

Hartford Public Schools  
Board of Education Retreat  
Thursday, March 5, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
VBISD  
Lawrence, MI

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members absent: Banic

Others present: Andy Hubbard, Mike Hallgren, Dave Janicki, Brad Geesaman, Ed Dickenson, Joel Messenger, Dan Kyle, Nick Blackmer, Nancy Larsson, Danielle Breedlove, Debbie Galvan

The Board discussed the following topics.

1. Girls Soccer – Athletic Director Dan Kyle and Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Nick Blackmer gave the board a presentation on why a JV girls' soccer team is needed. There were 60 interested girls that signed up for spring soccer. The varsity team will keep only 26 girls. They not only teach the girls the game of soccer but also life skills and how to participate in high school sports. Dan Kyle hopes to get the JV team 10-14 games for the season.
2. Bond Planning Committee: The next step in the bond planning process is to organize a planning committee. Will need to come up with community member names that would be a good fit for this committee. This committee would include the members of the building and site committee and also Andy Hubbard and Mike Hallgren. Community member names that were given were; Becky Traver, Rick Hall, Lisa Kuehnle, Mark Kellogg, Jim Jonatzki and Tim Hildebrand.
3. Alternative Education Facility – The board agreed to move forward with remodeling the old shop area in the high school to house the adult and alternative education program. The current program is using the Hartford Methodist Church and has outgrown that area. Money to fund this remodel could come from the profits made by the program and also Casino revenues.
4. Teacher Hall of Fame – This would be a positive idea to promote our teachers. There will be a need to organize a group to head this project.
5. Student Achievement – Each principal gave an update on student achievement in their building and what they are doing to raise scores for their students.
6. School Climate – The board discussed student involvement in different areas such as athletic events. Ideas were given such as starting a pep club, student leadership conferences and students of the roundtable.
7. Superintendent Evaluation Tool – The board discussed the procedure for evaluating the Superintendent.

Motion by Meachum, seconded by Najacht, to adjourn the Retreat. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Meachum  
Secretary