

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, August 23, 2010

Houghton Lake Community Schools

A Regular Meeting of the Houghton Lake Community Schools Board of Education was held Monday, August 23, 2010, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Technology Center.

Members Present

Harned, Maiani, Dean, Duquette, Scherer, Fry, Johnson

Administration/Staff

Kevin Murphy, Matt Lewis, Susan Tyer, Heidi Palatka, Brent Cryderman, Pam Akin, Stan Gardner, Gail Harned, Tonja Hinkston, Sally Cotterman, John Earley, Marilou Mackenzie, Anjanette Rusmisl, Melisa Akers, Alicia Thompson, Amy Bontekoe

Visitors

Julie Markiewicz, Tracy Wilson, Nicole Bruce, Renee Britvec, Doug Bontekoe

Press

Cheryl Holliday - Houghton Lake Resorter

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER - Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – August 23, 2010 Regular Meeting – Motion by Duquette, support by Maiani. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Anjanette Rusmisl – addressed Board with concerns about missing items from classrooms in Collins Elementary. A list of the items will be furnished to the board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -

John Earley reported on the progress of the summer bond projects.

Heidi Palatka/Alternative Ed – Did not make it on AYP. There is a letter addressing this on their website. Received \$79,282 in grant funds. \$23K more than the amount of their request. Jeff Fitzgibbon started today. Child Care is having an open house on the 31st from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Kevin Murphy stated that there was meeting discussing not running Alternative Ed as a separate building.

Dave Harned stated that the Board feels that it is important to run Alternative Ed. Program.

Brent Cryderman/HS – AYP buzz, high school did make it, but went from a B to a C. Discussed the 5 year trend on the ACT (2006 was the first year it was a requirement). MME performance. Building calendar was presented to the Board. Commended Jenny VanDuinen for a job well done on the HS summer school program. E2020 is a credit recovery system. It is an after school program, but will be embedded in the school day this year.

Pam Akin/CE – Excited. Looking forward to 5 new staff members. RTI will be up and running in K-3. Mary Murphy completed Dibels training. All teachers will be using the Daily 5 by the end of the school year. Summer School – enrollment was way down. Received an A on AYP. The focus will be on reading. 112 Kindergartners registered.

Susan Tyer/MS – MEAP Results. Received an A on AYP. Summer school students studied a book and wrote a letter to the author. The author replied, and a copy was mailed to each of the students. Reviewed the new teacher orientation.

Kevin Murphy – Thank you to Susan Tyer for running the new teacher orientation. To the principals – know where you are with the AYP status. The target will be set. Thank you to Anjanette for running the book study. We know that our teachers do go above and beyond. We knew summer school would be difficult. We are working with the new AD. We are not charging students to get into athletic events. This is a pilot program. 6th through 12th grade will use their student ID to get in for free. K through 5th will enter for free if accompanied by a paying adult. Boosters said they may be able to help us. We are going to be exploring our pay to play. The NEOLA Board Policy will be online and available to the staff and community.

Matt Lewis – First day of a 5 day audit. Things look good and they might be done by Thursday.

BOARD PRESENTATION - Mid Michigan/Student Based Health Centers

Presentation on proposed curriculum covering pregnancy and suicide prevention, as well as nutrition and obesity programs. They would like to see a staff PD on this information. Looking for approval from the board at the September meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

First Reading – Board Meeting Stipend: The Finance Committee has discussed making the Board pay a straight stipend rather than per meeting.

First Reading – HLESPA Contract: Mrs. Cotterman was present. Negotiations ended positively. There are a couple of corrections that need to be discussed with Mrs. Cotterman and the MEA Uniserve director. This will be brought back to the Board in September for a second reading and approval.

CITIZEN’S SECOND REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

(pertaining only to the agenda items listed above)

Anjanette Rusmisel – Discussed the book study program. VERY productive. Started with a couple teachers from Collins who wanted to get together, then some teachers from the middle schools wanted to participate.

BOARD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A COMMENT/STATEMENT

Dave Harned – We are trying to build a bridge across the entire district. We would like the system to run so well that each teacher realizes the impact they have on the graduating seniors.

Tom Dean – We talk about AYP, MME, Etc. Throughout the last school year and over the summer I am hearing that we are putting together programs to attack these problems. I am excited.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda – Motion by Duquette, support by Fry to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0

Action Items

Hire new teachers – Motion by Dean, support by Duquette to approve the hiring of Tara Schell, Amy Bontekoe, Nancy Hedin, Caitlin Meyer, Edward Johns, Maureen Whidden, Matthew Murray, Michelle White and Theresa McMunigal as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes 7, No 0

CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you letter for Liz Warner. Letter of support from taxpayer Susan Grettenberger.

CLOSED SESSION -

Motion by Maiani, support by Duquette to move into Closed Session after a brief recess. All in favor, motion carried. Yes 7, No 0. 7:53 pm.