

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Harrison Board of Education

Held September 14, 2009

Denise Haskin, Secretary

President Joel Hardy called the regular meeting of the Harrison Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Board Room located at 224 W. Main Street.

Members present: Joel Hardy, Connie Cauchi, Floyd Dennis, Therese Haley, Denise Haskin and Marie Roth.

Members absent: Doug Cobb.

Others present: Superintendent Thomas J. House and Kelly Taylor, Substitute Recorder.

President Hardy led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board approved the following changes to the agenda: III. Action Items, letters e & f. Change wording from "Readmission of a High School Student" on both to: "Readmission to Extra Curricular Activities".

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cauchi to approve the minutes of August 10, 2009 as presented. Yeas: Haskin, Cauchi, Roth, Dennis, Haley and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board member Roth questioned the check written to Thrun Law Firm. Superintendent House stated he believed that the check written to Thrun was for the monthly charge for the Adair Case and possibly other costs relating to calls made to Thrun. Board member Dennis questioned the check written to Harold Atkinson and what he does for us. Superintendent House stated that Mr. Atkinson is the person we use to maintain our HVAC System. Board member Haley questioned the check written to Mark Heckman. Superintendent House stated that he was hired to wire all of the rooms for our new technology we received via grant monies.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Roth to approve General Fund checks as listed for the period August 1st, 2009 through August 31st, 2009. Yeas: Cauchi, Roth, Dennis, Haley, Haskin and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Motion by Haskin and supported by Cauchi to approve financial reports for General Fund, 1998, 1999, 2009, Debt Retirement funds, the Athletic and Food Service funds as presented. Yeas: Roth, Cauchi, Haley, Dennis, Haskin, and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no committee meetings to report on at this time.

Motion by Cauchi and supported by Roth to accept the recommendation from Athletic Director Jim Cooper, to hire **JC COLVILLE**, as the JV Girls Basketball Coach. Yeas: Haskin, Dennis, Haley, Roth, Cauchi and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Dennis to accept a leave of absence for **TRACY KNAACK**, for the 2009-2010 school year. Yeas: Dennis, Haley, Roth, Cauchi, Haskin and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cauchi and supported by Roth to adopt the Schools of Choice Resolution for the Area School Districts that was introduced and discussed at a previous meeting. Yeas: Haley, Roth, Cauchi, Haskin, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent House asked if they could switch letters e & f with letter d until Deb Snyder arrives so she can explain the Seat Time Waiver.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Roth to go into closed session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss letting two expelled high school students who no longer attend school in our district onto school property for extra curricular activities. Yeas: Roth, Cauchi, Haskin, Dennis, Haley and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Roth and supported by Haskin to go back into open session at 7:42 p.m. Yeas: Haley, Roth, Cauchi, Haskin, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cauchi to allow the two students on school property with the following stipulations:

1. **They must be representing the school in which they are enrolled as a team member or official participant in school sanctioned activity.**
2. **Harrison Community Schools must receive official prior notification that details when and in what capacity they will be representing their school at an event or activity in Harrison.**
3. **They must at all times be under the direct supervision or control of a coach or school official from the school in which they are enrolled when they are on the property of Harrison Community Schools.**

Yeas: Cauchi, Haskin, Dennis, Haley, Roth and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Deb Snyder, Assistant Superintendent for General Education at the Clare-Gladwin RESD made a presentation on the Seat Time Waiver and explained to the Board on how it would work.

Motion by Cauchi and supported by Roth to approve the use of the Seat Time Waivers and accept the Gen Net classes for Harrison High School credit and authorize the administration to develop policies and procedures for the use of Seat Time Waivers. Yeas: Cauchi, Dennis, Haley, Roth, Haskin and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent House explained the letter to Lt. Col Carruth and updated the Board on the Early Childhood status with the state saying that nothing has changed so far. Superintendent House updated the Board on the Amble Area Plat. On Items "d" through "i" there wasn't any discussion or questions; they were informational items only. Superintendent House updated the board on the approximate number of students enrolled. It is obviously an unofficial number until we have the final count by the RESD. Board Member Haley expressed concern to Superintendent House about the number of kindergartners in a classroom. Mr. House said that, while no one

wants higher class sizes, they were necessary given the budgetary constraints we face. He also stated that if the economy doesn't change, we'll obviously be in more trouble.

The calendars presented for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 are still tentative. Superintendent House briefly discussed the Clare – Gladwin Area School Board Association updates.

Superintendent House explained to the Board what was happening with the MERC case and what the next step would be.

President Hardy asked if they could do the Public Participation before going into closed session so if anyone wanted to leave they could.

President Hardy asked if anyone wished to address the board. No one asked to be recognized.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cauchi to go into closed session at 9:12 p.m. to discuss the updates on the HESPA contract. Yeas: Haley, Dennis, Roth, Haskin, Cauchi and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cauchi to go back into open session. Yeas: Dennis, Roth, Haskin, Cauchi, Haley and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Dennis to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Haskin, Roth, Dennis, Haley, Cauchi, and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Hardy adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Denise Haskin, Secretary

Kelly Taylor, Recorder

