

Regular Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, August 18, 2008 in the Houghton Lake High School Library.

Members Present: Maiani, Scherer, Fry, Harned, Burger, Dean and Duquette.

Members Absent: None

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Injasoulian, Matt Lewis, Gail Harned, Stan Gardner, and Coreen Julin.

Visitors: Janet Manley

Press: Cheryl Holladay, Houghton Lake Resorter
Jeff Patrus, Roscommon County Herald News

President Harned called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Citizen's Request to Address the Board of Education

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Injasoulian stated that the bond election passed by 75 votes and that he and the Board must be good stewards of the funds. Also, that Russ Post III plans to retire from the district, he has been a great custodial employee, and that he will stay working for the district another year through the contracted service company. The first day of school for students is September 3rd, with a C.O.O.R. wide professional development scheduled for August 27th addressing poverty.

Discussion Items

Civil Rights Compliance – Corrective Action Plan

Superintendent Injasoulian informed the Board of the corrective action plan and the modifications that have been made. Also, that it will be necessary for the Board to eliminate one of the current Board policies between now & December, to be in compliance.

Second Reading/Technology Plan for 2009-2012 – discussion followed on how some revisions will be necessary due to the outcome of the election. Board member Scherer stated he thought the plan was good and the plan resembles a road map, offering guidance to the district.

President Harned stated that MASB offers classes/training for new Board members if anyone is interested in attending. He plans to attend the Superintendent Selection class.

The Board discussed forming a construction (Bond) committee to develop plans for the district to move forward with the school building and site bonds. The three Board members who would like to be on the committee are Harned, Dean and Scherer. Soon, the Superintendent and Board will select community members and district employees to be on the committee as well.

Board Presentation -none

Citizen's Second Request to Address the Board of Education

Jan Manley – addressed the Board to share that she highly recommends the Board attending Board of Education training classes through MASB, that the classes are very valuable and well worth the expense.

Action Items

Consent Agenda

Motion by Maiani, supported by Duquette to approve the consent agenda as presented with the following correction/amendment to the July 21, 2008 regular meeting minutes:

Board Secretary Maiani shared with the Board information regarding a device called mimi-o. It is very similar to a portable Smart Board, however, the mimi-o is approximately \$50.00 \$500.00 and the Smart Board is approximately \$3,000.00.

- the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held July 21, 2008, and the Special Meeting held August 4,

2008: along with the following expenditures for the month of July 2008: General Fund \$447,484.97, Athletics \$5,387.00, and Food Service \$22,793.18. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

2008/2009 COOR/HLCS Agreements

Motion by Duquette, supported by Fry to approve the Houghton Lake Community Schools/C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District agreement to provide Special Education Supervisory Services for school year 2008/2009 as presented. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Motion by Dean, supported by Duquette to approve the Houghton Lake Community Schools/C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Technology Service Agreement for school year 2008/2009 as presented. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Bond Authorizing Resolution

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani to approve the attached resolution authorizing issuance of bonds, delegation of the sale and other matters relating thereto. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

New Staff – Amber Sergeant

Motion by Maiani, supported by Dean to offer Amber Sergeant a teaching contract for the 2008/2009 school year and place her on step 1 of the salary schedule with all the benefits of the Master Contract. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Superintendent Injasoulian informed the Board that the district has received additional Title funds – which will be used to hire an Elementary Teacher to reduce class sizes. (Kindergarten/First Grade split)

Non-faculty and faculty coaches

Motion by Duquette, supported by Fry to approve the attached list of faculty and non-faculty members for the coaching positions for school year 2008/2009. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

2009/2012 Technology Plan – Approval

Motion by Scherer, supported by Duquette to approve the 2009-2012 Technology Plan for Houghton Lake Community School District as presented. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Correspondence – None

Vice-President Dean stated that he is looking forward to starting a new school year that will be positive and good. Also, that it is nice to hear positive news such as the increase in Title I funds, transportation, and the per pupil foundation during such a very tight economic year.

Motion by Duquette, supported by Dean to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0.