

The Huron Valley Schools Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Ms. Cotter at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 7, 2015, at Lakeland High School, 1630 Bogie Lake Rd, White Lake, MI 48383.

Members Present: Ms. Cotter, Mr. Long, Ms. Brown, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Carlson

Members Absent: None

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

**Information from the Board President**

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Ms. Brown that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

AYES: Mr. Carlson, Ms. Brown, Mr. Long, Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Cotter

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

**Recognitions**

The Board recognized Jonathan Sever of Wheels & Blades, Inc. for his donation of two Dolmar String Trimmers to the Maintenance and Operations Department.

David Ehrlich, Marketing Teacher at Milford High School, was recognized for receiving the Dr. Louis R. Graziano Michigan Marketing Educator of the Year award.

Representative Runestad presented Mary Chynoweth with a Special Proclamation for her commitment to the School District and her community. Lindsay Cotter then presented Mary with the Honor Roll Award.

**Items from Board**

**Board Secretary**

No items at this time.

**Board Treasurer**

No items at this time.

**Board Members**

No items at this time.

**Superintendent Items**

Superintendent Baker commented that the professional groups, who back in 2010 had agreed to concessionary collective bargaining agreements, were slated to return to the 2010 salary levels in July, 2016. However, due to our overall financial management, these groups are receiving this return, earlier than expected, starting with the December 23rd pay with the return being retroactive to the start of the school year. It is important to remember that while this is not a raise, it is a wonderful proactive model of what can be done through collaboration and strong relationships while we remain realistic about our need to remain a district in sound financial standing.

**Association Comment**

Denise Forrest, HVEA President, thanked the Board and COAT for returning HVEA to their 2010/11 salary. She said that collaboration has been the key success.

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**Public Comment**

None at this time.

**Reports from Board Committees**

**Academics, Athletics & Arts**

- Discussed Core Curriculum Development Plan and Elective, Fine Arts, Health, Physical Education, World Language, Technology Curriculum Development Plan.
- DLS provided an overview of 5D observation/evaluation system and professional learning for principals and teachers.
- HVS is receiving six days of professional development from job embedded learning. First kindergarten job embedded learning activity.
- The science discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

**Finance & Auxiliary**

The Finance/Auxiliary Committee will meet on January 21, 2016 at the Administration Building

**Technology**

The Instructional Technology Advisory Committee met on December 7, 2015 at 8:30 AM at the Administration Building

**Executive**

- Committee of the Whole Agenda items - as shared in an earlier email, the January 25, 2016 Board of Education meeting will be a Committee of the Whole meeting. At this time, there are two agenda items - Board Organization and Board Goals/Ethics
- Strategic Plan - a brief conversation was had about past strategic plans, methods, etc. The Executive Committee also agreed that it was the Superintendent's responsibility to come forward with the best process for our school district.
- KLAA Athletic Alignment - an update was provided on the multiple conversations that are taking place amongst the current teams, and school districts, within the KLAA.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday, January 4th at 5:00pm at Central Office

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of the November 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-1"

Approval of Summary of Bills Paid (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-2"

Approval of Personnel Report (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-3"

Approval of the Math Expressions Purchase (Brd Com 11/20/15) Exhibit "A-4"

Approval of Kids In Motion Increase (Brd Com 11/20/15) Exhibit "A-5"

Acceptance of Donation for Classroom Supplies (Brd Com 12/04/15) "A-6"

Acceptance of Donation for Technology at Kurtz (Brd Com 12/04/15) "A-7"

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Ms. Lewis that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES: Ms. Brown, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Long, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Cotter

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

**New Business**

**Technology**

**Proposal to Construct Communication Towers**

Mr. Tavernier, Executive Director of Technology, reported on a proposal to construct two cell towers on district property. This past summer, the district was approached by Parallel Infrastructure/Verizon Wireless to construct cell phone communication towers at the Bogie Lake and Country Oaks/Oak Valley sites. Contract negotiations are ongoing as the approval process and plans are developed.

**Closed Session – Negotiations**

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Ms. Lewis that the Board of Education meeting go to closed session for negotiations.

AYES: Ms. Lewis, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Brown, Mr. Long, Ms. Cotter

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

The meeting went to Closed Session at 8:19 PM

**Open Session**

It was moved by Ms. Walsh and supported by Ms. Lewis that the Board of Education meeting go to open session for negotiations.

The meeting returned to open session at 9:38 PM.

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Mr. Long to reschedule the Superintendent Evaluation to the January 11, 2016 Board Meeting.

AYES: Ms. Walsh, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Long, Ms. Brown, Ms. Cotter

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Ms. Walsh and supported by Ms. Brown to pay all employee support groups (who are not part of the 3% giveback) \$250.00 off schedule in the next available paycheck.

Friendly amendment by Ms. Brown and accepted by Ms. Walsh to change amount to \$150.00 per employee.

AYES: Ms. Walsh, Ms. Brown, Ms. Lewis

NAYS: Mr. Long, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Cotter

Motion Failed

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Ms. Blackwell that the Board direct administration to review the agreement with each support group and seek legal counsel if allowable to engage in dialog to re-open current contracts to discuss economic factors/parameters.

AYES: Mr. Carlson, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Long, Ms. Cotter

NAYS: Ms. Lewis, Ms. Brown, Ms. Walsh

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lewis  
Secretary  
HVS Board of Education