

The Huron Valley Schools Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Ms. Cotter at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 16, 2016, at Lakeland High School, 1630 Bogie Lake Rd, White Lake, MI 48383.

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

Members Absent: Ms. Blackwell

The Pledge of Allegiance

Information from the Board President

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Long and supported by Mr. Carlson that the Board of Education approve the agenda with a change to the Consent Agenda as follows:

“Remove Exhibit A-3 through A-9 and A-12 with a friendly amendment made by Ms. Walsh to remove A-13 from the Consent Agenda.”

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Recognitions

- The Board recognized the Coaches and Student Athletes from our Special Olympic teams. First the Hawkes Coaches and then the Hawkes Team were recognized for being Bronze Medal winners. Jeff Long presented them all with a certificate and a hand shake on behalf of the Board of Education.

Then the Board recognized the Coaches and Student Athletes from the Mavericks who brought home gold medals. Sean Carlson presented them all with a certificate and a handshake on behalf of the Board of Education.

- Mrs. Bjorkman, Principal of Brooks Elementary School Pam Barkholtz and Julie Haas of the Huron Valley Optimist Club. Julie and Pam helped organized the Blessings in a Backpack program with Brooks Elementary being the pilot school. Ms. Haas explained that they provide a little extra support with food for families on the weekends and school breaks. Ms. Cotter presented them with a certificate on behalf of the Board.

Items from Board

Board Secretary

No items at this time.

Board Treasurer

As mentioned in previous Treasurer reports, the Governor’s proposed State-wide school budget calls for an increase in the foundation allowance for Huron Valley Schools of 1.6%. The House and Senate have slightly different budget proposals. The House version calls for a \$230,000 decrease in revenue when compared to the Governor’s proposal. The Senate version calls for a \$365,000 increase in revenue when compared to the Governor’s proposal. The differences are primarily due to varying pupil weighted count dates by the Governor and legislative bodies. In each budget proposal, the foundation revenues that HVS will receive will be offset by rising expenditures and the lower number of pupils anticipated within the district next year. A combined committee of both the House and the Senate will most likely determine the final amounts within the next thirty days.

The next steps in the budget process will be to:

- 1) obtain the results of the May 2016 Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference taking place tomorrow, May 17, 2016 and

- 2) determine local budget impact, such as class offerings, health care changes, etc.

Administration will make a presentation on some budget highlights for the 2016/2017 fiscal year this evening and a final Board approval will likely take place at the June 13th meeting. The Board is required to approve a balanced budget by June 30th. Similar to the current school year, it is anticipated that budgeted expenditures will be larger than actual revenue. As a result, the District will use the money in the bank (or Fund Balance) to cover the budgeted shortfall for this school year and next (FY 16-17), unless additional general fund budget reductions are identified and implemented. The Board will discuss the proposed budget later this evening.

On a final note, the school district is required by law to annually support or disapproved the intermediate school district's proposed budget. The budget was presented a few weeks ago to school district business officials and was discussed at the May 10th Finance / Auxiliary Committee Meeting. The approval of the Oakland Schools budget is included in tonight's Consent Agenda.

Items from the Superintendent

- Teresa Morelli-Sobczak was introduced as the new Assistant Director of Student Support Services. Ms. Morelli-Sobczak will take over her new position on July 1, 2016.
- Mr. Baker reminded the Board that they will need to evaluate him at the June 13, meeting and he is requesting a closed session meeting with a report to the public at the June 27, 2016 meeting.
- Mr. Baker spoke about the 360 Peer Evaluation Tool. He stated that the purpose of a 360 tool is the ability to request honest feedback from a peer group while those taking part in the process can remain confidential. The goal is to reflect on the feedback and use the information gathered to improve on those areas and processes that have been identified as target areas self-reflection and self-evaluation. Oakland ISD offers a free, confidential 360 evaluation tool that has been used by other Superintendents. This is a protected online survey tool where the results are only seen by the person receiving the feedback. It is my intent to first use this process with myself and see if this is an endeavor that other administrators could benefit from.
- The Superintendent presented the following resolution regarding the Athletic League Alignment:

WHEREAS, The Huron Valley Schools are proud of their heritage of being a AAA District and key component of this designation is the active participation within student leadership, activities and athletics.

WHEREAS, The Huron Valley Schools will continue to focus on competitive equity, enrollment and geography so that all our students, families and communities can expect a continued focus on a fair athletic and activity configuration when participating in school sponsored sports and activities.

WHEREAS, The Huron Valley Schools administrators dedicated time and focused on modifying the current configurations within KLAA that would support our student athletes, coaches and parents. Despite multiple options being proposed no new options were supported by the majority of the existing KLAA membership and it was determined that the current KLAA alignment does not work now and will not meet the future needs of the Huron Valley Schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNISED, that the Huron Valley Schools Board of Education, in a show of solidarity, unanimously support Huron Valley School Superintendent Baker's and District

Administration efforts to do the following: 1) Be active in the development of, and participation in, a new Athletic/Activities League for the 2017/18 school year. 2) Upon receiving the commitment of other school districts, at least nine (9) teams, administration will confirm communication to the KLAA that HVS will be leaving the KLAA effective the beginning of the 2017/18 school year and/or for the start of the 2017/18 athletic season (S).

A motion was made by Mr. Carlson and seconded by Mr. Long to accept the resolution as written.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Student Leadership

Four Students from Oak Valley Middle School Carter Gooch, Luke Aman, Brandon Werner and Liam White, presented their 8th Grade Service Learning Project on High School start times.

Association Comment

Ms. Forrest introduced Shannon Loso, Director of Recreation and Community Education. Shannon spoke about the Wellness Program that was developed and rolled out this school year. Ms. Loso said they asked for employee volunteers to form the committee and have 30 teachers and staff that are now known as Wellness Champions.

