

The Huron Valley Schools Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Ms. Cotter at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 2, 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**

In recognition of Veterans Day members of the Highland and Milford AmVets Post 2006 presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Information from the Board President**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Mr. Long that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended. (Audit report moved to the beginning of meeting.)

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

### **Recognitions**

- Board members recognized Huron Valley staff family members currently serving in the armed forces and veterans.
- Fred Gorczyk, Gerry Perrett, Kim Root and Chellie Francis were recognized for the “I am Huron Valley” videos which were awarded a State of Michigan award.
- Beth Dunn of Heritage was recognized for receiving the Teacher of the Year Award from the Society of Health and Physical Education – Michigan (SHAPE Michigan).

### **Items from the Board**

#### **Board Treasurer**

Mr. Long reported that the House School Aid Committee heard testimony from the Detroit Public Schools Emergency Manager and the State Treasurer that DPS may not be able to (financially) operate through the remainder of the school year. If DPS is not bailed out by the state, the taxpayers could be on the hook for \$1.5 billion in DPS debt. While nothing has been introduced, the two testified in support of Governor Snyder’s plan to divide DPS into an old and a new unit. The old unit would consist of only the Debt burden the District still faces while the new unit would have no debt but retain the assets and operations of DPS. Monies from the School Aid Fund would be utilized on an annual basis if Governor Snyder’s plan is approved. Questions remain as to whether the new DPS would be able to avoid future deficits, costs to the MPERS system under the proposed plan, and the role of charter schools in creating DPS’s instability. Although not certain, the cost to the other public school districts could be \$50/pupil.

The audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2015 has been completed. Huron Valley Schools received an Unmodified Opinion. This is the highest option and level of assurance that can be received in an audit. Plante Moran will present the results of the audit this evening.

### **Items from the Superintendent**

Mr. Baker thanked the Board for attending the Board Retreat on Sunday. He also reminded the Board of their obligation to evaluate the Superintendent in December.

### **Association Comment**

Ms. Denise Forrest, HVEA President, thanked the Board for their hard work and for their support and commented on teacher salaries.

**Public Comment:** No comment at this time.

### **Reports from Board Committees**

#### **Academics, Athletics & Arts Committee**

Ms. Walsh reported that the Academics, Athletics & Arts Committee met on October 19<sup>th</sup>. They discussed:

- E2020 online learning system
- Blended Learning
- Goals Update

#### **Finance/Auxiliary Committee**

Mr. Long reported that the Finance/Auxiliary Committee met on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. They discussed:

- Consent Agenda Items
- Financial Audit Review (which will be presented tonight)

### **Consent Agenda**

Approval of the October 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and October 21, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-1"

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

Approval of Extension of Copier (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-3"

Approval of Highland Elementary Donation (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-4"

Approval of One Network Fees (Mgt Issue) Exhibit "A-5"

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

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

AYES: None

Motion Carried

### **New Business**

#### **Administrative Services**

##### **2014/15 Financial Audit Report**

Each year, the State of Michigan requires the District to be audited by an independent public accounting firm. The District's auditors, Plante Moran, PLLC, completed their audit of the District's financial records in October. Plante Moran reviewed the results of its audit with the Board's Finance & Auxiliary Committee on October 22, 2015.

Plante Moran's auditors presented a short presentation summarizing the District's audit results and highlighted key financial information. The audit reports will be distributed to State and Federal agencies and other interested parties. The Financial Report and the Federal Awards are posted on the District's website under the Transparency Reporting icon.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **2015-16 District Goals**

Superintendent Focus Goals

- Implement the district wide Athletic Alignment plan which includes goals, outcomes and time lines.
- Complete, with the Department of Learning Services, the K-12 Instructional Alignment process and identify necessary components and time lines. This will include all Core Curriculums, Electives, Specials and Arts.
- Identify the next Strategic Plan process for the Huron Valley School District. The plan is to include time lines, components, facilitator(s) and processes.
- Research and identify, if appropriate/applicable, a 360 peer evaluation process which could be implemented (starting with the Superintendent of Schools).

**Learning Services Goals**

- Students will increase proficiency in reading state standards as measured by multiple metrics.
- Students will increase proficiency in writing state standards as measured by multiple metrics.
- Students will increase proficiency in math state standards as measured by multiple metrics.
- Systems and programming will be enhanced to improve student achievement.

**Business/Financial Goal Summary**

- Develop strategies to maximize and/or actively pursue revenue based on State funding/legislative initiatives and/or available grant opportunities and continue to seek partnerships and/or collaboration with various organizations.
- Identify General Fund budget strategies to reduce costs, maximize purchases, and/or maximize revenue, which also may include best practices related to energy management, procurement, etc.
- Identify Special Revenue (which includes capital projects, community services, debt service and food service) budget strategies to reduce costs, maximize purchases, and/or maximize revenue.

**Technology Goals**

- Integrate technology to enhance curriculum and transform instruction, empowering all students to have ownership of their learning and achieve their personal best.
- Maintain a quality professional learning environment that supports best practices, is relevant, evolving, timely and personalized that will assist the integration of technology to enrich learning.
- Support the use and integration of technology throughout the district through timely technical support and community engagement.

It was moved by Mr. Long and supported by Ms. Brown that the Board of Education approve the 2015-16 District Goals and metrics as presented.

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

NAYS: Ms. Walsh

Motion Carried

**MASB Fall Conference**

It was moved by Ms. Brown and supported by Ms. Blackwell that the Board of Education reimburse Board member Mr. Carlson for expenses occurred while presenting at the fall MASB Conference. Reimbursable expenses include lodging, mileage and allowable meals.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Carlson

Motion Carried

**NSBA Annual Conference**

It was moved by Mr. Long and supported by Ms. Blackwell that the Board of Education approve three Board members to attend the NSBA Conference. If additional Board members are interested in attending, the costs will be divided by all members attending.

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

NAYS: Ms. Walsh, Ms. Lewis

Motion Carried

**Board Compensation**

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Ms. Brown to approve the revised Board Policy 8105 – D. Compensation of Board Members.

Board members who receive Level I Board Member Certification from MASB shall be paid at the rate of \$30.00 per Regular, Special and Board Committee meetings as defined by Board Policy 8350 and 9110, and in accordance with state law. Board members who take office after January 1, 2013 will be paid at a rate of \$20.00 per Regular, Special and Board Committee meetings until receiving Level I Board Member Certification from MASB.

The Board compensation shall be reduced by 8% as of January 1, 2013 and 7% January 1, 2014 in conformance with the concession taken by the rest of the District and amended to the largest percentage of concession.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

**Good and Welfare**

Ms. Cotter reported that she and Ms. Brown were delegates at the Fall MASB Conference and that she and Ms. Brown would include a summary of the conference in the November 6<sup>th</sup> Board Notes.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Beth Lewis  
Secretary  
HVS Board of Education