

Regular Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, December 21, 2009 in the Board of Education Office.

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

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Murphy, Matt Lewis, Stan Gardner, Brent Cryderman, Gail Harned, Susan Tyer, Heidi Palatka, Amy Peterson, Lori Warson, Sally Cotterman

Visitors: Dawn Dean, Lois Duquette, Georgia Tasker, Naomi Tasker.

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

Georgia Tasker - addressed the Board regarding problems between her child, a bus driver and transportation director. Superintendent will contact Mrs.Tasker and set up an appointment to discuss the issue.

Board Presentation

Michigan Works – representative not present.

Superintendent's Report

Bowling club established. The High School administrators will keep the board updated. The 10/10/10 meetings with the community are going well. A report will be given to the board when meetings are completed. The Superintendent met with a group to discuss the security and cameras in our facilities. Discussed cameras on the buses. Next phase will be the buildings and buses.

Financial Report

Bond committee met. Desks and chairs decided upon for the high school with the help of Mr. Cryderman. Finishing up on the auditorium. Miss Houghton Lake organizers send thanks for re-scheduling. Security on the schedule as a summer bond project with bid packages ready in March. Working on the budget. The \$127 per pupil cut has been postponed. HVAC unit in the tech room is expected 2nd week in January. Question on condition of gym floor – problem is cleared up.

Building Report:

Collins Elementary

Pam Akin absent. Attending a family funeral.

Houghton Lake Community Education (Adult/Alterative Ed)

Heidi Palatka reported that they had a lockdown with everything going well. Had drug dog in the building, which went smoothly. Enjoyed a Christmas dinner. Santa paid a visit. Conducted an all school writing sample.

High School

Brent Crydeman reported that first trimester finished and report cards are out. Now looking at performance data. Auditorium is great, E-2020 program going well under Ms. VanDuinens' supervision.

Middle School

Susan Tyer reported that 6 staff members attended an RTI conference. Implementing RTI in the building. Jeff Beal was in. Brent Kemmer was named Teacher of the Year by the Daughters of Colonial Wars. Students had a can drive which sponsored a senior citizen, and contributed to Toys for Tots.

Discussion Items

Superintendent Murphy informed the board that there would not be a decision tonight on the Race to the Top item. The January 5th meeting will be changed to Special meeting to allow for a decision and to get it to the ISD by the 7th. Trustee Dean cautioned the board to make sure the decision is in the best interest of the students.

First Reading - Race To The Top Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Second Reading - Annual Summer Tax Collection Resolution.

Second Reading - 403(b) and 457(b) Plan Document.

Second Reading - Bond Issue Change Order Policy.

Second Reading – Approve new hire Chavon Nihls.

Citizen's Second Request to Address the Board of Education

Board of Education comment to the public

Trustee Burger wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Action Items

Consent Agenda

Motion by Duquette, supported by Dean to approve the consent agenda as presented; with a correction to the time that the board went into and came out of closed session during the November 16, 2009 Regular Meeting. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0.

Annual Summer Tax Collection Resolution

Motion by Burger, supported by Duquette, to adopt the Annual Summer Tax Collection Resolution. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0.

403(b) and 457(b) Plan Document

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani, to adopt the resolution to accept the 403(B) and 457(B) Plan Document for the school district. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0.

New Hire – Chavon Nihls

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani, to approve the hiring of Accounting Supervisor Chavon Nihls for Houghton Lake Community and West Branch-Rose City Schools. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0.

Race To The Top

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani, to table the Race To The Top decision until the Jan. 5, 2009 Special Meeting. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 0.

Correspondence ~

2009 Elks Hoop Shoot – Received a thank you and recognition of Vicki Blanchard's efforts.

Certificate of Excellence from the State of Michigan for Stan Gardner and his mechanics for a job well done on our school buses.

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0.