

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 24, 2011

Houghton Lake Community Schools

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Houghton Lake Community Schools was held Monday, January 24, 2011, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Technology Hub and Staff Training Center.

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

Administration/Staff Present: Kevin Murphy, Heidi Palatka, Susan Tyer, Pam Akin, Chavon Nihls, John Earley, Stan Gardner, Gail Harned, Paula Youngberg, Lori Warson, Sandi Ahlers, Alicia Thompson, Karen Hunt, George Rieger, Ellen Currie

Visitors: Lonnie Cook, Jim Demaud, Kyle Hunt

Press: Cheryl Holladay, the Houghton Lake Resorter

1. **Call Regular Meeting to Order - Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting** – 12-20-10 Regular & 1-10-11 Work Session
Motion by Scherer, supported by Maiani, all in favor, motion carried. 6 yes, 0 No
3. **Citizen's Request to Address the Board of Education**

4. **Superintendent's Report**

Next week the Wertz Warriors from 5-10 at the Limberlost. Proceeds will go to help the Special Olympics. Pancake breakfast from 8-11 to help support R2C2. Students will be preparing the food. Community Forum at 7 p.m. on the 26th in the high school cafeteria. Another Community Forum will be held in February.

High School/Sue Milner – Financial aid workshop Feb. 3rd. PT conferences the 25th. Prom fashion show February 10th. Mid February the 8th graders will be going to Kirtland for the day.

Middle School/Susan Tyer – Enrichment days sign up is completed. Finished the 1st semester. Report cards will go home this Friday.

Collins Elementary/Pam Akin – Tracy Blessing volunteered to run a 3rd grade volleyball clinic. 28 girls are participating. There is a Tip-up-town fish decorating contest. Every grade is publishing a book. This will be used as a fundraiser and copies will go to parents. Merry Maiani asked about grade books in SDS. Things are better than last semester. Superintendent Murphy thanked the staff, administrators and the tech department for maneuvering through the software conversion.

Alternative Ed/Heidi Palatka – Currently enrolling students. Quite a few from Roscommon.

5. **"It Matters Because You Matter"**

- A. **School Board Appreciation Month**

Each administrator gave a brief statement on each Board member; how many years they have served on the Board of Education, personal and educational background, hobbies, greatest struggle, greatest achievement. Each Board member received a certificate from the MASB as well as a framed "It Matters Because You Matter" certificate.

7. Discussion Items

Superintendent's Evaluation –

Mr. Harned added a discussion item. Looking to change the date of the Superintendent's Evaluation meeting. Meeting will be January 31, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

A. First Reading – Neola policy amendment – NSF Checks

It was agreed that correspondence regarding NSF checks should be generated from the Administrative Center rather than the buildings.

B. First Reading - Overnight Band Trip

Sandi Ahlers requested permission to take band students to Washington DC.

C. First Reading – Overnight Key Club Trip to Dearborn

D. Second Reading – Overnight Wrestling Trip (Negaunee)

Lonnie Cook requested permission to take the wrestling team to a tournament in Negaunee. Coach Cook also requested that the cost of lodging be covered. Transportation will be supplied by the team.

E. Second Reading - MS Field Trip/Enrichment Days

Mary Harrison and Carol Chidister – Cranbrook exhibits. \$105 for students and \$115 for adults. 69 students, 29 adults, 4 teachers. No cost to the district.

F. Second Reading - Special Education Millage

Presentation by Finance Director.

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

Lori Warson – Asked where the \$25 NSF fee go when it is collected?

9. Board Opportunity to Make a Comment/Statement

10. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

Motion by Duquette, support by Scherer to approve consent agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried. 6 Yes, 0 No.

B. Overnight Trip – Wrestling Team to Negaunee

Motion by Dean, support by Duquette to approve the overnight trip to Negaunee by the wrestling team and to cover the lodging up to a max of \$500. All in favor, motion carried. 6 Yes, 0 No.

C. Overnight Trip – MS Enrichment Days to Cranbrook

Motion by Duquette, support by Maiani to approve overnight trip to Cranbrook by the MS Enrichment Days participants as presented. All in favor, motion carried. 6 Yes, 0 No.

D. Special Ed Millage

Motion by Duquette, support by Maiani to approve requesting that the Board of Education for COOR ISD seek a Special Education millage increase of .5852 in the May 2011 election as presented. All in favor, motion carried. 6 Yes, 0 No.

11. Correspondence

12. Adjourn

Motion by Duquette, support by Maiani to adjourn Regular Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Yes 6, No 0