

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
September 19, 2016  
Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting called to order by Board President Patrick Broton in the High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m.

All present took the pledge.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Presentations

Karl Drake and Kyle Drake presented the audit report for 2015-2016. Karl Drake summarized the audit report; talked about the government wide statements; GASB requirements; and federal programs. Kyle reviewed the fund balance amounts and the variances in budget to actual and commented that the numbers were very close which indicates that a good job was done in budgeting. Karl commented that the staff had done an excellent job in preparing for the audit. Karl briefly reviewed the management letter and discussed the USDA rule where any outstanding balances owed to the food service at the end of the fiscal year are to be paid by the general fund. He indicated that the food service staff should collect the balances before the end of the school year. He also spoke to the percentage of fund balance that districts should try to have and that percentage is ideally around 15%. Karl also discussed the proposed bond refunding and the impact that the veteran's tax exemption may have on the district's taxable value.

Robert J. (RJ) Naughton, Financial Advisor from the PFM Group (previously Stauder and Barch), presented information on the school bond refunding. It is estimated that we could save approximately \$2.3 million in debt payments by doing the refunding. The refunding could allow the district to reduce the millage rate earlier than originally anticipated. The board will need to pass the authorizing resolution to start the process.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Building Reports

Elementary and Curriculum Report

Mr. Mey, Elementary Principal and Curriculum Director, briefly discussed the topics below:

- Textbook adoption and other instructional resources
- Open House success
- Literacy Grant for \$11,000
- Strategic schedule
- Staff professional development for the Marzano Growth Tool
- Science Staff collaboration on the transition to Next Generation Science Standards

Secondary Schools' Report

Mr. LaPrairie, Secondary Principal, 6-12, briefly discussed the topics below:

- Star testing and interim assessments

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- Adolescent Critical Reading Inventory training and how the teachers are working with students
- Formative Assessment training and how the focus is on instructional standards, formative assessments, and academic rigor
- He also spoke to some of the band activities that have been scheduled

Superintendent's report

Vaughn White, Superintendent, briefly discussed the following items:

- The Community Education parking lot cracks were sealed along with the cracks in the basketball court
- Vaughn will be attending the Superintendent's conference on September 21, 22, and 23
- The NEOLA policies will be reviewed by board members Sturtevant, Wenberg, and Good
- The county school board dinner and training is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> at Newaygo Public

Approval of Agenda

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

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

Tanya Eichenberg commented on the red tag issue with the buses and asked if the problem has been reviewed. Board members asked questions and Cindy Maynard, bus driver, commented that she felt she could talk about any issues with Mr. White. There is a work order that the drivers fill out when there is something wrong with their bus. The two used buses may have been red tagged. The Superintendent will be working a plan to help facilitate better communication between the Transportation Coordinator, Mechanic, and bus drivers.

Public Comments on Action Items

None

Action Items

Motion by Good supported by Yates to accept the audit report for fiscal year 2015-2016 as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Yates supported by Wenberg to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of Hesperia Community Schools 2016 Refunding Bonds, Series B as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Yates supported by Daniels to approve opening a 2016 Debt Savings Account. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

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Motion by Yates supported by Daniels to accept Ms. Heather Woodworth's resignation effective August 16, 2016. Discussion comments included thanking her for her time of service. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Wenberg to approve hiring Ms. Denise Short as an elementary interventionist for the 2016-2017 school year at MA Step 1 with a salary of \$39,605 and a hire date of August 25, 2016. Ms. Short was present and introduced. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Note: All coaching positions are pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating.

Motion by Yates supported by Sturtevant to approve contracting with PESG to select and assign Mr. Derek VanBaale as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2016-2017 winter season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Yates to approve contracting with PESG to select and assign Mr. Vince Grodus as the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2016-2017 winter season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Wenberg supported by Yates to approve contracting with PESG to select and assign Mr. Tony Grimard as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2016-2017 winter season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Yates to approve contracting with PESG to select and assign Ms. Erin Robinson as the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2016-2017 winter season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Yates supported by Allen to approve contracting with PESG to select and assign Ms. Tina Myers for the Varsity Softball Coach for the 2016-2017 spring season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Wenberg supported by Yates to approve contracting with PESG to select and assign Mr. Doug Baird for the MS Boys' Track Coach for the 2016-2017 spring season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Yates to approve contracting with PESG to select and assign Mr. Doug Baird for the MS Girls Track Coach for the 2016-2017 spring season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Allen to approve contracting with PESG to select and assign Mr. Vince Grodus for the Varsity Golf Coach for the 2016-2017 spring season. Discussion included comments if we do follow the board approved guidelines for acceptable numbers of student athletes participating for each sport. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

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Motion by Yates supported by Allen to approve School ADvance as the principal's evaluation framework. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Good supported by Yates to approve MASB as the Superintendent's evaluation framework. Discussion comments included that there are two options. MASB and School ADvance. It was decided that MASB is a better option for us. The board will need training on the evaluation tool. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Board Discussion

Discussion comments are summarized as follows:

- We need to determine bus needs.
- The undercoating of buses was discussed and more information will be presented.
- New estimates are being obtained on the tree removal.
- Current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were the last group to not have full day kindergarten.
- President Pat Broton thanked the business office staff for doing an excellent job and having a good audit report.

Motion by Yates supported by Daniels to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
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Michelle Allen, Secretary

  
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Pat Broton, Board President