

The Huron Valley Schools Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Mr. Long at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2016, at Milford High School 2380 S Milford Rd, Highland, MI 48357.

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

Members Absent:

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

The AmVets presented the color for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Information from the Board President**

Nothing at this time.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Ms. Brown that the agenda be approved as written.

Mr. Long asked to add NSBA Advocacy Institute, Superintendent Search and Board meeting date change and Lisa Blackwell would like to add the Highland Middle School property Resolution to Old Business.

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

**Recognitions**

- The District recognized Active Duty and Veteran family members of HVS employees
- Kurtz Elementary School students and staff presented on Project Based Learning
- Jenna Stevens, along with students and staff from Huron Valley State Bank, presented the Bank At School Program

**Items from Board**

Board members congratulated the new Board members and thanked all of the Board members that ran for the election. Ms. Blackwell urged them to not give up and to run again.

**Board Treasurer**

**1) House Fiscal Agency notes School Aid Fund Down from Projections**

For the State's fiscal year 2015-16 ended September 30, 2016, the Year to Date School Aid Fund Revenue was \$2.2 million down from May Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference Estimates from the House Fiscal Agency.

For October 2016 (the beginning of the 2016-17 fiscal year) the School Aid Fund Revenue was \$10.9 million down from similar estimates made at May 2016 conference.

These decreases impact the monies the State has to provide Huron Valley Schools through the Foundation Allowance and will be monitored closely throughout the year. For reference, HVS received an increase in the Foundation Allowance of \$140/pupil for FY 15-16 and \$120/pupil for FY 16-17.

**2) Passage of House Bill 4388 includes additional language for BSSF Fund Usage**

The State Legislature passed House Bill 4388 to expand the allowable use of sinking funds.

The bill expands a school district's permissible use of sinking funds to include school security improvements and technology. It was signed into law by the Governor on November 10, 2016. Under the bill, new sinking funds could be authorized up to a maximum of 3 mills for a period not to exceed 10 years.

This House Bill does not affect current sinking fund millages. Huron Valley Schools has a sinking fund millage which expires December 2019. The levy rate for the 2016-17 school year was .9397 mills.

### **3) Financial Statement Audit Completion**

The audit of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016 has been completed. Huron Valley Schools received an Unmodified Opinion. This is the highest level of assurance that can be received in an audit. Later this evening, the auditors will provide a brief summary of their audit results for the year ended June 30, 2016. In summary the report will highlight the results of our Federal Awards audit, our Financial Statement audit, and the auditor's communication to the Board.

### **President**

Mr. Long congratulated the MHS Girls Cross Country Team and the LHS Boys Cross Country Team for winning State Championships this year.

### **Vice President**

Ms. Walsh pointed out to the new Board members that in four years six of the Bonds will be paid off.

### **Secretary**

Ms. Cotter talked about the HVEF and announced that they have awarded 20 new grants totaling \$20,000.

### **Items from the Superintendent**

#### **Audit**

Donna Welch thanked Plante Moran and the Business Office for their hard work on the 2015/16 Audit.

Eric Formberg and Jenny Kolbow, Auditors from Plante Moran, presented the audit and stated that the district received the equivalent of an A+. They were very complimentary of our districts business practice.

#### **Association Comment**

Denise Forrest, President of the HVEA, thanked the outgoing Board members and welcomed the new members. She said that she was able to attend the Veterans Day festivities at Kurtz Elementary and that it was a very nice event.

Denise shared some of the possible items that will come up and be voted on in Lamé Duck related to Teachers pensions. She said that students are not going in to the field of education and we have shortages. She also stated that Michigan is one of seven states that spend more on education than on prisons.

#### **Public Comment**

None at this time.

#### **Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Blackwell and supported by Ms. Brown that Exhibits A-1 to A-6 be approved and A-7 be accepted as written.

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### **National School Board Association (NSBA)**

It was moved by Ms. Walsh and supported by Ms. Blackwell that three Board members attend the NSBA Annual Conference in Colorado in March 2017.

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Ayes: Ms. Walsh, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Brown, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Long

Nays: Ms. Cotter

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution for Highland Middle School Property**

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Ms. Brown that the revised Resolution for HMS property be approved as written.

**HURON VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION  
Highland Middle School Property  
June 27, 2016**

WHEREAS, The Huron Valley School District is an incredible district in west Oakland County that comprises of residents that live in White Lake Township, Milford Township, Village of Milford, portions of Commerce Township and Highland Township. This school district covers over 108 square miles. The school district is the largest employer in the district and employs over 1200 employees.

WHEREAS, The Huron Valley School District prior to 2008 operated eleven elementary buildings, four middle schools, two highs schools and one alternative high school. However, a national economic downturn and significant revenue shortages caused the Huron Valley School Board to make some difficult financial decisions in 2008, 2010, and 2011. In total two elementary buildings and one middle school were operationally closed in an effort to fulfill the Board of Education’s fiduciary responsibilities to balance the school budget.

WHEREAS, The Huron Valley School Board believes that despite these decisions being aligned with our strategic objective to “proactively pursue a financially secure district”, these decisions nonetheless have created tension and friction in the Highland Township community as it relates to the property of the former Highland Middle School.

WHEREAS, The Huron Valley School Board believes that in order for this district to be successful in achieving our mission of “Inspiring and building futures one student at a time” it is important for the Huron Valley School Board and District to acknowledge this fracture in the relationship and make attempts to repair this important relationship with Highland community and families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education is requesting that the Superintendent, or designee, take steps to exclusively engage Highland Township governmental unit to determine the best use of the Highland Middle School property.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Ms. Walsh

**Motion Carried**

**NSBA Advocacy Conference**

It was moved by Mr. Long and supported by Ms. Blackwell that one Board member and one COAT member attend the 2017 NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C., January 29 through January 31, 2017.

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

**New Business**

**Superintendent Search**

Several ideas were discussed including a recommendation to have MASB lead the process. Mr. Lindberg was asked to prepare the cost of the previous Superintendent search and he said he would prepare and give that information to the Board.

Mr. Carlson proposed the new Board be a part of the process.

**Additional Public Comment**

None.

**Good and Welfare**

The December 19 meeting has been changed to December 12, 2016.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Cotter  
Secretary  
HVS Board of Education