

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Houghton Lake Community Schools

February 28, 2011

A Work Session and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Houghton Lake Community Schools was held Monday, February 28, 2011, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Technology Hub.

Members Present: Dave Harned, Tom Dean, Dave Johnson, Merry Maiani, Tim Scherer, Paull Fry, Absent – Ron Duquette

Administration/Staff Present: Kevin Murphy, Heidi Palatka, Susan Tyer, Pam Akin, Brent Cryderman, Jared Socia, John Earley, Stan Gardner, Gail Harned, Paula Youngberg, Lori Warson, Sandi Ahlers, Megan Kersh, Natalie Damrel, Eddie Johns, Grant Risner, Jennifer Wooten, Jennifer Williams

Visitors: Shannon McKinley, Kayleigh McKinley, Jason McKinley, Shawn McKinley, David Duncan, Katie Earley, Renee Britvec, Carissa Bonner, Tracy Wilson, Nicole Bruce, Celeste Kubiak, Leonard Natowski, Kenzie Goodwin, Taylor Peer, Krista Wilson, Susan Wilson, Kaitlyn Wilson, Steve McLeod, Lonnie Cook, Ethan Gerdes, Kim Akin, Jim Kent, Kristy Carrick, Jonathan Talbot

Press: Cheryl Holladay, Houghton Lake Resorter

Work Session was called to order at 6:00 pm with 6 Board members present. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and the SMART language groups broke out into separate sessions. The Work Session came to a close at 6:35pm and at that time the Regular Meeting was called to order with 6 Board members present.

1. **Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting - 1-24-11 Regular Meeting**

Motion by Dean, support by Maiani to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent - 1

2. **Citizen's Request to Address the Board of Education**

3. **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Murphy said he can see the success that our students are having in different areas (including athletics). We need to build our budget to move in this direction. These are trying times in Michigan. We need to remain calm and invest in our district. We are still one of the few districts that is still hiring. The RAT program has afforded us a lot of opportunities. We are not in panic mode and are not asking for mid-year cuts. We will do a worst case/best case probability. We are all in this together and we will survive this.

4. **Board Presentation**

A. **Building Spotlight - Alternative Ed**

Alternative Education Students - Past and Present

6 students from Alternative Ed were present to discuss why they left Roscommon or Houghton Lake high school to come to Alt. Ed and what they like or dislike about the program. PowerPoint presentation showing the results of a student survey.

B. **It Matters Because You Matter**

School Based Health Center

Tracy Wilson, Nicole Bruce, Renee Britvec, Carissa Bonner

High School Competitive Cheer Team

Coach Celeste Kubiak, Kaitlin Earley

Wrestling District Champions

Coach Lonnie Cook, Ethan Gerdes, David Duncan

Instrumental Solo Ensembles

Director Sandi Ahlers with members of both groups

C. **Shawn McKinley – Presentation**

Powerpoint presentation on his trip to The Henry Ford Museum during Enrichment Days

5. Discussion Items

A. Item added by President Harned – Revisiting Board Work Sessions

A number of Board members have requested going back to monthly Work Sessions. There will be an agenda for each one, not just an open forum. This will give the Board an opportunity to share information. Would like to add a meeting in April (18th).

B. Item added by President Harned – Head Football Coach Position

Had three great candidates. Really want to move towards teacher coaches. Mr. Cryderman said that Grant Risner has already made a mark in the district already with his connections with the kids. Grant Risner says he is excited to work with kids in a different capacity. Wins are important but it is about what you do beyond that. Coach Carter left us with a good foundation.

A. Update Semesters - Mr. Cryderman

Great community feedback. Shared his PowerPoint presentation with the parents that attended the meeting.

B. Finding possible dates for HLCS Board to meet with RAPS Board

Board will invite the RAPS Board for a dinner meeting. They have some trepidation about going straight into “large ticket” collaborations. Their Board meetings are held on Wednesday’s. Looking at March 21st or 22nd to schedule a meeting.

C. Second Reading Band Overnight Trip to Washington DC

Wonderful opportunity for the students to broaden their horizons. Will be performing on Friday at the mall area in DC.

D. Second Reading Board Policy Amendment - Non Sufficient Funds Checks

E. Second Reading Key Club Overnight Trip to Dearborn

F. Budget Amendment

Item is tabled until the Finance Committee has an opportunity to meet.

G. Overnight trip for Wrestler Ethan Gerdes to State Finals - Palace of Auburn Hills - March 3,4,5 (Also looking for financial assistance - MHSAA offers no assistance on the cost)

Hotel room estimated costs are \$564

H. Overnight trip for Competitive Cheer State Finals

Discussion and action not needed. Team not advancing to States.

I. First & Second Reading Approve Houghton Lake Library Board Appointee

Janna Clark submitted her Letter of Intent

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

7. Board Opportunity to Make a Comment/Statement

Mr. Dean enjoyed the reps from the band and the Alternative Ed. Mr. Harned does not believe that our teachers do not care but does believe that is how these students feel. He hoped that the staff understands where these students are coming from and that they don't feel maligned. Mr. Johnson thanked the middle school for Enrichment Days. It is a very good program and a neat couple of days for the students.

8. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

Motion by Scherer, support by Fry to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1

1. Monthly Revenue Report
2. Monthly Expenditure Reports
3. New Hire/Fill Open Position/Resignation/Retirement
 - NEW HIRES
 - Karys McKulsky - Occupational Therapist
 - Megan Kersh - Kindergarten
 - Natalie Damrel - Kindergarten
 - Jennifer Wooten - OLLS Part Time Title Teacher
 - Mary Murphy - MS Volleyball Coach
 - Jennifer Williams - MS Track Coach
 - Grant Risner - Football Coach
 - Edward Johns - Golf Coach
 - RESIGNATION
 - Chavon Nihls - Director of Finance

B. Band Overnight Trip to Washington DC

Motion by Maiani, support by Dean to approve an overnight trip for the Band to go to Washington DC as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1

C. Board Policy Amendment - Non Sufficient Funds Checks

Motion by Scherer, support by Maiani to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1

D. Key Club Overnight Trip to Dearborn

Motion by Maiani, support by Dean to approve amending the Board Policy to include collection procedures for Non-sufficient checks as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1

E. Budget Amendment

Item Tabled

F. Wrestling Overnight Trip to Auburn Hills

Motion by Dean, support by Fry to approve an overnight trip for the Wrestling team (coaches and Ethan Gerdes) to the state finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills plus \$700 for expenses as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1

G. Competitive Cheer Overnight Trip to Grand Rapids

No action required

H. Approve Houghton Lake Library Board Appointee

Motion by Scherer, support by Fry to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1

9. Correspondence

MASB acknowledging Tom Dean

10. Closed Session – Negotiations

Motion by Dean, support by Maiani to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 8:10 pm. All in favor, motion carried. Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent - 1

11. Adjourn