The committee along with help from MESSA has rolled out a walking challenge. She said that 25% of employees have participated and has three (3) schools running neck and neck for the win.

Public Comment

None at this time.

Reports from Board Committees

Finance & Auxiliary Committee – Mr. Long reported

The committee continued discussion on Bd. policies. The committee reviewed Policy 3510 Buildings & Grounds, along with the associated Administrative Procedures (AP). The committee reviewed Policy 3541 Transportation, along with the associated Administrative Procedures (AP). The committee proposed some changes. The committee discussed Bd. Policy 3150 Fund Balance and decided that this policy should be discussed with the Committee of the Whole.

2015-16 Board Consent Items

- Facility Updates – The committee discussed current and upcoming capital projects.
- Adair Litigation Case – The committee discussed the Adair case and administration's request for the Bd. to remove the district from participating in the future class action lawsuit.
- Oakland ISD Budget – The committee discussed the ISD budget. Administration recommends that the Bd. accept the ISD's proposed budget. (To accept or reject the ISD budget is required by law). See below.
- Budget Hearing – The committee discussed the requirement to post in a local newspaper that the budget will be discussed at the Hearing on June 13th at 6:45 pm. See below.

2015-16 Goals Update – The committee discussed the status of the three Fin-Aux goals. The goals are on track to be Effective or Highly Effective. The committee will finalize the evaluation of the goals at the next scheduled Fin-Aux committee mtg. to be held in June.

FY 2016-17 Budget Discussion – The committee discussed several aspects of the budget. Discussion centered on the instruction, and admin cost per elementary building, the proposed

budget adjustments for FY 16-17 and future budget items. The committee also wanted to see the cost per elementary building with the student utilization at each building the same.

Academics, Athletics & Arts Committee – Mr. Carlson reported

- Middle School TCI Subscription
The renewal of the TCI middle school social studies resource was discussed and will be on the May 16, 2016 Board Consent Agenda.
- Athletic Department Update
This item was removed from the agenda
- Discipline Process
This is the second conversation at AAA about the Board level discipline hearing process. Consideration was given to changing the Board level discipline hearing process.
- Other
 - Students from OVMS will be attending the May 16, 2016 Board meeting to discuss a later high school start time.
 - Secondary math textbook pilot was discussed.
 - Student parking at LHS.

High school students are being encouraged to take building specific specialty classes offered at the other high school.

Technology Committee – Ms. Brown reported

Nothing to report at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26.

Executive Committee – Ms. Cotter reported

- Property Deed Restriction - during the Cell Tower investigatory process, it was found that there was a deed restriction on a portion of one of the sites that were being proposed to build a cell tower. As a result of this finding, we will be discussing with our district attorney a process to identify if we have any other properties that are similarly under any type of restriction, covenant, etc.
- Maintenance & Operations Reorganization - the committee was provided an overview of the reorganization model that would be put into place based on key retirements within the department. The plan includes the identification of a Facilities Manager (already in place) and a Custodial Manager (to be determined). A contracted employee will be serving as the Facilities Director (less than full time) who will work directly with the two managers to better develop appropriate processes & procedures within the M&O Department.
- Graduation Ceremony Protocols - the committee is in agreement that our graduation ceremonies are for the students, their families and the staff that has supported them. The superintendent is working with each high school building principal to identify processes which will be much more efficient and ensure that the focus is on those graduating.
- Next Board Dialogue / Committee of the Whole - at the last board meeting, President Cotter suggested that a dialogue or COTW be scheduled to further the discussions around the Board Resolution 2016-1 which was introduced, and supported, at the April 18, 2016 BOE meeting. Some suggested possible dates are 7/11, 7/25, 8/8 or 8/22.
- Goal Setting Process - the committee has varying views on how this should be handled going forward.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Carlson and seconded by Ms. Brown to approve Exhibits A-1, A-2 and A-11 as written but reduce the contingencies on Exhibits A-3 through A-9 and Exhibit A-12 to 10% and approve Exhibit A-13.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Unfinished Business

Strategic Plan – There was continued discussion about developing a Strategic Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Carlson and seconded by Mr. Long to table Strategic Planning until the Board can have further discussion at a Board Dialogue meeting or a Committee of the Whole meeting with Mr. Baker bringing in a facilitator.

New Business

2016/17 Budget Work Session – Ms. Welch, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented the information that is used to create the 2016/17 Huron Valley Schools General Fund budget. She explained that the budget is still an estimate as the State has not determined the foundation allowance for schools for FY 17 and the pupil count used to determine the foundation allowance revenue will not be determined until the October 2016 and February 2017 pupil count. However, the Board is required to approve a balanced budget by June 30 and plans to approve the budget on June 13, 2016.

M-Step Data – Mr. Okuniewski, Deputy Superintendent, presented information on the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-Step). He stated that the District's goal is to use data and feedback to provide students with the best opportunities for success in test preparation and environment. We continue to align and modify curriculum, develop assessments with higher Depth of Knowledge (DOK) and constructed response, as well as familiarize students with the testing tools and the test taking skills necessary for an online format.

Huron Valley Schools Curriculum/Instruction Alignment – Elizabeth Mosher, Director of Secondary Education and Deirdre Brady, Director of Elementary Education, presented. The Department of Learning Services has developed a Curriculum Development Plan to provide HVS with a long-range strategy for the evaluation, development, implementation and monitoring of curriculum.

Good and Welfare

Mr. Long congratulated the MHS girls softball team for winning their game.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Long to move to closed session to discuss negotiations.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lewis
Secretary
HVS Board of Education