

A Work Session of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, March 1, 2010 at the Board of Education Meeting Center

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, Tonja Hinkston, Anjanette Rusmisl, Lisa Earley, Jared Socia, Pam Akin, Sally Cotterman, Vicki Blanchard, Tom Blanchard, John Earley, Kristi Bisballe, Coach Celeste Kubiak, Coach Renee Britvec

Visitors: Bev Bonning, Dave Akin, Brooke Souder, Jordan Melloh, Mark Souder, Emma Souder, Lauren Souder, Alexis Souder, Brenda Brady, Katie Earley, Mel Sajdak, Lori Sajdak, Ally Sajdak, Rachel Sajdak, Dawn Ignat, Kelli Ignat, Tanya LeMire, Steve LeMire, Alexis Bechill, Eva Jagoda, Becky Pervis, Kraig Britvec, Roxanne Manifold, Avery Manifold

Press: Cheryl Holladay, Houghton Lake Resorter

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

APPROVE BOARD MINUTES -

Motion by Maiani, supported by Dean to approve 2-15-10 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried. 6 Yes, 0 No.

COMPETITIVE CHEER - Congratulations from the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to the athletes and their coaches. Coaches Kubiak and Britvec introduced their team, and gave highlights of the season.

BUILDING SPOTLIGHT -

Collins Elementary

CPS System moving forward. Students use a clicker to answer questions. They are very excited about it. Four students from Mrs. Thompson's 3rd grade class presented the Digital Story they created in class. The students use writing, critical thinking, and tech skills. Mrs. Thompson was presented with flowers by her students, and she, in turn, presented flowers to the four girls. President Harned stated, "Based on what we just saw, the future of our schools looks pretty bright".

BUILDING SPOTLIGHT -

High School

Kristi Bisballe presented the Moodle program being used in the Digital Design class. Students access their daily/weekly assignments on the webpage, and have access to links or other resources. An example of a student portfolio was shown. This type of learning is becoming the norm. This class is offered to grades 9 to 12.

DISCUSSION ITEMS -

Trip Request – Tom Blanchard/Golf Team – Coach Blanchard seeking board approval to take the Golf team on an overnight trip to Chelsea, MI on April 22, 2010. They will compete in the Chelsea Bulldogs Varsity Boys' Golf Invitational. Also, would like to have boosters help the team get new golf bags and warm ups. The team will need a school van and possibly a second vehicle. This will be the first reading, and will go for a second reading at the 3-15-2010 Regular meeting.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tonja Hinkston announced that it is "Wild About Books Month", and extended an invitation to the board members and superintendent to be guest readers. They may choose their own text, or the teacher will supply one.

BOARD PRESENTATION - *Beverly Bonning of Thrun Law Firm – November Elections*

Discussed options for switching from May/every year elections. Board term limits can never be shortened. Now in a 4-3- rotation. 70-80 schools currently switched from May elections. Mr. Harned suggested discussing this at a board retreat. Legislators are looking at mandating a November election. If we switch, we cannot go back to every May.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Negotiations/Tom Dean – Met with support staff on the 23rd. TA'd a number of articles
Textbook/Paull Fry – Got financial information from Mr. Lewis, Pam and teachers had excellent input

CORRESPONDENCE –

None

Motion by Dean, supported by Fry to go into closed session. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 6, No 0. Board will take a 10 minute recess prior to going into closed session. 8:13 pm.