President Angie Cullen called the regular meeting of the Harrison Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board/Conference Room located at 224 West Main Street.

Members present: Angie Cullen, Roger Peterson, Chad Hathcock, Therese Haley, and Dan Pechacek.

Members absent: Jackie Woolston and George Gallo

Others present: Superintendent Rick Foote, Sarah Rust, Recorder and Janice Ranck, Business Manager.

President Cullen led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was one addition to the agenda and one removal. Under Information/Discussion add letter “c” - Chartwells Award. Under Action Items, remove letter “h” due to paraprofessional making a lateral move.

Motion by Pechacek and supported by Peterson to approve the minutes of July 8th, 2019. Yeas: Haley, Pechacek, Hathcock, Peterson and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cullen and supported by Hathcock to approve General Fund checks as issued for the period July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019. Yeas: Haley, Hathcock, Cullen, Peterson, and Pechacek. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There was a Curriculum Committee meeting held on Tuesday, August 6th to discuss Senior Projects and Graduation dates. Mr. Ashcroft is present at the meeting to present information to the board.

Board President Cullen asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Stacey VanAntwerp, Harrison Middle School Dean of Students handed out statements to the board from herself and other middle school staff in response to the parent at the July 8th meeting. She asked that the board read their responses and additional documents and if they have any questions their contact information has been provided with the statements. Judy Pomerville, concerned parent from the July 8th meeting then asked if any decisions have been made since the previous meeting and Mr. Foote and President Cullen both said since they had just received the information from staff, no decisions have been made. Mr. Dave Rowe, previous school teacher and coach then presented to the board his concerns regarding the condition of the girls’ softball fields. Both the Athletic Director and President of the Sports Boosters were present at the meeting and stated that a “wish list” is needed from the head coach so they are aware of the repairs needed.
Under Informational/Discussion, Kelly Lipovsky, Harrison Middle School Principal, handed out the field trip policies for the board to review. Board member Trustee Peterson stated that all the policies in the district should be the same regarding attendance and field trips and then read attendance policy law and compared attendance policies with other schools in the Clare-Gladwin RESD. Mr. Foote explained that the Prosecuting Attorney is holding a meeting with the area superintendents to go over the legalities of the attendance policies and what is "excused" and "unexcused". The board agreed that once the meeting has taken place, they will discuss what the eligibility requirements regarding attendance and field trips should be and it will be the same in all school handbooks in the district.

Mr. Ashcroft then discussed with the board what the Senior Project guidelines are and requested they consider making it a graduation requirement. The board will review the packet and vote on this at the September board meeting. He then requested the board consider changing graduation from Sunday afternoon to a Thursday or Friday evening to line up with other schools in our area. He would like to make graduation the Thursday prior to Memorial weekend each year, and making this the same each year so parents are aware of when graduation will be held with plenty of time to prepare. The board will vote on this at the September meeting.

President Cullen congratulated Chartwells Harrison group for being named the Midwest Regional Food Program for the 2018-2019 school year.

Board President Cullen asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one wished to do so.

Motion by Cullen and supported by Hathcock to approve the Athletic Trainer Contract that was presented by the Athletic Director at the July meeting. Yeas: Hathcock, Pechacek, Peterson, Cullen, and Haley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cullen and supported by Hathcock to accept from the committee to hire STACEY SWARTOUT, Middle School Special Education Teacher. Yeas: Hathcock, Pechacek, Peterson, Cullen, and Haley. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Peterson and supported by Cullen to accept from the committee to hire **LEIF WILLIAMS**, 8th Grade Science Teacher. Yeas: Hathcock, Pechacek, Peterson, Cullen, and Haley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cullen and supported by Hathcock to accept from the committee to hire **RALPH KOTECKI**, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher. Yeas: Hathcock, Pechacek, Peterson, Cullen, and Haley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hathcock and supported by Cullen to accept, with regret, the resignation of **TRACY HAIR**, Kindergarten Teacher. Yeas: Peterson, Pechacek, Hathcock, Haley and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hathcock and supported by Pechacek to accept from the committee to hire **DANA TAYLOR**, High School Clerk. Yeas: Peterson, Pechacek, Hathcock, Haley and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cullen and supported by Pechacek to accept from the committee to hire **STACIE CRAWFORD**, Larson 2nd Grade Teacher. Yeas: Hathcock, Pechacek, Peterson, Cullen, and Haley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hathcock and supported by Cullen to accept, with regret, the retirement of **DAWN HOWEY**, paraprofessional. Yeas: Hathcock, Pechacek, Peterson, Cullen, and Haley. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Cullen and supported by Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Peterson, Cullen, Pechacek, Haley and Hathcock. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Cullen adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Therese Haley, Secretary

Sarah Rust, Recorder