

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
September 30, 2013
Regular Board Meeting
Student Expulsion Hearing**

The student expulsion hearing portion of the regular board meeting was called to order by Board President Todd Jacobs at 6:45 p.m.

All present gave the pledge of allegiance.

Student #13-14-01 Parents did not request a closed session

Present: Anderson; Lavin; McClernan; Jacobs; Good; Joppich; and Thome.

Absent: None

Also present: David LaPrairie, High School Principal; Scott Fessenden, School Resource Officer; Mike Fosburg, Dean of Students; Jeff Haase, Superintendent; and Pat Budde, Business Manager acting as recorder. Parents were not present and the student was not present.

Scott Fessenden presented information on the incident. They also discussed the recommendation that the expulsion will be for 180 days; that the student shall attend substance abuse counseling at his parent's expense; provide evidence of successful completion of treatment; must enroll in the Hesperia Community Education Online Learning Center; be placed on social probation which includes not being allowed on school grounds or attend any away school events; must successfully pass random drug testing at the school's request and at his parents' expense; must remain free of any illegal activity; and work to maintain his academic standing through the resources provided to him. The board discussed that this was the student's first offense and that he be allowed the opportunity to petition the board for reinstatement starting with the second semester which starts on January 21, 2014. The petition for reinstatement should be received by the board in time for the January committee meeting. The other students involved in the incident received a 10 day suspension.

Motion by Joppich supported by McClernan to suspend the student for 180 days, providing that he meets the following stipulations, the student will be allowed to petition for reinstatement starting with the second semester. The stipulations are as follows: that the student shall attend substance abuse counseling at his parent's expense; provide evidence of successful completion of treatment; must enroll in the Hesperia Community Education Online Learning Center; be placed on social probation which includes not being allowed on school grounds unless an administrator or an educator has made such arrangements; if he is seen on school property without prior arrangements, law enforcement will be contacted and trespassing charges will be filed, social probation includes student not attending any away school events; must successfully pass random drug testing at the school's request and at his parents' expense; must remain free of any illegal activity; and work to maintain his academic standing through the resources provided to him. Discussion included comment that he should apply for reinstatement in time for the board to act on it at the January committee meeting. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0. Hearing was adjourned.

Audit Presentation

Karl Drake gave a presentation on the audit report. He discussed the district's financial position and reviewed several of the new GASB requirements which are resulting in a different look to the audit report. He indicated that the district has approximately a 13% fund balance in general fund.

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Karl said that this is quite an accomplishment in light of the financial problems schools have had over the past several years and stated that the board and the administration are to be commended for this accomplishment. He indicated that an auditor's recommendation of the amount of fund balance should be between 10-15% and we are in that range.

Motion by Matt supported by McClernan to approve the consent agenda as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Superintendent's Report

Jeff Haase gave the Superintendent's report. Items included the following:

- An update as to what is happening with the Common Core issues in Lansing.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Anderson supported by Thome to approve the agenda as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Correspondence

None.

Public Comments

Kyle Kass spoke on his concerns on the wrestling program.

Public Comments on Action Items

Al Daniels spoke on the administrative contract extensions that are on the agenda and his concerns regarding the extensions.

Lyn Daniels spoke on the administrative contract extensions and expressed her concerns on this agenda item.

Butch Bolles spoke on the extension of the custodial agreement that is an agenda item and expressed his concerns.

Action Items

Motion by Anderson supported by McClernan to approve the 1st Reading of Concussions and Athletic Activities Board Policy as presented. Discussion comment stated that the coaches do get concussion training. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Anderson supported by Thome to approve the Foodservice Charge policy as presented. Discussion comments included that this is an administrative guideline, not a policy. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Anderson to approve the School Resource Officer Policies and Procedure as presented. Discussion comments included that this is an administrative guideline, not a policy. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

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Motion by Anderson supported by McClernan to approve the administrative contract for the 2014-2015 school year for David LaPrairie as the 6th – 12th Grade Principal. Discussion included comments that the original motion should have been for a two-year contract and due to an oversight the motion was just for a one-year contract. The original contract was just for Grades 9-12. The grades 6th, 7th, and 8th have been added to the position. The contract will now be for 6th-12th grades. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by McClernan supported by Lavin to approve the administrative contract for the 2014-2015 school year for Bryan Mey as the K-5th Grade Principal. Discussion included comments that the original motion should have been for a two-year contract and due to an oversight the motion was just for a one-year contract. The original contract was just for Grades K-4. The 5th grade has now been added to the position. The contract will now be for K-5th grades. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by McClernan supported by Joppich to accept the administrative contract of Jeff Haase, Superintendent of Hesperia Community Schools as presented. Board member Good stated that he believes having the contract extend to 2019 is too long a time for a contract extension, but his comment is not a reflection on Mr. Haase's performance. Board member Joppich stated that the length of the contract extension is a reflection of how well Mr. Haase has performed as our Superintendent and the confidence the board has in him to lead the district. Board member Thome also expressed his positive opinion on Mr. Haase's performance. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion passed 6-1. Good voted no.

Motion by Anderson supported by Lavin to approve the layoff of 3 (three) teacher assistants as presented. Discussion. We are currently down 42 students based on the preliminary count information. We also have a small kindergarten class. The layoffs are the result of fewer students in the elementary. We had budgeted to be down 30 students and with Providence closing we are down approximately 42. Two of the teacher assistants are moving to other positions in the district. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by McClernan supported by Anderson to approve hiring Kristina Somerville as a Middle School/Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2013-2014 school year at BA Base with a salary \$36,413 effective September 10, 2013. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Anderson supported by McClernan to approve transferring Holly Muckey from a 4 (four) hour elementary teacher assistant to a 3.75 (three & ¾) hour high school special education teacher assistant. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by McClernan supported by Lavin to approve hiring Jennifer Syrek as a 2 (two) hour elementary lunchroom aide at the rate of \$9.03. Discussion. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Joppich supported by Lavin to approve the 3 (three) year extension of the current custodial contract with West Michigan Janitorial as presented. Discussion comments included

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that the contract was discussed in the committee meeting. The contract includes two years at no increase and a 2% increase for the 3rd year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion passed 6-1. Good voted no.

Motion by Anderson supported by Lavin to approve the resolution to borrow against state aid as presented. Discussion included comments that this borrowing is something we have done for the past several years. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by McClernan supported by Lavin to accept the audit report for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. Discussion included a comment to thank those involved in the audit process. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Board Discussion

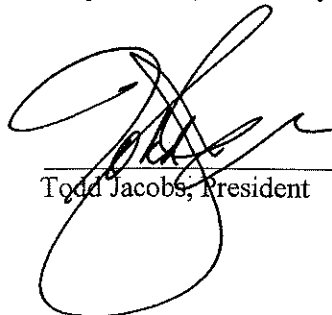
The board discussed the staff response to the children who went missing in the cornfield. The children were at recess and threw a Frisbee that went into the cornfield. They went in to get the Frisbee and had difficulty finding their way out and did not return from recess. Once they did not return, the staff went into action to locate the students. All of the proper protocols were followed and the response team did an excellent job in finding the students. A temporary fence will be placed in the area to help keep children out of the cornfield. We are looking into installing a fence along the perimeter that borders the field.

Closed Session

There is no need to go into closed session.

Motion by Anderson supported by McClernan to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Dr. Jeffrey Thome, Secretary


Todd Jacobs, President