

The January 4, 2010 Special meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Harned with six members present:

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

Others Present: Administrators - Superintendent Murphy, Assistant Superintendent Lewis, Akin, Cryderman, Palatka, Tyer, Gardner Teachers – Julin, Mueller, VanWagner, Warner Citizens – Gail Harned, John Owens Press - Cheryl Holladay – Houghton Lake Resorter

CITIZENS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION -

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT:

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Lewis met with Greg Webster of Neola to work on the board policy. A sub-committee is suggested to work on blending the new policy with what has already been established. Mr. Harned met Mr. Webster and liked the process used by Neola. New committee will consist of Dave Harned, Merry Maiani, and Tom Dean.

BUILDING SPOTLIGHT:

Alternative Ed – Heidi Palatka

Power point presentation: Christmas dinner, 1<sup>st</sup> field trip in a few years. Headcount is 105 this year. GED completions – 32 projected grads. Enrichment – 174 to date. Student John Owen addressed the board to say thank you for the help he has received from Heidi Palatka, Holly Mueller, Heidi VanWagner.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Race to the Top – Second Reading:

Discussion. Who will enforce the new drop out age? What will the liability for the school be? There will be more mandated intervention programs. MEA came out with a statement 1-5-10. Should be approximately \$250,000 for the district. We can decide to withdraw at a later date. Superintendent recognizes MEA trepidation.

BOARD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A COMMENT/STATEMENT:

Mr. Burger commented that our district was in complete disarray when Pete Injasoulian became Superintendent, who was able to turn everything around. He worked hard and got the bond millage passed, worked with the sports boosters to build a wonderful athletic complex, and an excellent new auditorium. He recognized Matt Lewis for “putting the icing on the cake” and taking us into the black. He would like to make sure that Houghton Lake Schools does something to honor Pete for his efforts.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Duquette, supported by Dean to sign and submit an Memorandum of Understanding for the Race to the Top Plan with the U.S. Department of Education. All in favor, motion carried. 6 Yes, 0 No.

Motion by Maiani, supported by Duquette to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried. 6 Yes, 0 No.