

The Huron Valley Schools Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Ms. Cotter at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 2, 2016, at Lakeland High School, 1630 Bogie Lake Rd, White Lake, MI 48383.

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

Members Absent: None

**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 presented.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

**Recognitions**

The District submitted three nominees for the Oakland County Teacher of the Year to Oakland Schools. Those nominees were Heidi Utterback, Oxbow Elementary School, Lauri Rowley, Oak Valley Middle School and Emily Blanchard, Harbor High School. Emily Blanchard was selected as the Oakland County Teacher of the Year for 2016.

Chris McAuliffe, Principal at Oxbow Elementary spoke on behalf of Ms. Utterback and Jeff Long presented Ms. Utterback with a certificate from the District. Michele Butler spoke on behalf of Ms. Rowley and Rebecca Walsh presented the certificate on behalf of the District. Susan Gallagher spoke on behalf of Emily Blanchard and Bonnie Brown presented Ms. Blanchard with a certificate.

**Items from Board**

The Board thanked teachers for all that they do in Huron Valley Schools.

**Board Secretary**

No items at this time.

**Board Treasurer**

As mentioned in previous Treasurer reports, the Governor presented his budget proposal on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The Governor's proposed budget calls for an increase in the foundation allowance for Huron Valley Schools of 1.6%. However, that increase will be offset by rising expenditures and the lower number of pupils anticipated within the district next year. The Governor's budget proposal is one step in the process of developing the Huron Valley Schools budget for next year. The House and Senate versions of the proposed budgets were issued the week of March 25, 2016. The impact to the Huron Valley Schools budget is decreased revenue of \$230,000 in the House budget when compared to the Governor's proposal, while the Senate version calls for a \$365,000 increase in revenue when compared to the Governor's proposal. This is primarily due to varying pupil blends proposed by the three bodies. The House passed their version of the budget last week, the Senate will produce its own version this week, which will vary from the House, and a committee will most likely determine the final amounts.

The next steps in the budget process will be to:

- 1) obtain the results of the May 2016 Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference on May 17, 2016

and

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

It is anticipated that the proposed budget for the 2016/2017 will be presented to the Board of Education on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and final approval to take place at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board is required to approve a balanced budget by June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

On a final note, the school district is required by law to annually support or disapprove the intermediate school district's proposed budget. The budget was presented a few weeks ago to school district business officials and will be discussed at an upcoming Finance / Auxiliary Committee Meeting. The approval of the Oakland Schools budget will be a part of May 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting's Consent Agenda.

Mr. Long also talked about Cookies from the Valley. He said the postage to ship cookies collected on behalf of Cookies from the Valley is being paid. However, the Girl Scouts have donated several thousand additional cases and need help paying for the postage to ship all of these cookies. These cookies will go to all troops and not just Huron Valley troops. To make a donation to help pay for this postage anyone can go to the website [www.troopsneedlovetoo.com](http://www.troopsneedlovetoo.com) and make a donation.

### **Superintendent Items**

Mr. Baker reported that one of his highlights of the year was to go to Ms. Utterback, Ms. Rowley and Ms. Blanchard's buildings to surprise and present flowers and awards to the nominees and winner of the Oakland County Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Baker commended all of the Huron Valley teaching staff on doing great work.

### **Association Comment**

Denise Forrest congratulated the teachers for their nominations and Ms. Blanchard for being named Oakland County Teacher of the Year. She stated that Huron Valley has hardworking, dedicated teachers. She stated that public schools work and encouraged everyone to contact their legislatures regarding the way public schools are funded.

### **Public Comment**

None at this time.

### **Reports from Board Committees**

#### **Finance & Auxiliary Committee – Mr. Long reported**

The committee will meet on May 10.

#### **Academics, Athletics & Arts Committee – Mr. Carlson reported**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4.

#### **Technology Committee – Ms. Brown reported**

The committee met on April 26 and discussed the following:

Goals - The committee reviewed the status of district technology goals for the 2015-16 school year. A final update is planned for the May committee meeting. To date, over 70 technology integrated lessons and resources have been identified and aligned to curriculum units. Over 400 teachers have completed individual technology action plans. Over 20 training sessions have been developed and facilitated by Technology Services for various audiences. In addition, Technology Integrators throughout the district have provided training to support the expanded use of Google Apps for Education. A Technology Planning Committee including teachers, administrators and community members developed result statements and action targets

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which will guide technology initiatives over the next 3 years. Finally, several projects and equipment purchases have supported a robust and reliable infrastructure to ensure all students have access to technology in every classroom. A complete listing of these activities is available for review in Moodle.

Firewall Software/Support Renewal – The committee discussed the renewal of the 3-year maintenance and software support contract for the district firewall. Approval for this renewal will appear on the May 2<sup>nd</sup> consent agenda.

Mr. Carlson asked the technology committee consider opportunities where possible, as outlined in Board Resolution 2016-1, to support work which will be done in the AAA and Fin/Aux committee over the next several months.

The next meeting is May 17.

**Executive Committee – Ms. Cotter reported**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9.

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and Supported by Ms. Brown that Exhibit “A-1 through A-5” of the Consent Agenda, be approved.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**New Business**

- Ms. Stair from Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) did a presentation on the MASB facilitated Strategic Plan process for Huron Valley Schools
- Mr. Okuniewski and Mr. Michaels updated the Board on the Athletic Department realignment
- Mr. Michaels presented a proposed plan for an Athletic League realignment

**Good and Welfare**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lewis  
Acting Secretary  
HVS Board of Education