

Special Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, January 7, 2008 in the Board of Education office.

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

Members Absent: None

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Injasoulian and Susan Tyer

Visitors: Father of Student

President Harned called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Motion by Dean, supported by Duquette to go into closed session at 6:33 p.m. for the purpose of an expulsion hearing. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Duquette, supported by Dean to come out of closed session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

President Harned allowed the other visitors in the building and began the Special Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Injasoulian, Susan Tyer/Gail Harned, Stan Gardner, Anjanette Rusmisl, and Lisa Sutton.

Visitors: Matt Lewis

Press: Cheryl Holladay, Houghton Lake Resorter

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

Superintendent's Report

- The State of Michigan found 325 million dollars in revenue they did not know they had, it will be placed in a rainy day fund according to Rep. Sheltroun. The latest update on school-aid is that the districts should receive what they were told; however, the extra revenue for schools with large transportation areas did not get approved.
- The Collins Elementary school parking turn-around loop is not properly being used and backing up traffic on M-55, this will be investigated.
- Midwest Energy Group completed their study and indicated that the district is running efficiently, just a few adjustments could be made with some lighting and entry ways at the high school.
- Brad Hemmes from GMB will address the Board at the next meeting (January 21st) to present their findings and offer suggestions on the Bond project.
- The Civil Rights Compliance "*Corrective Action Plan*" needs to receive Board approval and be sent to the state by February; therefore, the first reading will take place tonight with the second reading and adoption at the January 21st meeting.

Action Items

New Business Manager

Superintendent Injasoulian informed the Board of the new business manager's qualities and a brief discussion took place with Board Vice-President Dean stating that he had been on the interview committee so it would be a real pleasure to make the motion to hire Matt Lewis, Board Trustee Duquette stated that he was also on the interview committee and would be more than happy to support the motion.

Motion by Dean, supported by Duquette to hire Matthew Lewis as the Houghton Lake Community School's Business Manager effective January 8, 2008, per the recommendation of the district's interview committee. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

New Middle School Principal

Superintendent Injasoulian informed the Board of how qualified Susan Tyer is to become the new middle school principal, with Board President Harned stating that he would like to make the motion to hire Mrs. Tyer.

Motion by Harned, supported by Maiani to offer Susan Tyer an administrative contract for the Middle School Principal position per the recommendation of the district's interview committee, effective January 1, 2008. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Expulsion Hearing

Motion by Duquette, supported by Dean that based on the findings of the expulsion hearing and according to the law, to expel a Houghton Lake Community School student for 180 days. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Discussion Items

The first reading on the Civil Rights Compliance action plan along with the new non-discrimination statement was discussed; Board members will take home and review. Board trustee Haf requested that Superintendent Injasoulian provide quarterly progress reports on the work/action being completed.

Superintendent Injasoulian informed the Board that it would be very costly for Thrun Law Firm to review the new board policy. Board authorized Superintendent Injasoulian to check for other options and make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. Also, to obtain clarification on Board Policy 1320 - adding action items on the agenda at the beginning and/or during the meeting.

Treasurer Stuck distributed draft copies of Board Policy Section 2000 for the Board to review.

Motion by Dean, supported by Duquette to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.