

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
Board of Education  
Harbor Springs Public Schools**

**April 13, 2020  
7:00 pm  
Via Zoom**

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Board Members Present: Gary Morse, President  
Tim Davis, Vice President  
Brad Backus, Treasurer  
Diane Novak, Secretary  
Bryan Lauer, Trustee  
Margo Damoose, Trustee  
Paul Fairbairn, Trustee

Staff Present: Michael Behrmann, Superintendent  
Pam Zazula, Chief Financial Officer  
Chris Cerrudo, Technology Director  
Brad Plackemeier, Middle School Principal  
Susan Jacobs, High School Principal  
Nathan Fairbanks, Elementary School Principal

**Regular Meeting**

**I. Call to Order**

President Morse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Backus, to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Ayes: Morse, Davis, Backus, Novak, Fairbairn, Lauer and Damoose (7)*

*Nays: (0)*

*Motion carried.*

**IV. Board President's Report**

Morse commended the administrative team and teachers for all their hard work during this difficult time. He also thank Board members for their participation via Zoom meetings.

**V. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Behrmann reported on the following:

- 150 daily lunches are being distributes to children in our district
- Thanked community for their generosity; donations are used to provide extra treats for our children
- Covid-19 Learning Plan approved by ISD
- Our heart goes out to our families and students dealing with added stress during this difficult time

**VI. Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee** - Backus reported that the committee discussed the following: March invoices; Shay Site redevelopment; ISD Millage; Mowing/Turf Management bids; Schools of Choice; Budget Amendment and Continuity of Learning Plan. He thanked the staff for their work during this difficult time.

**Communications Committee** – Damoose reported that the committee discussed the following: Shay Site redevelopment; ISD Millage; Mowing/Turf Management bids; Schools of Choice; Budget Amendment and Continuity of Learning Plan. Damoose also commended the staff for their work during this difficult time.

**Facilities Committee** – Lauer reported that the committee discussed the following: Shay Site redevelopment; ISD Millage; Mowing/Turf Management bids; Schools of Choice; Budget Amendment and Continuity of Learning Plan.

**VII. General Announcements - None**

**VIII. Public Input - None**

**IX. Consent Agenda Items**

**A. Approval of Invoices**

1. General Fund - \$747,132.27
2. Community Schools Fund - \$11,614.42

3. Food Service Fund - \$13,326.80
4. Building & Site Fund - \$2,869.57
5. Fiber Build Fund - \$450.00

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting – March 9, 2020

*A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Lauer, to approve the consent agenda as follows: General Fund \$747,132.27; Community Schools Fund \$11,614.42; Food Service Fund \$13,326.80; Building & Site Fund \$2,869.57; Fiber Project Fund \$450.00 and the minutes for the regular meeting – March 9, 2020.*

*Ayes: Morse, Davis, Backus, Novak, Fairbairn, Lauer and Damoose (7)*

*Nays: (0)*

*Motion carried.*

**X. Recommended for Action – New Business**

**A. Approval of High School Principal Recommendation**

*A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Lauer, to appoint Brad Plackemeier as the principal for Harbor Springs High School for the 2020-21 school year.*

*Ayes: Morse, Davis, Backus, Novak, Fairbairn, Lauer and Damoose (7)*

*Nays: (0)*

*Motion carried.*

**B. Approval of 2020-21 Schools of Choice**

*A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Backus, to approve grade levels K-3 for Schools of Choice for the 2020-21 school year. The superintendent will determine the number of slots for each grade level at a later date.*

*Ayes: Morse, Davis, Backus, Novak, Fairbairn, Lauer and Damoose (7)*

*Nays: (0)*

*Motion carried.*

**C. Approval of Continuity Learning Plan**

*A motion was made by Damoose, seconded by Lauer, to approve the Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan as approved by Char-Em ISD.*

*Ayes: Morse, Davis, Backus, Novak, Fairbairn, Lauer and Damoose (7)*

*Nays: (0)*

*Motion carried.*

**D. Adopt Resolution for 2019-20 General Fund Budget Amendment**

*A motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Backus, to adopt the resolution for the 2019-20 General Fund Budget Amendment as presented.*

*Ayes: Morse, Davis, Backus, Novak, Fairbairn, Lauer and Damoose (7)*

*Nays: (0)*

*Motion carried.*

**XII. Information & Proposals**

**A. Mowing and Turf Management**

Superintendent Behrmann gave an overview of the bids received. The Board's discussion indicated little interest in rewarding bids as presented for mowing and turf management. The District's grounds staff will assume all mowing responsibilities and some fertilization and turf management will be contracted out.

**XIII. Public Input**

Josh Brey, Middle School teacher and parent, thanked High School Principal Susan Jacobs for her service to the district and congratulated Brad Plackemeier on his appointment.

**XIV. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Backus, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

*Ayes: Morse, Davis, Backus, Novak, Fairbairn, Lauer and Damoose (7)*

*Nays: (0)*

*Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Novak  
Secretary