

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Harrison Board of Education

Held December 8, 2005

Denise Haskin, Secretary

President Joel Hardy called the regular meeting of the Harrison Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board/Conference Room located at 224 West Main Street.

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

Members absent: Connie Cauchi.

Others present: Superintendent Thomas J. House, Jacob Sullivan, Business Manager and Recorder Tammy Harcourt

President Hardy led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent House made the following additions to the agenda under V. Informational: h. Attorney Josh Farrell closing his practice; i. Insurance Pool Information; j. Relay for Life August 1 & 2, 2009; k. Secondary Dress Code.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cobb to approve the minutes of October 13, 2008 which were mistakenly left out of the November packet. Yeas: Dennis, Haley, Roth, Haskin, Cobb and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Haskin to approve the minutes of November 10, 2008. Yeas: Haley, Roth, Haskin, Cobb, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cobb to approve General Fund checks as listed for the period November 11, 2008 through December 8, 2008. Yeas: Haskin, Cobb, Dennis, Haley, Roth and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

There was nothing to report from the Standing Committees.

Carol Westjohn from the CGRESD gave a nice presentation comparing S.P.A.R.K.S. students versus non S.P.A.R.K.S. students in reading and math. Ms. Westjohn stated that the information the Board was receiving is from the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion by Roth and supported by Haskin to approve a 1.5% pay increase for **SHERYL JUDD**, Web Site Manager. Yeas: Haskin, Dennis, Haley, Roth, Cobb and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Haley to create a Schedule B position for District School Improvement Chair at 2%. Yeas: Roth, Haley, Dennis, Cobb, Haskin and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cobb to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and that of the Policy and Planning/Finance and Personnel Committee to hire **JACOB SULLIVAN** as the Business Manager. Yeas: Haskin, Cobb, Dennis, Haley, Roth and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cobb to adopt the Resolution (which is hereby attached) for Early Childhood Education under the Great Start Readiness Program. Yeas: Cobb, Haskin, Haley, Roth, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Under Public Participation, Board Member Roth stated that the Veteran's assembly was a huge success and that Mrs. Clark and Mr. Long's class were very well behaved at the memorial. Cindy Jones-Dennis stated she's happy the agenda said Merry Christmas, not Happy Holidays.

Business Manager Sullivan explained the new state requirements for the Food Service Pre-bid. Board member Denise Haskin volunteered to be on that committee again this year. Board member Therese Haley asked if the bids came in and the board liked a different company's bid, could we get out of our contract with Chartwells. Business Manager Sullivan replied that yes we could get out of it.

Business Manager Sullivan informed the board on his findings regarding purchasing a new tank for the transportation department and having our own fuel. After much discussion, Business Manager Sullivan will continue to look into the cost of a new tank and the cost of installing it.

Superintendent House informed the Board about the award that Larson Elementary Principal, Julie Rosekrans will be receiving on December 10th from the Clare County Youth Council. The Board congratulated Ms. Rosekrans on this wonderful recognition.

Superintendent House and Business Manager Sullivan explained to the board the ongoing process of collecting bids for our snow plowing. We did our own for the first two major snow storms, but discovered that we don't have the capabilities to remove all of the snow. So far we have only received one bid from an interested party.

Superintendent House explained to the board the potential for the High School to be serviced by a 21st Century Community Learning Grant to help students recover credits and for tutoring.

Superintendent House congratulated the staff members and students for their response to the county's need for food donations to the Mid Michigan Community Agency. Once again they went above and beyond the expectations with the amount they raised.

Superintendent House informed the board that Josh Farrell would no longer be our attorney for local needs as of December 19th. Mr. Farrell will hopefully be getting Superintendent House referrals for a new attorney.

Superintendent House explained the letter enclosed regarding investigating insurance pooling options. He stated that this was not final yet, but it's something he feels is worth looking into.

Superintendent House also informed the Board that the American Cancer Society Relay for Life has again asked to use our football and track facilities on August 1st and 2nd, 2009. They really like the facilities that Harrison Schools has to offer for this event.

Superintendent House gave just a brief explanation regarding the secondary dress code. He stated that each classroom will have a poster explaining what acceptable dress is and what is unacceptable so there is no confusion.

Board member Therese Haley again asked Business Manager Sullivan to get a comparison on the cost of field and athletic trips from before First Student and to compare the cost of what we pay First Student now. Superintendent House invited Board Member Haley to come in and meet with Business Manager Sullivan on the preliminary information he has compiled so far regarding comparisons.

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

President Hardy adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Denise Haskin, Secretary

Tammy Harcourt, Recorder