

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

September 13, 2021

Library
Harbor Springs High School
500 Spring Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Board Members Present: Tim Davis, President
Gary Morse, Vice President
Diane Novak, Secretary
Margo Damoose, Trustee
Paul Fairbairn, Trustee
Tina Honeysette, Trustee

Board Member Absent: Brad Backus, Treasurer

Staff Present: Michael Behrmann, Superintendent
Brad Plackemeier, High School Principal
Heather Keiser, Middle School Principal
Nathan Fairbanks, Elementary School Principal
Maresi Witte, Executive Secretary
Pam Zazula, Chief Financial Officer (Via Zoom)
Chris Cerrudo, Technology Director

Rescheduled 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 Morse, seconded by Fairbairn, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Board President's Report - None

V. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Behrmann reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone for a great first week of school
- Athletics in full swing
- Congrats to Emmet Fineout and the Football Team on their first win
- Long-term facility needs; visioning process begins

VI. Committee Reports

A. Facilities

Davis reported that the committee discussed the following: High School trailer parking area; facilities update; baseball and softball infield repairs; M-Step; French Associates Zoom meeting; COVID protocols.

B. Finance

Morse reported that the committee discussed the following: reviewed invoices; High School trailer parking areas; baseball and softball infield repairs; M-Step; phone bid; bond proposal visioning; COVID protocols.

C. Communications

Novak reported that the committee discussed the following: athletic update; High School trailer parking areas; baseball and softball infield repairs; M-Step; phone bid; bond proposal visioning; COVID protocols.

VII. **Administrative Reports**

High School principal Plackemeier reported on the following: athletics in 4th week; first week of school; testing; homecoming activities.

Middle School principal Keiser reported on the following: IReady testing; parent technology meeting; backyard adventures; picture day; sports.

Elementary principal Fairbanks reported on the following: Festival of the Books; IReady testing; good start to the school year.

VIII. **General Announcements**

Damoose commented on messages received regarding her absence at the last Board meeting and clarified the reason for her absence.

IX. **Public Input** - None

X. **Consent Agenda Items**

A. **Approval of Invoices**

1. General Fund - \$718,484.88
2. Community Schools Fund - \$14,521.38
3. Food Service Fund - \$3,837.87
4. Building & Site Fund - \$130,901.09
5. Fiber Build Project Fund - \$550.00

B. **Approval of Minutes**

1. Special Meeting - August 24, 2021

A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Novak, to approve the consent agenda items as follows: General Fund \$718,484.88; Community Schools Fund \$14,521.38; Food Service Fund \$3,837.87; Building and Site Fund \$130,901.09; Fiber Build Project Fund \$550.00 and the minutes from the August 24, 2021 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. **Recommended for Action - Old Business**

A. Adoption of Miller Johnson Policies

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Fairbairn, to adopt the Miller Johnson Policies as presented in the policy manual that was presented at the August 9, 2021 Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of COVID Protocols

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Davis, to approve the changes to the COVID Preparedness Plan as follows:

- Students or staff whom are positive will isolate for a period of 10 days from symptom onset or 10 days from positive test if asymptomatic (**no change from present practice but added to plan**).
- Vaccinated students or staff who and exposed to COVID may remain in school if symptom free (**no change but cleaned up language in plan**).
- Unvaccinated students or staff who are masked and exposed in school and were at least 3 feet, 15 minutes or more, from a COVID positive person who was masked may remain in school (**no change but cleaned up language in plan**).
- Unvaccinated masked students or staff and exposed in school and were less than 3 feet, 15 minutes or more from a COVID positive person who was also masked may remain in school if they are tested daily for 7 days or they must stay home for 7 days with the option of returning after day 7 with a negative test or they may return after day 10 with no test (symptom free)
- Unvaccinated students or staff exposed to a COVID positive person at school must stay home if either the

exposed person or COVID positive person were unmasked and they were closer than six feet in distance, 15 minutes or more. Students or staff have the option of staying home and returning after 7 days with a negative test or returning after 10 days with no test (symptom free)

- Unvaccinated students or staff exposed to a COVID positive person outside of school must stay home with the option of returning after 7 days with a negative test or returning after 10 days with no test (symptom free).

Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Recommended for Action - New Business

A. Approval of Phone System Purchase

A motion was made by Damoose, seconded by Honeysette, to award the bid for a total phone VOIP replacement, including installation, programming, and training in the amount of \$109,027.78. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Varsity Baseball & Softball Field Repair Projects Bid

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Novak, to award the bid for the repair of the varsity baseball and softball infields to MVP Athletic Fields in the amount of \$94,500.00 payable out of the District Sinking Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Snow Removal Bid

A motion was made by Novak, seconded by Fairbairn, to award the snow removal bid to TWB, Inc. for 2021-22 and 2022-23 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Information & Proposals - None

XIV. Public Input

Matt Kilgore, parent, commented on the health order.

Shannon Cummings, community member, commented on wearing face coverings for health and safety reasons.

Eli Urman, parent, commented on the health order.

Shannon Duncan, parent, commented on her children's medical exemptions for wearing face coverings and their experience in school.

Joe Guthrie, parent, commented on the recent Health Department meeting and his letter to the School Board.

Audrey Lustgarten, parent, commented on the authority of the Health Department Board.

Matthew Parmenter, community member, commented on the Critical Race Theory.

Scott Ladeur, parent, inquired about children getting COVID tested in school.

Amy Flynn, parent, inquired about finding out how children are exposed to COVID in school. High School principal Plackemeier explained the process.

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Honeysette, to adjourn the rescheduled regular meeting at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Novak
Secretary