

Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Retreat
Thursday, August 6, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
VBISD Red Haven Room
Lawrence, MI

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

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

Members absent: Kuehnle, Summerhill

Others present: Andy Hubbard, Mike Hallgren, Dave Janicki, Brad Geesaman, Ed Dickenson, Joel Messenger

The Board discussed the following topics.

1. Students of the Roundtable – Lisa Johnson gave a brief description of the last roundtable meeting. Students gave their pros and cons of the district as seen through the eyes of the students.
2. Bond Change Orders - Mike Hallgren gave an update on the changes that have taken place so far. The roof by the gym needed thickened. As the renovations progress the Superintendent and Business Manager will have the power to make changes. They will advise the Building and Site committee weekly of any changes.
3. Year Round School – Jason Meachum gave an update of the Year Round School process. As of this time there is no momentum in the county to proceed. There is a need to have the entire county on board to make scheduling easier. The Board would like a survey done at our school buildings to see if year round school would be welcomed with our students and parents.
4. Board Code of Ethics – Ben Chambers reviewed the Code of Ethics. These will be displayed in the Board Room. Each board member needs to abide by these ethics.

Mr. Hubbard gave an update of the board policy update process.

Mr. Dickenson gave an update on summer school. Also August 31st there will be a one day training for teacher evaluations.

Mr. Messenger gave an update on the Middle School. Classroom management will be a key focus this year.

Mr. Parker gave an update on the Alternative Education program. He along with his staff has been out recruiting students. The new entity name change has been approved by the state.

Mr. Janicki gave an update on the High School. There is a plan in place to separate the Alternative Education students from the High Schools students during the before and after school bells.

Mr. Boot, Dean of Students is developing a plan to combat discipline issues with students.

Mr. Geesaman gave an update on Woodside. One of Woodside key focuses this year will be interaction with students. They will also be focusing on character education for students.

Motion by Meachum, seconded by Banic, to adjourn the Retreat. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Meachum
Secretary