

Regular Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, June 16, 2008 in the Board of Education office.

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

Members Absent: None

Administration/Staff: Superintendent Injasoulian, Susan Tyer, Matt Lewis, Gail Harned, Stan Gardner, Deb Markiewicz, Jill Songer, Pat Dietrich, Anjanette Rusmisl, Tonya Perry, Dorothy Dull, Jenny VanDuinen, Bob Barney, and Sally Cotterman.

Visitors: Rod Lewis, Julie Markiewicz, Richard Dietrich, Kay Lash, Mrs. Barney, Donna Alward, Wendy Heinig, and Jan Manley.

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

President Harned called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Citizen's Request to Address the Board of Education

Julie Markiewicz – addressed the Board and read a letter/statement listing some concerns she has with one of the Board members actions/behavior - laughter during the Citizens Request to Address the Board portion at the last Board of Education meeting. Stating that this type of conduct from a Board member is unprofessional and unacceptable.

Richard Dietrich – addressed the Board because he had not received an answer yet to his 3 x 5 card question – Superintendent Injasoulian informed everyone that those who had questions from the last Board meeting, the letters to respond are finished and will be mailed shortly.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Injasoulian informed the Board that the following three teacher assistants: Linda Bellwood, Carol Barke, and Janet Evoy along with two school bus drivers: Richard Kristof, and Mike Mezzano Sr have submitted letters of retirement. Also, that Michele Swanson has retired this school year as well.

Congratulations went to Business Manager, Matt Lewis for receiving his *Chief Financial Officer Certification* from MSBO (Michigan School Business Officials) this is a great accomplishment. Good Job Matt !!

Superintendent Injasoulian gave an update on the custodial staff in that there is still a \$40,000.00 shortfall; however, the union is in the process of possibly working something out with the entire support staff group.

Discussion Items

Administrative Board Reports - were reviewed

A special thanks went to Board member Maiani and her group of volunteers (organizing/service ice cream sundaes) Also, Bruce Fitzgerald will be the only participant from Michigan to attend the Mineral Education conference in Columbus, Ohio (June 15-18), and Helen Wiggins was the recipient of the 2008 Lyle Spalding Award. Good Job everyone!

Second Reading/Middle School Handbook – Board complimented Tonya Perry on the very nice job she did on revising the handbook. Mrs. Perry stated that once finished, the handbook would be available on the district website as well.

First Reading/Collins Handbook – Discussion on only one change to the handbook – which is the addition of the non-discrimination statement, the district was made aware of this requirement during the Civil Rights Compliance audit. The district non-discrimination statement must be included in several documents – handbooks being one of them.

Third Reading/High School Handbook

Discussion regarding how the staff feels about changing to trimesters took place.

Board Supporting Adopted Curriculum (Draft 1 Resolution)

Board member Haf distributed a draft resolution stating, that the Board of Education will support the adopted curriculum. Board to review and have a second reading and the adoption at the June 30th meeting.

2008/2009 School Calendar

Discussion followed on the in-service “A Framework for Understanding Poverty” offered by COOR and CCCPD on August 27th in the Kirtland Community College Auditorium

Board Presentation ~ None

Citizen's Second Request to Address the Board of Education

Rod Lewis – addressed the Board and asked if the custodial shortfall of \$40,000.00 stated earlier in the meeting, was for one year – or all three years? Superintendent Injasoulian stated it was for one year. Mr. Lewis then asked if the Board of Education adopted curriculum is not followed by the staff– will there be any consequences, such as remediation.

Action Items

Consent Agenda

Motion by Dean, supported by Maiani to approve the consent agenda as presented - minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2008, and the special meeting held May 23, 2008: along with the following expenditures for the month of May 2008: General Fund \$770,500.17, Athletics \$1,831.22, and Food Service \$54,130.93. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

2008/2009 Student Handbooks – Approval

Motion by Maiani, supported by Burger to approve the changes to the Houghton lake Middle School 2008-2009 student handbook as presented. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Motion by Maiani, supported by Dean to approve the changes to the Collins Elementary School 2008-2009 student handbook as presented. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Motion by Maiani, supported by Duquette to approve the changes to the Houghton Lake High School 2008-2009 student handbook as presented. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

MHSAA Annual Participation/Membership Resolution

Motion by Dean, supported by Duquette to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution for 2008/2009 as presented. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Staff Retirement (M. Swanson)

Motion by Maiani, supported by Dean to accept Michele Swanson’s letter of retirement effective June 30, 2008, and to thank her for her long dedicated service to our students. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

2008/2009 School Calendar – Approval

Motion by Dean, supported by Maiani to approve the attached proposed 2008/2009 school calendar for Houghton Lake Community School District. Motion carried. Yes 7, No 0.

Correspondence – none

Motion by Dean, supported by Maiani to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0.