

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

**September 9, 2024**

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

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Board Members Present: Paul Fairbairn, President  
Gary Morse, Vice President  
Brad Backus, Trustee  
Margo Damoose, Trustee

Board Members Absent: Diane Novak, Secretary  
Tina Honeysette, Treasurer  
Mike Vandermus, Trustee

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

**Regular Meeting**

**I. Call to Order**

President Fairbairn called the regular meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Fairbairn requested everyone to take a moment of self reflection.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Board President's Report**

President Fairbairn commented on the football game and the stadium and also mentioned several teachers had thanked him for the nespresso machines.

**V. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Plackemeier reported:

Bond construction update which included the opening of Shay, Ottawa Stadium with the football game last Friday and soccer this Wednesday and the PAC/high school parking lot and striping.

A EVE presentation by Jason Byma and Taylor Dueweke (former HSPS graduate) who were present, along with Teeny Stillings on zoom, introducing Hollywood 2 Harbor and the opportunities this will give the students in the program.

## VI. Committee Reports

### A. Finance

Damoose reported:

Common items of personnel update, 5G/cellular update and early childhood

- Review of invoices
- Non-bond projects
- Audit report discussion

### B. Communications

Superintendent Plackemeier reported:

Athletic report which was an update on the participation number for fall sports and a coaching update

- Personnel update
- 5G/cellular update
- Early childhood
- Bond Construction update-Ottawa Stadium

### C. Facilities

President Fairbairn reported:

Facilities report which included the following:

- Storage shed at Ottawa Stadium
- Extra pieces of artificial turf relocated to baseball/softball batting cages
- MVP Athletics will be working on the baseball/softball fields in September
- Installation of washer/dryer at Shay
- Humidity issue in the Ram room at the high school
- Backflow testing was completed by the City
- Update on parking plan for pool patrons
- Report on preliminary meeting with the township regarding the drilling of a new well at Reynolds Field
- Annual generator testing completed
- Personnel update
- 5G/cellular update
- Early childhood
- Bond construction update
- Tennis courts

## VII. Administrative Reports

High School Principal Inglehart reported:

- Thanked Ron and custodial/maintenance staff for all of the cleaning and renovation of the cosmetology classroom.
- Fall sports are well underway
- Back to school BBQ was held last Friday-special thanks to the parent volunteers
- CTE classes are attracting students from other districts (16-cosmetology, 4-AEVE, 1-Drones)
- Stratford Festival Trip is this week
- Festival of the Book
- Staff greatly appreciated the welcome back act of Daniel Martin

Middle School Principal Keiser reported:

- Thanked custodial crew for getting the MS back in shape after moving teachers over to Shay
- Athletic report-cross country started, with football tomorrow and volleyball next week
- I-Ready assessments will be given in the next couple weeks to collect baseline data
- Beyond Basics reading assessments will begin this week
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders hosted car wash fundraiser
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be visiting Big Bear Adventure this Friday
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be enjoying some team building and Backyard Adventuring with TOPOnexus
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders will visit Camp Daggett
- Festival of the Book-end of September-three authors planning to visit the MS students

Elementary Principal Fairbanks reported:

- Nice to get two buildings into one-new start has gone well
- Thank you to the teachers and all staff for the hard work in opening the new school
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be kayaking Friday with PE
- Ripple: Casting for Change will be featured in the Fresh Coast Film Festival at the end of October

### VIII. General Announcements

Damoose gave praise to everyone (staff & students) and expressed how proud she is of the district.

Backus echoed Damoose's comments.

Morse echoed the same sentiments and commented on the football game and open house.

Fairbairn mentioned the coin flip and a thank you to Gary for all the years and everything he has done.

### IX. Public Input - none

### X. Consent Agenda Items

#### A. Approval of Invoices

1. General Fund - \$950,926.21
2. Community Schools Fund - \$32,577.82
3. Food Service Fund - \$3,662.57
4. Building & Site Fund - \$0.00
5. Fiber Build Project Fund - \$324.04

6. 2022 Bond Project Fund - \$1,838,631.83

7. 2024 Bond Project Fund - \$318,408.79

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting - August 12, 2024

2. Regular Meeting - Closed Session - August 12, 2024

*A motion was made by Damoose, seconded by Morse, to approve the consent agenda as follows: General Fund - \$950,926.21; Community Schools Fund - \$32,577.82; Food Service Fund - \$3,662.57; Building & Site Fund - \$0.00; Fiber Build Project Fund - \$324.04; 2022 Bond Project Fund - \$1,838,631.83; 2024 Bond Project Fund - \$318,408.79, along with the minutes from the Regular Meeting – August 12, 2024 and the minutes from the Regular Meeting – Closed Session – August 12, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.*

**XI. Public Input - none**

**XII. Request to go into Closed Session - Contract Negotiations**

*A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Backus, to go into Closed Session – Contract Negotiations at 6:25pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Damoose, seconded by Backus, to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:36pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

**XIII. Approval of 2024-25 and 2025-26 HSEA Bargaining Agreement**

*A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Damoose, to approve the 2024-25 and 2025-26 HSEA Bargaining Agreement.*

*Yayes: Damoose, Backus, Morse, Fairbairn (4)*

*Nayes: (0)*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**XIV. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Damoose, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:38pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Novak  
Secretary