

Regular Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, December 15, 2008 in the Board of Education office.

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

Members Absent: None

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Injasoulian and Susan Tyer.

Visitors: Student to be reinstated, Mother and Grandmother of student.

Board President Harned called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and informed the Board that two student reinstatement hearings have been scheduled for tonight.

#### ***First Reinstatement Hearing (Student A)***

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani to go into closed session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of a reinstatement hearing. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0.

Motion by Dean, supported by Burger to come out of closed session at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0.

Board President Harned informed the parents and student that a motion reinstating the student would take place during the open session of tonight's meeting. The Board members congratulated – and welcomed back the student.

#### ***Second Reinstatement Hearing (Student B)***

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Injasoulian and Susan Tyer.

Visitors: Student to be reinstated and Father of student.

Board President Harned called the second hearing to order at 6:25 p.m.

Motion by Maiani, supported by Duquette to go into closed session at 6:28 p.m. for the purpose of a reinstatement hearing. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0.

Motion by Dean, supported by Fry to come out of closed session at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0.

Board President Harned informed the father and student that a motion reinstating the student would take place during the open session of tonight's meeting. The Board members congratulated – and welcomed back the student.

Board President Harned stated there would be a five minute break at 6:55 p.m. prior to beginning the regular portion of the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Others who arrived for the meeting: Stan Gardner, Gail Harned, and Matt Lewis.

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

Board President Harned called the meeting back to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### **Citizen's Request to Address the Board of Education - none**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- The new sign for the Board of Education office (designed by a former student) is now ready to be installed. The new sign is larger and will be more visible to help visitors locate the Board office.
- Tom Quinn, President of Kirtland Community College, visited the district today to discuss offering our students some advanced programs.
- The ACT scores will be available shortly and will be shared with the Board members.
- Superintendent Injasoulian informed the Board that Carl Hartman from MASB will do the superintendent search himself and that he plans to attend the January 10<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat.
- Melisa Akers from Houghton Lake Community Education, has submitted a grant for a small addition to the building - (one bathroom, one office, and two classrooms) are being considered.

- Superintendent Injasoulian distributed material on the Jr. ROTC program to all the board members for review.
- The State has extended the deadline for districts to approve their 403 (b) Plan Document, therefore, it is not necessary for the Board to take action at tonight's meeting.
- Superintendent Injasoulian informed the Board of the current events/activities scheduled throughout the district.
- Administrators are developing a document that tracks student interventions, once it is completed, they will share with the Board.

### **Discussion Items**

Board President Harned stated that two discussion items would need to be added onto the agenda:

- 1) MASB Survey for Superintendent Search
- 2) School Elections held in November instead of May

### ***Administrative Board Reports***

The Administrative Board Reports were reviewed; Board President Harned stated that he would like to see a Board Report from the Alternative/Adult Education Program.

A brief discussion took place on the need of report card grading being consistent throughout the district. The District School Improvement Committee has been working on this issue. Board would like to add this topic on the Board Retreat agenda.

Business Manager, Matt Lewis, questioned that since the 403(b) Plan Document was postponed, in its place could he discuss the Universal Breakfast program with the Board. Board consensus was that they are very much in favor of the free breakfast program and would like to begin the first day of the second semester.

### ***Board Retreat Topics***

1. Develop interventions for our students who have been expelled from school - once they request to be reinstated, those interventions need to be in place for that student, so that the same thing does not happen all over again.
2. Mid~Year Superintendent Evaluation and establish goals.
3. Board to adopt a vision ~ as in what direction does the Board want to go in for our children.

***(The Vision Statement is different from the Board Mission Statement)***

### ***Bond Issue Update***

Superintendent Injasoulian stated that once school is out for the summer, a lot of the plumbing and electrical work will begin. However, the district still plans to provide Summer School, so that may need to take place at another location – maybe the Adult Education building.

Business Manager, Matt Lewis informed the Board that the district was only offered a 1.7% interest rate on the Bonds, and that he felt he could earn a much higher interest rate for the district. Stating that he believes he could make the district an additional \$100,000.00 (approximately), but that it would create more work for him. The Board members thanked Mr. Lewis for his willingness to do all the extra work involved to make the district more money.

### ***MASB Survey ~ Superintendent Search***

Board President Harned informed the Board members that they should have received a Superintendent Search survey from Carl Hartman, (MASB) and to please complete the survey as soon as possible and send back. This will complete the first step of the search – to get a profile of what type of superintendent the Board is looking for. He added that he would like to make it known to the public, that the total cost of the nation wide search is only \$6,000.00.

### ***School Elections***

The Board plans to change the date of their school elections from May to November to save on the expense of having their own election. Since the deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup> for the Board to hold a public hearing and take action, the Board will move forward with this process in 2009. This would allow the 2010 school election to be held in November.

**Board Presentation - none**

**Citizens Second Request to Address the Board – none**

**Action Items**

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani to approve the consent agenda as presented, the minutes of the regular meetings held October 20, 2008 and November 17, 2008, and the special meeting held December 1, 2008: along with the following expenditures for the month of November 2008: General Fund \$1,371,223.82, Food Service \$68,526.15, and Athletics \$2,823.13. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

**Annual Summer Tax Collection ~ Resolution**

Motion by Duquette, supported by Fry to adopt the attached Annual Summer Tax Collection Resolution as presented. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

**Universal Breakfast for Students**

Motion by Harned, supported by Duquette to adopt the Universal Breakfast as a pilot program for Houghton Lake Community Schools with Chartwell as the Administrator, beginning January 26, 2009. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

**Student Reinstatement**

Motion by Duquette, supported by Maiani to reinstate *Middle School Student A* effective January 26, 2009, the beginning of second semester of school year 2008/2009. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

**Student Reinstatement**

Motion by Scherer, supported by Fry to reinstate *Middle School Student B* effective January 26, 2009, the beginning of second semester of school year 2008/2009. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

**Closed Session ~ Negotiations**

Motion by Duquette, supported by Fry that the Board of Education go into closed session at 8:06 p.m. (after tonight's meeting) for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Motion by Dean, supported by Duquette to come out of closed session at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Motion by Dean, supported by Duquette to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0.