

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

March 21, 2022

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

Board Members Present: Tim Davis, President
Brad Backus, Treasurer
Diane Novak, Secretary
Margo Damoose, Trustee
Paul Fairbairn, Trustee

Board Members Absent: Gary Morse, Vice President
Tina Honeysette, Trustee

Staff Present: Michael Behrmann, Superintendent
Maresi Witte, Executive Secretary
Rod Fullerton, Chief Financial Officer
Nathan Fairbanks, Elementary School Principal
Heather Keiser, Middle School Principal
Brad Plackemeier, High School Principal

Guests: Josh McDonald, High School Social Studies Teacher and MYIG Advisor
Leigh Inglehart, High School Social Studies Teacher and MYIG Co-Advisor
Jen LaPoint, Quiz Bowl Advisor and Student Representatives

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

IV. Mission Excellence

Superintendent Behrmann recognized the following teams for their excellence:

A. Quiz Bowl Team – Quiz Bowl Team advisor Jen LaPoint and student representatives shared their success with the Board of Education.

B. High School Michigan Youth In Government – Advisor Josh McDonald gave an overview of the success our High School Michigan Youth In Government team had at this year's spring conference.

V. Board President's Report – None

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Behrmann shared the following:

- High School Robotics Team will be participating in a robotics competition in Traverse City and has qualified for State Finals.
- Thanked the Board for supporting our programs.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Davis reported that the committee discussed the following: reviewed invoices; bond update; tuition students; staffing/personnel; class pictures at High School; Michigan State Police School Safety Grant; child care tot lot playground renovation; Humanex Ventures staff survey results; update on High School principal position; teacher applicant pool; committee appreciates Ron's facility logs.

B. Communications

Damoose reported that the committee discussed the following: Anna Rigby presented Athletic Director's report; bond update, tuition students; staffing/personnel; class pictures at High School; Michigan State Police School Safety Grant; child care tot lot playground renovation; Humanex Ventures staff survey results; update on High School principal position; teacher applicant pool; committee appreciates Ron's facility logs; cancel April committee meetings.

C. Facilities

Fairbairn reported that the committee discussed the following: Ron Ouellette presented Facilities Director's report; bond update, tuition students; staffing/personnel; class pictures at High School; Michigan State Police School Safety Grant; child care tot lot playground renovation; Humanex Ventures staff survey results; update on High School principal position; teacher applicant pool; committee appreciates Ron's facility logs.

VIII. Administrative Reports

- High School principal Brad Plackemeier reported on the following: High School Principal interview committee; parent/teacher conferences; spring sports starting; LMC academic seniors; hosted District Honors Band event; Girls Ski Team received All State Academics 1st Place.
- Middle School principal Heather Keiser reported on the following: March Reading Month; Lyric Theater hosted middle school students; 8th grade transition activities; spring sports starting.
- Elementary School principal Nathan Fairbanks reported on the following: March Reading Month and activities; parent/teacher conferences; T-Ball and softball starting up.

IX. General Announcements

Fairbairn expressed his gratitude for not having to wear masks.

X. Public Input - None

XI. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Invoices

1. General Fund - \$905,582.02
2. Community Schools Fund - \$17,545.18
3. Food Service Fund - \$22,640.00
4. Building & Site Fund - \$14,800.00
5. Fiber Build Project Fund - \$150.00

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting - February 14, 2022 Executive Session
2. Special Meeting - March 14, 2022

A motion was made by Damoose, seconded by Novak, to approve the consent agenda as follows: General Fund \$905,582.02, Community Schools Fund - \$17,545.18, Food Service Fund - \$22,640.00, Building & Site Fund - \$14,800.00, Fiber Build Project Fund - \$150.00 and the minutes from the regular meeting – February 14, 2022 executive session and the special meeting of March 14, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Recommended for Action - Old Business

A. Approval of COVID Protocols

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Damoose, to approve the COVID Preparedness Plan as last revised on February 28, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Snow Removal Contract Extension

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Damoose, to approve the extension of the current contract with TWB Contractors for snow removal freezing the price at the current rate for an additional two years, covering the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Recommended for Action - New Business

A. Approval of CTE Computer Purchase

A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Backus, to approve the quote from Apple Inc. Education in the amount of \$35,928.00 for the purchase of equipment for the Visual Imaging CTE program, paid out of CTE millage funds. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Overnight Field Trips

1. High School Biology Class

2. High School Robotics Competition

A motion was made by Damoose, seconded by Backus, to approve the overnight trip request for the High School Biology Class to travel to French Lick, Indiana to visit the Wilstem Animal Park and other venues on May 17-20, 2022 and the High School Robotics Competition trip to Traverse City West High School on April 7-9, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Tot Lot Playground Proposal

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Novak, to approve the proposal from Penchura for the tot lot playground renovation in the amount of \$70,594.00 to be paid out of the Child Care Stabilization Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Hiring High School Principal

A motion was made by Novak, seconded by Backus, to approve Lyle Heinz as principal of Harbor Springs High School beginning in the 2022-23 school year for a 3-year contract at MA Step 18 of the teachers' contract (currently \$105,162 based on the 2021-22 salary schedule - to be adjusted after teachers' contract settlement) as well all other provisions specified in the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Public Input

Joseph Murphy, Harbor Springs resident and Education Liaison for the Center for Change, spoke regarding Internet access for all students and the World Internet Project.

XV. Request to go into Executive Session for Contract Negotiations

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Novak, to go into executive session for contract negotiations at 7:38 p.m.

Ayes: Davis, Novak, Backus, Fairbairn and Damoose (5)

Nays: (0)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Damoose, seconded by Backus, to reconvene the rescheduled regular meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Ayes: Davis, Novak, Backus, Fairbairn and Damoose (5)

Nays: (0)

Motion carried.

XVI. Adjournment

*A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Damoose, to adjourn the rescheduled regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Novak
Secretary