

Regular Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, February 18, 2008 in the Board of Education office.

Members Present: Haf, Stuck, Harned, Burger, Dean and Duquette.

Members Absent: Maiani

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Injasoulian

Visitors: District employee and spouse.

President Harned called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Motion by Duquette, supported by Burger to go into closed session as employee requested at 6:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the results of a criminal background check on a school employee. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Duquette, supported by Burger to come out of closed session at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

President Harned let the other visitors in the building and began the regular meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Injasoulian, Susan Tyer, Jack Kramer, Matt Lewis, Gail Harned, Anjanette Rusmisl, and Coreen Julin.

Visitors: John Julin

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

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

### **Superintendent's Report**

- School Election to be held May 6, 2008 district has four vacancies to fill, petitions have been turned in for three of the vacancies, and the one-year term is still available. The deadline has expired; however, write in candidates for the one-year term can be submitted up until two weeks prior to the election.
- The Bond Issue ballot language has been established, the guidelines with activities to promote the election were reviewed. A district newsletter mailed to the residents in early April to explain the bond vote was agreed upon. Board Treasurer Burger stated that in his opinion this is not the time, the need is there but the time is bad – there is no work up here, the newspaper published three pages of homes listed under default and foreclosure - the people do not have money. This is not the time for additional tax. The stores along M-55 are empty – the people make minimum wage and have no health insurance. Other Board members stated that the school buildings need to be repaired; the bond issue will just allow routine maintenance to keep the school open – stating what will happen if we have to close school buildings, and that the Board needs to make decisions that are in the best interest of our students.
- Superintendent Injasoulian stated that a meeting has been scheduled for this Thursday to try and resolve the water/moisture problem with the new gym floor. The company that installed the floor, as well as some engineers will attend.

### **Discussion Items**

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

Board Reports were reviewed - student enrollment count day was February 14<sup>th</sup> the district enrollment has declined by 33 students. (H.S. down 12 / M.S. down 9 / Collins down 12 )

#### ***Trimester Scheduling ~ School Year 2008/2009***

Discussion along with review of the outline of events for the proposed trimester schedule for school year 2008/2009 took place.

***Citizen's Request to Address the Board ~ Second Reading & Adoption***

Discussion on adding another opportunity for the public to address the Board regarding agenda items that were just covered/reviewed i.e. (Superintendents Report and Discussion Items) – the intent is for the citizens to revisit those agenda items if necessary.

**Board Presentation ~ none**

**Action Items**

***Consent Agenda***

Motion by Dean, supported by Duquette to approve the consent agenda as presented - minutes of the regular meeting held January 21, 2008: along with the following expenditures for the month of January 2008: General Fund \$587,170.57, Athletics \$9,833.40, and Food Service \$54.90. Motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.

***Annual Election – Resolution***

Motion by Haf, supported by Duquette to approve the attached resolution “Calling Regular School Election” as presented. Motion carried. Yes 5, No 1 (Burger).

***Houghton Lake High School - Trimester Scheduling***

Motion by Dean, supported by Haf to approve the recommendation of the Houghton Lake High School and the Houghton Lake Community School Curriculum Council, to change the format of the high school schedule for all students in grades 8-12 from a semester to a trimester format beginning in the 2008/2009 school year. Motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.

***Additional Citizen's Request to Address the Board ~Adoption***

Motion by Dean, supported by Burger to change the format of the Board of Education agenda to add a second “***Citizens Request to Address the Board***” to offer community members another opportunity to address concerns prior to the start of any action items. Motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.

***Approval – Bd of Ed Conference***

Motion by Duquette, supported by Stuck to approve the request for Tom Dean and Peter Injasoulian to attend the MASB Advanced Negotiations Institute conference to be held in Lansing on February 27-28, 2008. Motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.

**Correspondence ~ none**

***Closed Session ~ Student Expulsion Hearing***

Motion by Duquette, supported by Haf to go into closed session as requested by the parent at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of an expulsion hearing. Motion carried 6 Yes, 0 No.

Motion by Burger, supported by Dean to come out of closed session at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried 6 Yes, 0 No.

Motion by Dean, supported by Duquette that the student responsible for the bomb threat at the middle school be expelled for up to 180 days with the possibility of requesting reinstatement for the fall semester 2008, the reinstatement request is to include a recommendation from Second Chance Academy and a personal statement that conveys her understanding of the seriousness of the incident. Also, the Board of Education strongly recommends counseling throughout the summer. Motion carried. Yes 6, No 0.

Motion by Haf, supported by Duquette to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried Yes 6, No 0.