

Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 21, 2010

Houghton Lake Community Schools

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Houghton Lake Community Schools was held Monday, June 21, 2010, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Board of Education Meeting Center.

Board Members Present: Tom Dean, Dave Harned, Ron Duquette, Tim Scherer
Paull Fry, Merry Maiani, Bill Burger

Administrators and Staff: Kevin Murphy, Stan Gardner, Gail Harned, Tonja Hinkston, Heidi Palatka, Marilou Mackenzie, Sally Cotterman, Alicia Thompson

Visitors: Dave Johnson, Julie Markiewicz, Dylan Palacios, Ricky Urbach,
Colton Matteson, Jan Manley

Press: Cheryl Holladay – Houghton Lake Resorter

1. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting** - 6/14/2010 Special Meeting
Motion by Duquette, support by Dean. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0
2. **Citizen's Request to Address the Board of Education** – President Harned explained that until July 1, 2010, the time allotted per person will be 5 minutes, with a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the meeting. After July 1, 2010 it will be 3 minutes per person with a total of 30 minutes. Julie Markiewicz – Presented the board with a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding job duties of two employees. She requested an explanation on how internal postings are handled, and had numerous concerns about the superintendent. President Harned called Ms. Markiewicz out of order and requested that the remainder of her concerns be submitted to the board in writing.

3. Superintendent's Report

Dylan Palacios of the golf team summarized the season. The team was 5/3 in our conference. We were the only team to beat Roscommon. Colton Matteson made it to the state level. Dylan thanked Mr. Murphy, on behalf of the team, for his support.

Bill Burger is wrapping up his tenure on the board. We do not say enough about how much board members give of their time. Superintendent Murphy presented Mr. Burger with a plaque from himself and Matt Lewis to commemorate his four years of service to the district. Mr. Burger thanked the board and the community for going along with his shortcomings. The thing that he will miss the most is participating in the commencement ceremonies. Shaking the hand of the graduates and seeing the glint of hope and promise in their eyes.

President Harned stated that the board will be starting a plaque with a name plate for all retiring board members from here forward beginning with Mr. Burger. David Johnson will begin his four year term beginning in July.

4. Board Presentation

5. Discussion Items

A. 1st Reading - 2010-2011 Student Handbook HS & Alt Ed

Discussion on attendance policy. Mrs. Maiani stated that the board had been promised data comparing the new to the old policy, but had not received anything to date. Corrections and omissions were listed. The board would like to see alternatives and form a committee to work with the administrators through this school year for the next school year handbooks.

B. 1st Reading -Co-op Ice Hockey and Dual Sport Participation

The superintendent asked that the board support this endeavor. Question on item 12 – should read student athlete rather than student/athlete.

C. 2nd Reading - 2010-2011 Student Handbook - MS & Collins Elementary

Question on page 5 – MS Emergency Information Notice. It states that it is filled out when they first register at Houghton Lake Schools, but should read that it is filled out annually. Discussed various grammatical corrections as well as alternatives for certain wording. These will be forwarded to the building administrators.

D. 2nd Reading - Form L-4029 Tax Levy Agreement

Annual approval of the Tax Levy Agreement with Roscommon and Missaukee Counties. This document is required by law for the counties to collect the taxes for the school district.

E. Staff Retirement Letters

The retirements are a good indication of the work done at negotiations. 21 retirees, with 18 coming back under the Retirees as Teachers program. We would like to thank all of the retirees and to wish them well.

F. Employee Termination

We communicated with this employee and she is not present. She has broken a law, and the recommendation is to end the services of this employee for the safety of the students.

6. Citizen's Second Request to Address the Board of Education

Julie Markiewicz – Asked if the Retirees as Teachers will be paid a stipend.

7. Board Opportunity to Make a Comment/Statement

Tom Dean – Stated that he is impressed that many times Mr. Burger was willing to be the lone no vote on certain issues.

Dave Harned – Thank you to all of the retirees for all of their years of dedication and service. He appreciates that they are going to give back some of that through the RAT program.

8. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

Motion by Duquette, support by Scherer to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

B. Approve 2010 Form L-4029 Tax Levy Agreement

Motion by Maiani, support by Duquette to approve the L-4029's for Roscommon and Missaukee counties as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

C. Accept Staff Retirements

Motion by Duquette, support by Fry to approve the retirements of David Aluia, Luanne Benz, Chuck Blackney, Patricia Caswell, Carol Chidester, Julie Dennison, Mary Fullmer, Barbara Gee, Rebecca Greenfield, Tanya Heintzelman, Elaine Jansen, Ronald Kuripla, Debra Manninen, Jan McMartin, Lori Mitchell, Gloria Owaski, Martha Rees, Diane Rustad, Ralph Salyers, Lisa Sutton, Elizabeth Thompson, Kenneth Warner, Susan Warner, Steven Whiting. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

D. Employee Termination

Motion by Dean, support by Fry to approve the termination of Jennifer Abrams. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

9. **Correspondence**

10. **Adjourn**

Motion by Duquette, support by Fry to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0 Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.