressed concerns about a letter regarding test results. Deb Markiewicz addressed concerns on communications being sent to teachers on paper rather than via e-mail.

4. Superintendent's Report

Brief explanation of the breakout sessions planned for the sub-committees working on board goals.

5. Work Session Topics

A. SMART Language – Board Goals

Group 1- To have a 4 year strategic plan in place for implementation by September 2011, developed with collaboration from all stakeholders.

Group 2- The Board will review and examine the vision statement in collaboration with stakeholders by June 30 of each year.

Group 3- There will be a revised mission statement by April 30th with consensus by a committee of stakeholders. By June 30th a SMART Goal will be developed based on a new mission statement.

Group 4- By the end of June 2011, the board will provide professional development for staff so they can better utilize data driven analysis tools to improve student achievement.

Group 5- By April of 2011 a survey will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of current communication between the board and stakeholders. (April can be changed to any month)

Group 6- A printed copy of the new Standard Operating Procedure will be presented for approval by the Board at the June business meeting.

B. Trimesters vs. Semesters

Presentation by Brent Cryderman followed by questions and answers. Mr. Cryderman is recommending going back to semesters next schools year. First semester ending in December, and the second semester beginning in February. The section in between will be the J Term. More information to follow.

C. Collaborative Services with Roscommon Area Public Schools

There has been discussion with the RAPS school board about possible collaboration in the areas of technology, transportation, facilities, PD, OT, Speech, Special Ed, psych, etc. More discussion to follow.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Maiani, support by Fry to adjourn Work Session. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm
Yes 7, No 0