

**Minutes of Retreat Special Meeting
Board of Education
Harbor Springs Public Schools**

September 26, 2022

Meeting Room
Irish Boat Shop
400 East Bay Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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

Staff Present: Brad Plackemeier, Superintendent
Denise Knight, Administrative Assistant
Rod Fullerton, Chief Financial Officer

Retreat Special Meeting

I. Call to Order

President Davis called the meeting to order at 8:04am.

II. Approval of Agenda

President Davis moved item VIII. Stadium Turf Discussion after Approval of the Agenda.

A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Damoose to remove item V. Board Resolution - Voucher Initiatives from the agenda.

Ayes: Fairbairn, Damoose, Backus (3)

Abstained: Honeysette (1)

Nays: Morse, Novak, Davis (3)

Motion failed.

III. Stadium Turf Discussion

Matt Calnen was present and gave his input about putting turf in Ottawa Stadium. He is against it for many reasons including: lower body injuries, more ankle rolls, crumb rubber (chemicals), low number of teams, cost and environmental impact. Calnen asked why it was placed on the list of projects for the bond issue. Davis answered that it came as input gathered from the community. Morse indicated that he had done some research and stated several high schools and colleges constructed artificial turf fields just in 2022. He also stated that he has read positive research about artificial turf. Novak questioned on the legality of changing the list of projects now when the voters had approved the bond.

IV. Public Input

Adam Mocerri - read comments from his wife on 5G and wants the cell towers removed and urges the contracts be ended.

Shannon Duncan – FCC – Children’s health defense won their lawsuit against the FCC.

V. Approval of Minutes - Regular meeting – September 12, 2022

A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Backus, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 12, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Board Resolution – Voucher Initiatives

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Novak, to approve the Board Resolution-Voucher Initiative.

Ayes: Morse, Novak, Davis (3)

Nays: Damoose, Fairbairn, Honeysette, Backus (4)

Motion failed.

VII. 5G Discussion

Need to do more research, contact the lawyers, how much to buy out or end contract early?

VIII. Superintendent Goals

- Fully staffed
- Early childhood
- Establish repor w/everyone
- Areas to improve
- Needs of students
- Opening new elementary in fall of 2024
- Wants to be in this community

IX Board Roles and Responsibilities

Mike Washburn facilitated discussion with questions and comments from board members and Superintendent Plackemeier. Items mentioned:

- Early childhood needs to continue
- Enrichment activities brought back for elementary level
- Grow and expand CTE
- Address learning loss
- Use PD to help develop/grow all employees
- Foreign exchange students expanding culture

The top 3 goals are academic, leadership and future/visionary planning.

X Public Input – none

XI Adjournment

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Damoose, to adjourn the special retreat meeting at 9:58 am.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Novak
Secretary