

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

September 13, 2023

Harbor Springs City Hall
160 Zoll Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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

Staff Present: Brad Plackemeier, Superintendent
Denise Knight, Administrative Assistant
Rod Fullerton, Chief Financial Officer
Chris Cerrudo, Technology Director
Nathan Fairbanks, Elementary Principal
Sadie Riley, Director of Child Care Programs

Special Meeting - Retreat

I. Call to Order

President Fairbairn called the special meeting-retreat to order at 1:03pm.

After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, President Fairbairn requested a moment of self reflection.

II. Approval of Agenda

Superintendent Plackemeier requested to amend the agenda by adding an item agenda – Approval of School Volunteer.

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Novak, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Input –none

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Honeysette, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting - September 11, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Approval of School Volunteer

Superintendent Plackemeier read Board Policy 7009-Volunteers and stated Mr. Rogers was convicted of a felony in 1997 for operating while intoxicated causing death.

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Backus to approve Mr. Rogers to work as a school volunteer. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Early Childhood

Jennifer Wixson from NCMC was present. She gave a presentation to the board members on the True Cost Model for daycare and how it works. Jennifer and Sadie answered many questions from board members about the daycare and how the true cost model works.

VII. 5G/Cellular Update

Superintendent Plackemeier had no new information since the previous board meeting but shared the results from the last EMF/RF testing would be posted on the website.

VIII. District Fund Balance

The board discussed the current fund balance along with discussion of where HSPS is in comparison to other out of formula districts. There was discussion with Rod on the following:

- Possible future expenditures
- Assigning/unassigning fund balances
- Changing the current minimum fund balance of 19%

IX. Bond Construction

Superintendent Plackemeier gave an update on the following:

- Current project-school framed in by early November-done in July 2024
- Stadium & potential add alternates
- High School add alternates and PAC addition

X. Athletic Budgets

Superintendent Plackemeier displayed last years athletic budget/expenditures along with the approximate cost of uniforms per player, per sport. The superintendent and board members discussed athletic funding and the possibility of more financial support.

XI. Intervention Programs

Superintendent Plackemeier gave an update on the interventionists and what the district is currently providing.

XII. Projected Staffing

Superintendent Plackemeier presented the current staffing with the percentages that are currently being funded by ESSER grant monies which will end with the 2023-24 school year. There is currently 2.3 FTE that is be charged to ESSER which will not be available next year.

XIII. Field Trips

Damoose suggested a grade level trip should be taken to Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum.

XIV. 2023-24 Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Plackemeier presented his continued goals from last year which are:

- Academic Rigor
- Leadership

- Visionary Planning

XV. Public Input - none

XVI. Adjournment

*A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Backus, to adjourn the special meeting-retreat at 3:41pm.
Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Novak
Secretary