

Hartford Public Schools  
Board of Education Retreat  
Thursday, August 7, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
VBISD Red Haven Room  
Lawrence, MI

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Chambers at 6:27 p.m.

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

Members absent:

Others present: Andy Hubbard, Mike Hallgren, Fendon Dankert, Dave Janicki, Brad Geesaman, Ed Dickenson, Joel Messenger, Dan Kyle, Gregg Jessup, Betsey Jacobs, John Miller, Jon Bisnett, Jeff Booly (teacher)

The Board discussed the following topics.

1. Bond Campaign – John Miller updated the Board on the campaign progress. Campaign name will be titled Building Hartford's Future.
2. Virtual Academy / Alternative Education Follow –up: Ron Ward updated the Board on the status of the Virtual Academy. August the center will be open 8am -5pm, there will be mixed hours during the school year. Students must be 20yrs or younger.

Fendon Dankert and Betsey Jacobs gave an update on Alternative Education. Betsey reported that there were 49 students enrolled in summer school. They are currently working on the recruiting process and a marketing plan to work with the Virtual Academy.

3. Student Achievement / Safety & Discipline – Dave Janicki is looking into installing an alarm at the Methodist Church for the Alternative Education program. Ed Dickenson developed strategies for increasing student scores. Brad Geesaman looked at test scores, focusing on improving test scores / school culture. Joel Messenger updated the Board on the Middle School reading process; everyone is a reading teacher, a team. Dan Kyle discussed how math and science is focus for the ACT year around – reading everywhere.
4. County Association (Tim Summerhill) – Discussed the makeup of the County Association / School Boards and the public perception of the school board.
5. Board Self-Assessment – Mr. Hubbard reviewed the Board Assessment and explained the results. The Board developed a brief outline of how to develop goals.

Mr. Hubbard informed the Board of the new Middle School secretary, MaryIn Mead.

Motion by Meachum, seconded by Summerhill, to adjourn the Retreat. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Meachum  
Secretary