

The Huron Valley Schools Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Ms. Cotter at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 16, 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 Ms. Brown and supported by Mr. Carlson that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

### **Items from Board**

#### **Board Secretary**

No items at this time.

#### **Board Treasurer**

Mr. Long reported that the Michigan Legislature approved a plan to increase road funding, and Gov. Rick Snyder signed the bill on November 10th. It is anticipated that the new funding will generate \$600 million a year for deteriorating roads and bridges in 2017 and could generate as much as \$1.2 billion in 2021 and beyond. The main components are:

- a 7.3-cent increase in the 19-cents-a-gallon tax and an 11.3-cent hike in the 15-cent diesel tax in 2017 – raising \$400 million
- a 20 percent rise in license plate fees in 2017 – bringing in \$200 million – averaging \$20 more per passenger vehicle, along with special additional fees for hybrid and electric vehicles

The bills would generate at least \$50 million a year annually for public transit and let Detroit use up to 20 percent of its transportation funding for transit.

Early Warning Legislation This past year, the legislature passed a bill which requires Districts to perform additional financial reporting and work if their fund balance is below 5%. Oakland County ISD provided information to County School Districts last week that the Michigan Department of Treasury may request additional financial reporting if fund balances are projected to decrease, even if their fund balance is over 5%. 5% has been a minimum fund balance requirement set by the State of Michigan to avoid emergency financial manager and heavy state oversight.

#### **Board Members**

Mr. Long reported that a group entitled “Troops Need Love Too” has volunteered to pay for the postage to send “Cookies from the Valley” to the troops

#### **Superintendent Items**

Mr. Baker reported that starting with the December Board meeting, Points of Pride, which are currently in Board Notes, will now be presented at each Board meeting; also the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent will take place at the December meeting.

**Association Comment**

Denise Forrest, HVEA President, commented on Points of Pride and American Education Week and thanked the HVS staff for their commitment.

**Public Comment**

None at this time.

**Reports from Board Committees****Finance & Auxiliary Committee**

Mr. Long reported that the Finance and Auxiliary Committee met on November 10<sup>th</sup>. They discussed:

- Contracted Transportation Services
- Financial Projections

**Executive Committee**

Ms. Cotter reported that the Executive Committee met on November 9<sup>th</sup>. They discussed:

- 11/16/15 BOE Meeting there will be a Closed Session for discussion on Negotiations
- Board Retreat Overview
- Committee Of The Whole Format
- Board of Education Meeting Topics
- Board of Education Organization & Time Lines
- Points of Pride at each Board Meeting

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the November 1, 2015 Board Retreat and November 2, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-1"
- B. Approval of Personnel Report (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-2"
- C. Acceptance of a Donation (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-3"
- D. Approval of Contracted Special Education Transportation (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-4"

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Ms. Blackwell that the Board of Education approve Exhibits "A-1" through "A-4" as shown in the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Ms. Walsh arrived at 7:23 PM

**New Business****Technology****Student Enrollment Update**

Mr. Tavernier, Executive Director of Technology, reported that pupil count data is submitted to the Department of Education in the fall and spring each year. Fall pupil count data is used to calculate 90% of the blended count with the spring data accounting for the remaining 10%. The fall count for the 2015-16 school year was on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

As a result of the fall count, 9,448 students were enrolled in Huron Valley Schools, with a total of 9,373.03 FTE. This represents a decline of 254 students, or 264.56 FTE from the fall 2014 count. Incoming kindergarten classes continue to be smaller than outgoing senior classes; however the district continues to attract students through the Schools of Choice program. A total of 935.37 FTE schools of choice students are enrolled in Huron Valley Schools for the 2015-16 school year compared to 909.32 FTE in 2014-15.

The spring count for 2015-16 school year will be Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

**Board of Education- Organization**

The Board discussed the pros and cons of holding the Annual Organization Meeting and election of officers at the January or June Board Meeting. The consensus was to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

**Closed Session – Negotiations**

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

The meeting went to Closed Session at 7:36

**Open Session**

The meeting returned to open session at 9:22 PM

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lewis  
Secretary  
HVS Board of Education