

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
July 20, 2015
Regular Meeting/Organizational Meeting**

The regular/organizational meeting was called to order by Board President Ryan Good at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Board Members Present: Broton, Wenberg, Sturtevant, Good, Yates, Daniels, and Rose.

Board Members Absent: None

All present took the pledge.

Presentation

Mark Kraus, Bev Cassidy, and Dan Postema presented information on Project Focus. They gave a program description of Project Focus, talked about the areas of focus, and talked about the Fremont Area Community Foundation's expectation of a significant financial commitment from us in the amount of \$20,000 to support transportation which will help ensure that future funding continues.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Daniels supported by Yates to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0

Superintendent's Report

Mike Corey, Superintendent, gave a report on the following summarized items:

- The posting of the Transportation Coordinator, Bus Mechanic, Maintenance Coordinator/Working Supervisor, and bus drivers has been done. Currently we have one application for mechanic, one application for the maintenance position, and three applications for the transportation coordinator position.
- Mike has met with West Michigan International and they indicated that they would charge us \$150 per bus for them to inspect our buses. They are preparing a proposal for bus work. Our state inspection is scheduled for sometime in November. Comments included that we should touch base with Charlie as he had the buses all prepped for the start of school and if we do hire a mechanic they can do the inspection.
- The auditor has completed the preliminary audit, has scheduled the field work, and should have the audit done in September.
- The Michigan Department of Education was here and conducted a highly qualified teacher audit. There were a few comments, but for the most part, the files were good. We will be getting a report from them soon.
- Technicians from NC RESA have met with Mike and Noah and discussed our computer systems and the network. They will have a final report soon.
- Leo Woodley declined to do any phone work for us and suggested we use VDS. The voice mail system will be installed the end of July to mid August.
- Mitch Bart from WMJ will be here at the August 17th meeting to discuss the action plan for custodial services.
- Mike gave an update on the logging project. If anyone wants the tops they need to be insured and will need to contact Trent Witteveen to make arrangements. The need for no trespassing signs was discussed. Several board members felt that the property should have public access.

Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
July 20, 2015
Regular Meeting/Organizational Meeting
Page 2

A suggestion was made to have signs post stating that this is "School Property" and list the items or activities that are not allowed on school property. Gates and cables on the school property were also discussed.

- Rex has been working on the projects involving heating, cooling, water softener treatment, and electrical upgrades. He has gotten several quotes on the projects. We have a door system by the gym and the art room that needs repair. He is getting quotes for this.
- Rex is also going to rewire the online lab and put in more drops. The appearance of the grounds and gardens has been discussed with Rex.
- Rex will be at the meeting on August 3rd to answer any questions the board may have.
- The books that are needed for the health class were discussed. More quotes are being obtained. We should be able to have enough information to approve the purchase at the August meeting. Comment was made if we will have the books by the start of the school year. We are hopeful that we will.
- Joe Conkle has been in contact with Varsity Cross-Country Coach Doug Baird in regards to recommending Jessica Clark as assistant coach. Consensus was that Jessica be allowed to attend the camp as long as the background checks have been completed.
- The fuel tanks have been installed.
- The roof is leaking in the Art room. The last time that we had roof leaks it was determined that some of the problems were related to roof maintenance. The roofs and roof drains should be cleared of debris at least twice per year.
- We currently do not have any bus driver applicants at this time. A suggestion was made that we put a school bus visible on Main Street with signage indicating that we are hiring bus drivers.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Daniels supported by Rose to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

None

Board Discussion on Action Items

The following action items were discussed summarized as follows:

- The appointment of attorneys was discussed. Comments were that we would like to change firms; we currently do not have a retainer; and that we need to look at other attorney firms. It was suggested that we table the motion. Comments were made that this is not necessary as we don't have to take any action on this. We can use our current attorney firm for immediate items. Suggestion was made that we bid for attorney services and this was thought to be a good suggestion.

Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
July 20, 2015
Regular Meeting/Organizational Meeting
Page 3

- The depositories were discussed.
- The School Loan Bond Resolution was discussed.
- The hot lunch price increase was discussed as well as the reason we have to increase our prices.
- The MASB Certification of Board Delegates was discussed. Consensus was that Sturtevant be the delegate and that Wenberg be the alternate.
- The NCASB representative will be discussed more at the next meeting.
- The MHSAA Membership Resolution was discussed.
- The Student Handbooks for 2015-2016 were discussed.
- The dissolving of the board committees was discussed. Consensus was that we can continue to separate topics on the agenda as we have been doing, but we will not abide by the committee structure for discussion items at this time. The entire board will be discussing any agenda items. If we wish to go back to having committees we can do so. There is no need for a motion on this item.

Public Comments on Action Items

None

Action Items

Motion by Rose supported by Yates to contract with Thrun Law Firm as our legal counsel for election and bond matters for the 2015-2016 school year. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Rose supported by Yates to approve the list of financial institutions as submitted for the 2015-2016 school year. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Rose supported by Daniels to approve the Board Resolution for the Annual Loan Repayment Activity Application for the School Bond Loan Fund as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Rose to approve the increase of \$.10 for hot lunch prices as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Yates to approve sending Sturtevant as delegate and Wenberg as alternate to the 2015 Annual Leadership Conference. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Sturtevant supported by Wenberg to adopt the MHSAA membership resolution as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Rose to accept the Patricia St. Clair Elementary Student Handbooks as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
July 20, 2015
Regular Meeting/Organizational Meeting
Page 4

Motion by Wenberg supported by Rose to accept the Middle School Student Handbook as presented.
Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Rose supported by Yates to accept the High School Student Handbook as presented.
Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Board Discussion

The following additional items were discussed:

- The band director position was discussed. There was much discussion as to what do we need and how many sections should we have. Stephanie Pervis, who is applying for the position, talked with the board about her vision for the band program and her thought of us needing a full time band director. Superintendent Corey reminded the board that if we add any sections of band, we will be increasing our budget problems as nothing was budgeted in the 2015-2016 budget for this position. The building principals were asked for their opinions and they indicated that the previous instructor was not a full time band director and had other instructional duties in addition to his band classes. Consensus was that we post for a part time band instructor and the number of sections will be determined by the administration with input from the teaching staff.
- Using SET/SEG ACA support services was discussed. The board members would like to see the forms involved that need to be filled out. We have until the end of September to contract with SET/SEG for this service. Comment was made that ACA compliance is very complicated and if we could have the service for one year to get set up it would be a good investment.
- The financial support requested by Project Focus to be compliant with the Fremont Area Foundations requirements for funding after school programs will need to be on the next agenda.

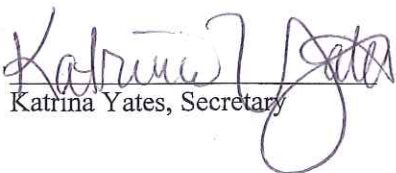
Closed Session – Discuss HEA & HESPA Negotiation Strategy

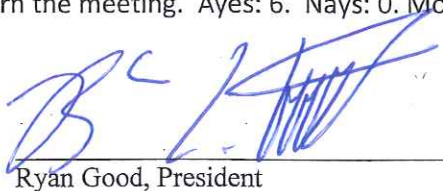
Motion by Daniels supported by Rose to go into closed session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote: Broton-yes; Wenberg-yes; Sturtevant-yes; Good-yes; Yates-yes; Daniels-yes and Rose-yes. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0. There is no action anticipated upon return to open session. The board adjourned to closed session at 9:22 p.m.

(Pat Broton left at 9:38 p.m.)

Returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion by Wenberg supported by Yates adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.


Katrina Yates, Secretary


Ryan Good, President