

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

August 9, 2021

Large Group Instruction Room
Harbor Springs Middle School
800 State Road
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Board Members Present: Tim Davis, President
Gary Morse, Vice President
Brad Backus, Treasurer
Margo Damoose, Trustee
Paul Fairbairn, Trustee
Tina Honeysette, Trustee

Board Members Absent: Diane Novak, Secretary

Staff Present: Michael Behrmann, Superintendent
Maresi Witte, Executive Secretary
Pam Zazula, Chief Financial Officer
Chris Cerrudo, Technology Director
Ron Ouellette, Facilities Director

Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order

President Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Morse, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Audit Presentation

Mike Cool with Baird, Cotter and Bishop presented the highlights from the 2020-21 audit.

V. Board President's Report - None

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Behrmann reported on the following:

- Summer improvement projects near completion
- Long-term facilities needs; prospects for bond proposal; upcoming architect interviews
- Staff hiring
- Attended Marching Band camp performance in Sault. Ste. Marie
- Start of fall sports
- August 31 - Staff Welcome
- September 1 - Elementary & Middle School Open Houses
- September 1 – Community Picnic (5-6:30pm)

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Honeysette reported that the committee discussed the following: reviewed invoices, COVID protocols, policy update, community picnic, Board retreat topics, Forest Stewardship program, hiring update; prospective bond update, baseball fields and uniforms, ionization generators, audit.

B. Communications

Davis reported that the committee discussed the following: athletic update, COVID protocols, policy update, community picnic, Board retreat topics, Forest Stewardship program, hiring update, prospective bond update.

C. Facilities

Fairbairn reported that the committee discussed the following: update on summer facilities projects, COVID protocols, policy update, community picnic, bluff clean-up, Board retreat topics, Forest Stewardship program, hiring update, prospective bond update.

VIII. General Announcements

Backus commented on indoor soccer practice.

IX. Public Input

Adam Mocerri, parent, commented on contact tracing.

Matt Kilgore, Shannon Duncan and Audrey Lustgarten shared their opinions regarding wearing face masks.

X. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Invoices

1. General Fund - \$750,066.98
2. Community Schools Fund - \$8,198.29
3. Food Service Fund - \$5,039.29
4. Building & Site Fund - \$10,064.50
5. Fiber Build Project Fund - \$800.00

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting – July 12, 2021

A motion was made by Damoose, seconded by Fairbairn, to approve the consent agenda as follows: General Fund \$750,066.98; Community Schools Fund \$8,198.29; Food Service Fund \$5,039.29; Building and Site Fund \$10,064.50; Fiber Build Project Fund \$800.00 and the minutes from the July 12, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Recommended for Action - New Business

A. Approval of Overnight Trips for Sports Post-Season State Tournaments for 2021-22

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Honeysette, to approve the overnight trips for sports post-season state tournaments for 2021-22. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Overnight Trip for Cross Country Team Camp

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Honeysette, to approve the overnight trip for the Cross Country Team Camp from August 23-26, 2021 in Wolverine, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Letter of Understanding regarding 2021-22 Calendar Change

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Fairbairn, to approve the Letter of Understanding with the HSEA regarding a calendar change to move the half day on January 28, 2022 to January 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Online Course Catalogs

A motion was made by Honeysette, seconded by Damoose, to approve the content and course catalogs for virtual/online learning for the 2021-22 school year from the following vendors: Michigan Virtual, Lincoln Learning Solutions and GenNET Online Learning. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Information & Proposals

A. COVID Protocols

Board members had dialogue and discussion and supported the current status of not requiring masks and strongly encouraging them while continuing to monitor community data and guidance from the local Health Department.

B. Miller Johnson Board Policies and Guidelines – First Reading

Bob Lusk, attorney with Miller Johnson law firm went over the process of transitioning to Miller Johnson policies and bylaws from the present NEOLA policies and bylaws. He described the crosswalk process and Board members may submit questions and feedback prior to the second reading.

XIII. Public Input

Gabrielle Iafolla, Adam Chmielewski, Audrey Lustgarten and Joe Guthrie, parents, expressed their opinions regarding students wearing face masks at school.

Emily Chambers, parent, commented on the school dress code policy.

Adam Mocerri, parent, commented on the medical exemption for mask wearing and asked if the school could make the form available online.

XIV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Backus, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Davis
President