

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

**November 14, 2022**

Middle School Cafeteria  
Harbor Springs Middle School  
800 State Road  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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Board Members Present: Tim Davis, President  
Gary Morse, Vice President (departed 9:00pm)  
Brad Backus, Treasurer  
Diane Novak, Secretary  
Paul Fairbairn, Trustee  
Tina Honeysette, Trustee  
Margo Damoose, Trustee (arrived 7:02pm)

Staff Present: Brad Plackemeier, Superintendent  
Denise Knight, Administrative Assistant  
Rod Fullerton, Chief Financial Officer  
Chris Cerrudo, Technology Director  
Leigh Inglehart, Interim High School Principal  
Heather Keiser, Middle School Principal  
Nathan Fairbanks, Elementary School Principal

### **Regular Meeting**

#### **I. Call to Order**

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

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **III. Approval of the Agenda**

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

#### **IV. Mission Excellence – Fall Sports State Qualifiers**

Superintendent Plackemeier recognized the Girls Golf Team, Boys Cross Country Team and the Girls Cross Country Team for qualifying for States, along with their individual and team accomplishments for the season.

#### **V. Board President's Report**

President Davis congratulated Diane Novak and Brad Backus for winning/retaining their board seat in the election and thanked them for their service. He also congratulated Mike Vandermus who will be taking the other empty seat.

#### **VI. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Plackemeier gave a construction update, fall sports and activities update and 5G update

- Construction fencing around Shay
- Demolition set to occur in the next couple of weeks
- Procurement of air conditioning units for Blackbird in process
- Updated rendering of new elementary school

- Hosted volleyball districts
- Middle School gym floor will be refinished/repared over Thanksgiving Break
- Girls basketball practice started today, boy basketball next week
- Dry land ski practice has started
  
- Informational meetings with teachers during monthly staff meeting
- Updates to Curriculum Council and Steering Committee at monthly meetings
- Weekly updates to the Board of Education in weekly communication
- Contacted by Atlas Towers for additonal antennas to be installed--declined

## **VII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Finance**

Honeysette reported the review of invoices, 5G update, construction update, parking update, hall of fame plans, personnell updates, strength and conditions position, pool and 4 year lease to switch from chlorine to salt water and the French & Associates design meeting.

### **B. Communications**

Novak reported on the athletic report from Anna Rigby, 5G update, Atlas Towers, construction update, hall of fame display and the schedule b update.

### **C. Facilities**

Fairbarn reiterated items from the other committee meetings were discussed along with a report from the facilities director. Outdoor facilities are being winterized, reuse of boilers from Shay to Blackbird and the continuation of preparing for the demolition.

## **VIII. Administrative Reports**

Interim HS Principal Inglehart reported on the following: Wizard of Oz musical, NHS inductees, English class trip to Stratford, Rob LaPoint's drone class, Jenn LaPoint's bringing snakes back to the classroom, two awesome recordings of the National Anthem and removal of glue and freshly painted walls at the HS.

MS Principal Keiser reported on the following: 5<sup>th</sup> grade snakes alive, 5<sup>th</sup> annual food drive, students and teachers beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Halloween costumes at the MS was a positive, fall sports ending and winter sports in full stream, student council –activity night and dance brought back since covid.

Elementary Principal Fairbanks reported on the following: Shay fencing working well, HS drones class and pictures of the parade, literacy leadership and elementary teachers Molly Hoffman and Kathy Wargel attaining some grants along with a PE grant.

## **IX General Announcements**

Damoose gave praise for the smooth transition as a parent of an elementary student.

Morse recognized Thom Blanck and the passing of his father.

## **X Public Input**

Adam Mocerì—read info on RF, EMF, 5G, exposure and info from studies.

Judy Myer—lives near high school and is concerned about the antennas on the roof.

Maartje Nolan—lives near high school and is concerned about the antennas on the roof.

## **XI Consent Agenda Items**

### **A. Approval of Invoices**

1. General Fund - \$732,448.09
2. Community Schools - \$16,336.17
3. Food Service Fund - \$28,441.71
4. Building & Site - \$0.00
5. Fiber Build Project Fund - \$600.00
6. 2022 Bond Project Fund - \$112,419.03

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting – October 10, 2022

*A motion was made by Fairbarn, seconded by Backus, to approve the consent agenda items as follows: General Fund - \$732,448.09; Community Schools - \$16,336.17; Food Service Fund - \$28,441.71; Building & Site - \$0.00; Fiber Build Project Fund - \$600.00; 2022 Bond Project Fund - \$112,419.03; and the minutes from the regular meeting on October 10, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **XII Verizon Presentation and Discussion**

David Haslinger from Verizon was present and discussed the site location, project timing and gave an explanation of C-bands and how they work.

Greg Lapin from Digital Design Labs was present and presented on health and safety concerns.

Both engaged in discussion and answering questions from the Board and audience on the 5G update and antennas on the high school roof.

## **XIII Recommended for Action – New Business**

### **A. Approval of overnight regular season trip – HSHS Ski Team**

*A motion was made by Honeysette, seconded by Novak, to approve the overnight trip for the HSHS Ski Team to Mount Ripley in January 2023. Motion carried unanimously*

### **B. Approval of the purchase of pool equipment – ChlorKing Nex-Gen System**

*A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Damoose, to approve the purchase of the ChlorKing Nex-Gen System through a 48 month lease program. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **C. Approval of Schedule B Addition – Strength & Conditioning Supervisor**

*A motion was made by Damoose, seconded by Novak, to approve the Schedule B addition – Strength and Conditioning Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **D. Approval of 457b Adoption Agreement**

*A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Honeysette, to approve the 457b Adoption Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **E. Approval of school volunteers**

1. Robotics volunteer

*Superintendent Plackemeier read Board Policy 7009 and felony convictions of a parent who wants to be a robotics volunteer. No motion was made.*

2. School volunteer

*Superintendent Plackemeier reiterated the Board Policy above and felony convictions of a parent who would like to be a volunteer at the school. No motion was made.*

**XIV Information & Proposals**

A. Overnight trip for the HSHS English Department

The High School English Department will be taking students in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades to the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. Students attending the trip would require parental approval and meet academic and behavior requirements. The trip would be from September 13, 2023, through September 15, 2023.

**XV Public Input**

Janice Elliott thanked Superintendent Plackemeier and the Board for bringing in the gentlemen for the Verizon Presentation and Discussion and thanked them for their investment.

**XVI Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Honeysette, seconded by Damoose, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Novak  
Secretary