

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 1, 2021 6:30 PM

Central Office Conference Room
225 Pleasant St
Saranac, Michigan 48881

Agenda

1. Call to Order _____
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Additions, Deletions & Modifications to the Agenda
5. Comments from Guests - Agenda Items
6. Student Expulsion Hearing
7. Review Confirmation Meeting - April
8. Action Items
 - a. Approve the Confirmation Meeting - April
 - b. ORS/IRS Closing Agreement
9. Reports/Presentations
 - a. Mascot Discussion
 - b. Superintendent's Evaluation Update
10. Comments from Guests - Non Agenda Items
11. Superintendent's Report
12. Board Requests/Reports
13. Communications
14. Closed Session for Negotiations
15. Other
16. Adjournment _____

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #10

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, February 15, 2021 in the Conference Room, Saranac Central Office, 225 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

President, Sarah Doll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Courtney, Doll, Elliott, Jackson, Price, & VanKuiken.
Mr. Price logged in late to the zoom meeting.
Absent: Hawkins

This meeting was held via zoom.

Jason Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from regular meeting dated January 18, 2021 and Finance Committee meeting minutes dated February 8, 2021 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS & MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Superintendent, Jason Smith would like to add Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation Hearing for March to the agenda, and approval of the Reconfirmation hearing to the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – AGENDA ITEMS: None

COVID-19 RECONFIRMATION MEETING - MARCH: Superintendent, Jason Smith reported that every month we are required to hold a reconfirmation meeting on the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. We have to show how we are delivering instruction and if anything has changed. This is the reconfirmation meeting for March 2021.

ACCEPT GIFTS: Motion by Elliott, supported by Courtney that the Saranac Board of Education accept the gifts listed below totaling \$1,750.00 for the month of February as presented. Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Courtney, Doll, Elliott, Jackson, & VanKuiken. Motion Carried.

To:	Donation for:	Amount
FFA Program	Donation	\$ 250.00
FFA Program	Donation	\$ 500.00
Athletic Department	Donation	\$ 600.00
McGee Scholarship Memorial	Donation	\$ 100.00
Saranac Promise	Donation	\$ 200.00
Saranac Elementary	Donation	\$ 100.00
Total This Month		\$ 1,750.00
Total Gifts for 2020-2021 Including This Month		\$ 121,120.39

PAY BILLS: Motion by VanKuiken, supported by Jackson that the Saranac Board of Education approve the bills paid from General Fund for January & February in the amount of \$659,928.49 and from the Building & Site fund for \$1,037.57 as presented. Yes Votes: Courtney, Doll, Elliott, Jackson, & VanKuiken. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOLS OF CHOICE: Motion by Elliott, supported by Courtney that the Saranac Board of Education approve the below School of Choice Resolutions for school year 2021-2022 as presented. Yes Votes: Courtney, Doll, Elliott, Jackson, & VanKuiken. Motion Carried.

Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105 – The Saranac Community Schools Board of Education exercising the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will not accept *Section 105* applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with *Section 105* for the 2021-2022 school year.

Resolution to participate in the Ionia County ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan - The Saranac Community Schools Board of Education will participate in the Ionia County Intermediate School District's Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Resolution to Opt in to Section 105c – The Saranac Community Schools Board of Education exercising the option permitted by *Section 105c* of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, will accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2021-2022 school year.

EXTENDED LEARNING PLAN-RECONFIRMATION FOR MARCH 2021: Motion by Doll, supported by VanKuiken that the Saranac Board of Education approve the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation meeting for March 2021 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Courtney, Doll, Elliott, Jackson, & VanKuiken. Motion Carried.

MASCOT DISCUSSION: Superintendent, Jason Smith reported he spoke with Myriah Williams from the Gun Lake Pokagon's Indian Tribe regarding mascot name change. Mr. Smith has also been in contact with four other school districts who have changed or in the process of changing their mascot name. It was strongly encouraged to take our time when we start this process. A committee of Mr. Smith, Mrs. Doll, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Price will start the process and discussions regarding the mascot name. This will be brought back to the next meeting for more discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION UPDATE: Mr. Smith's evaluation is scheduled for the March 15, 2021 board meeting. A blank form of the evaluation tool has been sent to board members. We will put together a brief survey for staff with a deadline date of March 1. Sarah Doll, Board President will gather the information for his evaluation.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Jason Smith reported winter athletics are up and going. The State budget has been released. The CARES money is sitting at the State level, which we should be getting around \$350,000. We have started working on the budget for next year. Mr. Courtney has been attending the S.E.A. Communications meetings representing the board. We will be looking at "work from home Wednesdays" after spring break. We have four different

entities helping with social work services with our students and staff. June 7th we will need a representative from the board to cast a vote for the ISD school board elections.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: A board member reported his son is excited to be taking the Sign Language class that has been offered 2nd semester.

A board member reported that the football banquet was held last week.

COMMUNICATIONS: Superintendent Smith received a letter from State Representative, Julie Calley regarding January as School Board Appreciation month.

A card was sent to the family of Jim McCarty who passed away in January.

OTHER: None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted VanKuiken
Secretary

Saranac Community Schools
Mascot Committee Meeting
February 24, 2021

The meeting began at 4:30 p.m. at Central Office, 225 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.
Present: Sarah Doll, David Price, Jason Smith & Chad Elliott

- Budget items and cost – Reviewed/showed budget examples from other districts
- Timelines – Reviewed a timeline example from Paw Paw School District
- Board Resolution – Will discuss with full board
- Community Input – Considering a survey in April. Will discuss with full board on March 1 – Type, Questions and how to distribute

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Doll
President

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jason Smith, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Student Expulsion Hearing

The Board will conduct a student expulsion hearing.

Suggested Resolution

I move that the Saranac Board of Education

Motion by _____ Supported by _____

Discussion: Yes _____ No _____

Approved/Denied: Yes _____ No _____

Ayes:

Nayes:

Motion Carried

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jason Smith, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Extended Learning Plan-Reconfirmation for April, 2021

Every month we need to conduct a reconfirmation meeting for the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan which is required every 30 days after initial plan approval.

Suggested Resolution

I move that the Saranac Board of Education approve the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation meeting for April, 2021 as presented.

Motion by _____ Supported by _____

Discussion: Yes _____ No _____

Approved/Denied: Yes _____ No _____

Ayes:

Nayes:

Motion Carried

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jason Smith, Superintendent

SUBJECT: ORS/IRS Closing Agreement

Attached is a Board Resolution regarding the proposed IRS Closing Agreement to guide Boards in considering whether to approve execution of IRS Form 2848, authorizing W. Alan Wilk of Dykema Gossett, PLLC, to execute a not-yet-finalized Closing Agreement with the Internal Revenue Service on our school's behalf. This is related to the 3% contributions to the MPSERS Health Care Trust.

I will explain the resolution at the board meeting.

Suggested Resolution

I move that the Saranac Board of Education approve the Board Resolution on the proposed IRS Closing Agreement related to the 3% contributions to the MPSERS Health Care Trust.

Motion by _____ Supported by _____

Discussion: Yes _____ No _____

Approved/Denied: Yes _____ No _____

Ayes:

Nays:

Motion Carried

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jason Smith, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Mascot Discussion

The Mascot Committee of Jason Smith, Sarah Doll, Chad Elliott and David Price have met to begin addressing the Mascot name change and will discuss this with the board at their meeting on March 1st.

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jason Smith, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Superintendent Evaluation – Staff Feedback

We will provide the staff feedback at this meeting with the board to help them prepare for the formal evaluation scheduled for the March 15 board meeting.