

The Huron Valley Schools Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Mr. Long at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 26, 2016, at Milford High School 2380 S Milford Rd, Highland, MI 48357.

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

Members Absent: Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Lewis

### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Due to some conflicts Jeff Long, President has rescheduled the Committee of the Whole meeting to Friday, October 7, 2016, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Due to the vacancies in the Department of Learning Services, Mr. Okuniewski has asked for the AAA Measures to be pulled from the Agenda for additional time to substantiate the data. There were no objections from the Board.

### **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Cotter and supported by Ms. Brown that the Agenda be approved as presented. Ms. Walsh asked to have Strategic Plan moved to Unfinished Business since the full Board was not there to vote and asked to have Finance/Business and Technology Goals moved to Unfinished Business so they could be voted on separately. Mr. Carlson asked to have "Exhibit A-8" removed for more discussion.

Ayes: Ms. Cotter, Ms. Brown, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Walsh and Mr. Long

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### **Recognitions**

- Thad Szott, from Szott Auto Group received the first Huron Valley Hero Award for his generous donation through the ACE Program.
- The American Heart Association recognized the Huron Valley Elementary Physical Education teachers for 10 years of participation in Jump Rope for Heart.

Dr. Coratti asked for a moment of silence to honor three staff members and their families that had either passed away or lost loved ones recently.

- **Huron Valley Highlights**

Lakewood Teachers, Brittany Roesler, Lyndsay Kiebel and Rachel Thornton along with Principal Brower and two students, highlighted Lakewood Elementary. The teachers presented the alternative seating they are using in their classrooms and the research behind using the alternative seating.

### **Items from Board**

#### **Board Treasurer**

#### **Electric Choice Update**

SB 437, which would eliminate electric choice for schools, has stalled as DTE works to get enough votes in the House to move the bill. The bill does not, technically, eliminate electric choice, however, it drives alternate electric suppliers from the market through new requirements that will result in higher costs and eliminate any savings that customers like Huron Valley Schools, currently receive. As of last week, this bill was still sitting on the House floor.

**Senate Moves Sinking Funds to Floor**

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed Oakland Representative Mike McCready’s 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 passed the House in June. Under the bill, all sinking funds could be authorized up to a maximum of 3 mills for a period not to exceed 10 years. As of last week, this bill was still sitting on the Senate floor.

**Student Count Day**

Our official fall count day will take place October 5, 2016. We have budgeted for a blended student count of 9,176 students for the current fiscal year ending 06.30.17.

**Financial Statement Audit**

Last week, the external auditors, Plante & Moran, concluded the fieldwork portion of the district’s financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Fieldwork includes examining records, on a test basis, in order to form an opinion about the district’s financial statements. The auditors will continue to compile information necessary for the completion of the audit over the next several weeks and will present their findings to the district in November.

**Vice President**

Ms. Walsh is the representative for the west side of the International Academy.

**Secretary**

Ms. Cotter is a trustee of the Huron Valley Education Foundation Board. She talked about the fundraising they will be doing and the timeline for grant applications. In the last several years over \$300,000 has been given to teachers and support staff in grants.

**Items from the Superintendent**

Dr. Coratti did a presentation on Long Range Planning. The Plan includes not only cost containment but also includes the following:

- Comprehensive Cost Containment Plan
- District Goals
- District Improvement Plan
- Strategic Plan

**Association Comment**

None this evening.

**Public Comment**

None at this time.

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Walsh and supported by Ms. Brown to approve A-1 through A-7 and A-9 through A-11 as shown in the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Ms. Walsh, Ms. Brown, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Cotter and Mr. Long

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

It was moved by Ms. Walsh that Exhibit A-8 be approved as a one year contract with a clause to terminate at our choosing and go out for competitive bid.

Ayes: Ms. Walsh, Ms. Cotter, Ms. Brown, Mr. Long

Nays: Mr. Carlson

**Motion Carried**

**Unfinished Business**

It was moved by Ms. Walsh and supported by Ms. Brown to approve the Technology Goals and Measures of Success as presented.

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carried**

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and supported by Ms. Brown to approve the Finance/Auxiliary Goals and Measures of Success as presented.

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

Nays: Ms. Walsh

**Motion Carried**

**Strategic Plan**

The Strategic Plan was moved to unfinished business since the full Board was not present.

**Budget Items**

**New Business**

Mr. Okuniewski presented on the M-Step test results

**Additional Public Comment**

**Good and Welfare**

Katheryn Krupa – surveying staff

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Cotter  
Secretary  
HVS Board of Education