

## **Regular Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, February 15, 2010 at the Board of Education Office.**

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

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Murphy, Asst.  
Superintendent/Business Manager Matt Lewis, Stan Gardner, Brent Cryderman, Gail Harned, Susan Tyer, Heidi Palatka, Alicia Thompson, Lori Warson, Amy Peterson, Jared Socia, Pam Akin

**Visitors:** Vicki Burnside

**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**

Lori Warson stated that she is unhappy about a decision made by Superintendent Murphy

**Principal's Week** – Superintendent read a Proclamation from Governor Granholm to honor our Principal's

### **BUILDING REPORT**

#### ***Middle School***

Enrollment at 438 (same as the fall). Two fundraisers: Hoops for Heart and Quarters for Kids (Haiti). RTI up and running. Second semester pawpride – 150 going skating. AR assembly on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***Collins***

Count is up 11 from the fall. 132 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. K-3 did a TUT fish project/contest. RTI up and running. "Brain Station" every day at 11:00. Mrs. Akin invited the board members to stop in and see it in action.

#### ***High School***

Enrollment down. PD went well today. Varsity cheerleaders won at Cheer on the Lake. Key Club re-organized.

#### ***Adult Ed***

Count is up to 88.59. Conducted a math sample with the students. Ms. Palatka will organize the data. Census still hiring.

## **TECH UPDATE**

Mr. Socia went over what is in the works, hand held smart boards being tested in the middle school. Mr. Harned wants to make sure the Tech Committee is involved. The first meeting will be held in February. Multi-function room in the high school almost complete. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 meeting is scheduled to be held there. Notice should go out in the paper.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Lewis reported that we are about half way through the bond projects and are under budget. The baseball and softball field projects will be held until we see where we are. The board expressed their gratitude to Matt for working at making all the extra interest on our investments. Working on revising the budget and will keep the board posted. Should have budget amendments in March. There are some interesting proposals coming out of Lansing.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Craig Younkman will be in at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to speak on Strategic Planning. There will also be discussion on elections at the March 1<sup>st</sup> work session.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Second Reading – Math Change - Algebra** – Math department is behind this

**Second Reading – Science Electives** – Request from Tom Dean to see how writing will be used

**Second Reading – MIPHY** – Parents must opt out. Roscommon is participating. Mr. Harned would like to make sure that a notice goes out to parents prior to the survey

**Second Reading – FMLA Language** – Formalizing what we already have in place

**First Reading – BST Credits**

**First Reading – Digital Design** – fulfills fine arts requirement

**First Reading – COOR 4<sup>th</sup> year math** – meets the needs of students in Voc Ed classes and will cover the Algebra II requirement

**Board Committee Reporting** – Discussion on placing this item on the agenda for the committees to report on business at hand as originally planned

**Transportation** – Mrs. Maiani wants to see policy on transportation to sporting events held on a Saturday. Wants to see what is handed out to student athletes at the beginning of a sports season. Mr. Murphy made the decision not to bus the girls basketball team on a Saturday based on past practice. No written policy was found, and the decision was made when budget cuts were being made. Mrs. Maiani is questioning why a bus would be used for band and not for girls basketball. Mr. Harned suggests adopting a policy for all organizations and sports. The superintendent needs a policy to follow. Mr. Burger asked what other districts do. There are approximately 25-30 weekend events that would call for bussing. Mrs. Maiani wants to know about a sub bus driver dropping off a child at the wrong bus stop, are the sub drivers trained for situations like this. Mr. Gardner said he would discuss this after the public meeting because children were involved. Yes the sub drivers are trained. Mr. Lewis pointed out that there are 17 different routes and it would be difficult for the subs to memorize every stop on those routes.

## **CITIZEN'S SECOND REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

None

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENT TO THE PUBLIC**

None

### **Action Items**

#### ***Consent Agenda-***

Motion by Dean, supported by Scherer to approve the consent agenda as presented.

All in favor, motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.

#### ***Math Change – Algebra***

Motion by Scherer, supported by Fry to accept the changes to the high school math/algebra curriculum as recommended by the Curriculum Council. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes 6, No 0.

#### ***Science Electives***

Motion by Maiani, supported by Burger to accept the changes to the high school science electives as recommended by the Curriculum Council. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes 6, No 0.

#### ***MIPhY***

Motion by Maiani, supported by Scherer to allow the 2010 MIPhY survey to be conducted in the high school and middle school. All in favor, Motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.

#### ***FMLA Language***

Motion by Dean, supported by Fry to adopt the Houghton Lake Community Schools FMLA policy.

All in favor, motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.

#### ***Correspondence –***

None

Motion by Maiani, supported by Fry to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.