

Regular Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, January 18, 2010 in the Board of Education Office.

Members Present: Harned, Maiani, Dean, Duquette, Scherer Absent: Fry, Burger

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Murphy, Asst. Superintendent/Business Manager Matt Lewis, Stan Gardner, Brent Cryderman, Gail Harned, Susan Tyer, Heidi Palatka, Alicia Thompson, Tonja Hinkston, John Earley, Arlene Jury, Pam Akin

Visitors: David Near, Carl Bragg

Press: Cheryl Holladay, Houghton Lake Resorter

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

Citizen's Request to Address the Board of Education

Board Presentation

David Near – Vision/Mission Statement

Understanding the process of strategic planning. Demonstrated group polling with practice questions.

Michigan Works – Carl Bragg

Youth program. Working on soft skills with students. Currently have 33 students from Roscommon County.

Superintendent's Report

January is board recognition month. Thank you to the Board of Education members for all of their work and dedication. Read a proclamation from Governor Granholm recognizing the school board members.

Financial Report

Building Report:

Houghton Lake Community Education (Adult/Alternative Ed)

Child care children in the Tip Up Town parade. 71 enrolled. Census training test. RCCF Grant presentation of \$762 to purchase camera.

High School

64th Miss Houghton Lake – Danielle Balbach, Miss Prudenville – Bridgette Grant. Suggesting a text book rotation. 673 students now enrolled. 8th grade failure rate – 36 in “red zone”.

Collins Elementary

3rd grade fundraiser earned over \$7,000, 1/3 is profit. 200 attended family art night. 461 students now enrolled.

Middle School

National Jr. Honor Society in the Tip Up Town parade. 437 students now enrolled. 6th & 7th grade Jump & Hoops for Heart. Adding 2 power language arts classes beginning 2nd semester. Enrichment days coming up.

Discussion Items

First Reading – Math Change - Algebra
First Reading – Science Electives
First Reading – Board Meeting Schedule
First Reading – November Elections
First Reading – Finance Committee Dates
First Reading – Strategic Planning
First Reading – Vision/Mission Statement

Citizen's Second Request to Address the Board of Education

Cheryl Holladay – Vision/Mission statement – Graduation, Curriculum, Finance?

Board of Education comment to the public

Superintendent announced that we have a tentative agreement with the union.

Action Items

Consent Agenda -

Motion by Duquette, supported by Dean to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 5, No 0.

Correspondence –

Letter of recognition – School Board Recognition from Set-Seg Insurance.

Motion by Duquette, supported by Scherer to go into closed session, all in favor, motion carried. Yes 5, No 0.
Board members took a 10 minute break prior to going into closed session.