

Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
Central Administration Office – Board Room
Hartford, MI 49057

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Chambers at 7:01 p.m.

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

Member absent:

Others present: Superintendent Andy Hubbard, Mike Hallgren, Dave Janicki, Joel Messenger, Brad Geesaman, Ed Dickenson
Sara Hall, Debbie Galvan, Donna Johnson, Nikki Birkhead

Motion by Najacht seconded by Summerhill to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2015 Business Meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Summerhill, seconded by Najacht, to amend the agenda to place XI-5 after XV and IX-1 after the amended XI-5.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kuehnle, to approve Payroll Vouchers #11690 for March 6, 2015, totaling \$371,391.10 Payroll Voucher #11691 for March 20, 2015 totaling \$453,904.91 and Warrant Voucher #11692 for April 2015 bills totaling \$175,843.60.

Motion carried 7-0.

Reading of Communications – Jason Meachum read an invitation from the Lions Club inviting the Board of Education to the Citizen of the Year and Top 10 dinner.

Motion by Meachum, seconded by Najacht, to go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation.

Roll Call Vote:

Banic, Chambers, Johnson, Kuehnle, Meachum, Najacht, Summerhill

Motion carried 7-0.

President Chambers declared the board in closed session at 8:10pm.

President Chambers declared the board in open session at 9:04pm.

Motion by Summerhill, seconded by Meachum, to waive the minimum participation rate of 8 teachers in the voluntary severance incentive plan and to offer the plan to the seven (7) participants who have applied.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Najacht, seconded by Johnson, to accept the retirement resignation from Linda Tyler, Judy Janssen, Gail Getman, Donna Johnson, Sue Gordon, Rick Ward and Janie Rodriguez effective June 30, 2015.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Meachum, seconded by Summerhill, to hire NEOLA to create and maintain our Board Policy.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Meachum, seconded by Najacht to approval the attached resolution to support Proposal 1.

Roll Call Vote:

Banic, Chambers, Johnson, Kuehnle, Meachum, Najacht, Summerhill

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Najacht, seconded by Meachum, to approve the fifth grade field trip to Chicago on May 28, 2015.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Banic, to approve the payment of \$348,687.50 to Huntington Bank for a principal and interest payment on the 2014 Refunding Bond Issue.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Banic, seconded by Najacht, to adopt the resolution of approval of the 2015-2016 VBISD General Fund Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Banic, Chambers, Johnson, Kuehnle, Meachum, Najacht, Summerhill

Motion by Meachum, seconded by Najacht, to go into closed session by parent request to conduct a student expulsion hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

Banic, Chambers, Johnson, Kuehnle, Meachum, Najacht, Summerhill

The board entered executive session at 7:45pm.

President Chambers called the meeting to order in open session at 8:07pm.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Geesaman reported that Woodside has been finishing up Accelerated Reader programs with students taking over 5,000 AR test this school year.

The next AR reward will be at the Kalamazoo Growlers baseball game.

Woodside students will begin taking the MSTEP test.

April 25th is the Detroit Tigers baseball game; the PTO donated 300 free tickets for the 4th and 5th grade students and their parents.

Mr. Dickenson thanked Donna Johnson and wished her the best in her retirement.

The following activities will be taking place at Red Arrow; March is Reading Month, Sarrett's Nature Center presentation, RIF giveaways, Reading Awards.

Kindergarten roundup ended up the night with 71 registered kindergarteners.

Mr. Messenger reported that Middle School students have been taking the MSTEP test. He also thanked the retiring middle school teachers.

Mr. Janicki reported that the High School students were taking the MSTEP test.

The senior trip is August 24th.

May 5th will be a community service day to coincide with Mayfest activities.

Superintendent Hubbard made the Board aware that the Annual Leadership Conference was in Traverse City this year. The dates will be October 22-25, 2015.

Superintendent Hubbard thanked Dave Janicki for all of his hard work in helping to make Hartford a Heart Safe school.

Superintendent Hubbard thanked the administrators and their staff for all of their work with the MSTEP testing process.

Motion by Meachum, seconded by Najacht, to adjourn the regular board meeting.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Meachum

Secretary