

Hartford Public Schools  
Board of Education Work Study  
Thursday, June 5, 2014, 7:00 p.m.  
Central Administration Office  
Hartford, MI 49057

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Banic, Chambers, Johnson, Kuehnle, Meachum, Najacht, Summerhill

Member absent:

Others present: Superintendent Andy Hubbard, Mike Hallgren, Fendon Dankert, Dave Janicki, Ed Dickenson, Brad Geesaman, Dan Kyle

Debbie Galvan, Sarah Hall, Nancy Larsson, Heather McNitt, Araya Stillson

Discussion Topics were as followed:

**Senior Trip Recap:**

Heather McNitt and Araya Stillson gave an overview on the 2013-14 senior class trip. They reported that 32 students attended the trip; they were well behaved and enjoyed their time in Florida. For many students this is their first time away from their parents for an extended amount of time and also their first time on an airplane. The advisors would like to eliminate Grad Night for future trips and replace this with Busch Gardens and possibly a dinner cruise. Preliminary dates for next year's trip are April 24-27, 2015.

**New GPA Scale:**

Dave Janicki gave a report on the Grade Point Average (GPA) scale we will be using starting the 2014-2015 school year. All classes will be using the most commonly used scale to calculate students GPA, this will replace the traditional grading scale. The new student information system will also use this scale. There is a copy attached.

Traditional Grading Scale		Most Commonly Used Grading Scale	
A	4.0	A+	4.0
B	3.0	A	4.0
C	2.0	A-	3.7
D	1.0	B+	3.3
F	0.0	B	3.0
		B-	2.7
		C+	2.3
		C	2.0
		C-	1.7
		D+	1.3
		D	1.0
		D-	.7
		F	0

**Top 10 Formula:**

This new formula will be more fair to all students. Our current formula based on GPA alone leaves out students who tend to take more difficult level classes.

1. Credit Point Average (convert to 4.0 scale and round to three (3) decimal places for all calculations through the final half of senior year)

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ x 20 = \_\_\_\_\_

2. ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ x 0.25 = \_\_\_\_\_

3. Total Score (GPA plus ACT grade) \_\_\_\_\_

### **High School Handbook**

There is a copy attached

The high school and middle school will combine handbooks for the 2014-2015 school year. This change will benefit both schools but puts emphasis on the middle school students in regards to discipline issues.

### **Athletic Handbook:**

There is a copy attached

There were only a few minor changes in the athletic handbook.

### **Woodside Handbook:**

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### **State Aid Loan Note**

Based on the cash flow projection for the 2014-15 school year, the school will need to borrow money through the Michigan Finance Authority's Pooled State Aid Note Program. Mr. Hallgren is recommending that the school borrow \$1,000,000, the money would be received in August 2014 and would be repaid in 5 installments starting in March 2015.

Superintendent Hubbard thanked Tim Summerhill for taking the time to tour all the school buildings.

Superintendent Hubbard also reported on the progress of the FIT team, all updates are on Facebook, he feels they are making great progress on deciding what will be best for the district.

Tim Summerhill reported on his tour of the school buildings, he said "it is an enlightening experience to see the students and staff in action".

President Chambers shared thank you letters from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students for their appreciation for the continued approval of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Chicago.

Motion by Meachum seconded by Najacht to adjourn the regular board meeting.  
Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Meachum  
Secretary