

The Huron Valley Schools Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Ms. Cotter at 7:0 PM on Monday, February 08, 2016, at Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Rd, Highland, MI 48357.

Members Present: Ms. Cotter, Ms. Brown, Rebecca Walsh, Sean Carlson, Jeff Long, Ms. Lewis

Members Absent: Ms. Blackwell

The Pledge of Allegiance

Information from the Board President

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Brown and supported by Mr. Carlson that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Items from Board

Board Secretary

No items at this time.

Board Treasurer

Detroit Public Schools Crisis Bills Get First Hearing

Senate Bills 710 & 711 were taken up in the Senate Government Operations Committee this week. Testimony from the Governor's office, Students First, the Skillman Foundation, and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan stressed the urgency of passing the bills to split the district into two entities and pay down the debt with over \$1 billion in state funds.

There is no word on the timeline for further action on the bills, at this point.

Gag Order Clean Up Bill Changed, Moved

The bill to "fix" the "confusion" over the state's new prohibition on certain public officials' communication about local ballot questions moved out of the House Election Committee this week. House Bill 5219, no longer includes any reference to the 60 day ban on mass mail, communications television advertisement, or radio. Now, these communications are banned at all times.

Public bodies will be allowed to communicate in any way they choose about a local ballot question, so long as the communication is "factual and strictly neutral information concerning the direct impact of a local ballot question on a public body or the electorate, except if the communication can reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence the outcome of a local ballot question." The act does not define "factual" or "strictly neutral".

Board Members

Ms. Cotter commended the staff, students and families that helped put on and participated in the Jump Rope for Heart event in Huron Valley on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

Superintendent Items

Mr. Baker stated that the district will not move forward with the land lease for cell towers in Huron Valley Schools.

Association Comment

Denise Forrest, HVEA, commented on the Mentor/Mentee gathering that was held on January 19th and the MEA Conference that was attended by ten HVEA members on February 5th.

Public Comment

None at this time.

Reports from Board Committees**Finance & Auxiliary Committee – Mr. Long reported**

- 2-8-16 Agenda items
 - Fitness Equipment – The committee discussed the Fitness Equipment bid. See Kim’s Friday note below.
 - Athletic Field Maintenance – The committee discussed the Athletic Field Maintenance bid. See Friday note below.
- Goal Update
 - The status report, with supporting documentation of the Business and Finance goals, is posted on Moodle.
- Board Policy 3000 Update

Academics, Athletics & Arts Committee – Mr. Carlson reported

- 2016-17 School Calendar
Mr. Lindberg brought the school calendar recommended by the school calendar committee, consisting of the EA president, EA members, principals and central office people.
- M-STEP
District and building results were discussed, as well as format of the tests and sample test items. M-STEP student prep and a District/building checklist of to-do items were also discussed.

Technology Committee – Ms. Brown reported

The committee reviewed progress on the 2015-16 Technology Goals. Technology Integrators are continuing work to identify curricular connections through the iTAP forms. Facilitation of Google Apps for Education training continues across the district. The Technology Resource Center will be a new online resource available to all staff with short 120 second “how to” videos. Technology Integrators are developing and using these resources with staff and students.

The Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) is entering the 4th and final year of funding. Participation and device purchasing grant funds are anticipated. The Instructional Technology Advisory Committee will be making recommendations on purchases with TRIG funds for the upcoming summer.

The committee reviewed the Time/Attendance and Re-Cabling bids that are anticipated to be brought forward with recommendations on a future consent agenda.

Executive Committee – Ms. Cotter reported

- Board Policy 1000 Update - Kim Root shared that the 1000 series should be ready for review for the committee at the 2/22/16 meeting. Kim is waiting for the draft language on the new Fund Development initiative.

Mr. Baker checked with COAT on the status of the 02/22/16 BOE regular meeting and since we will need to bring action items to the Board, we will need to hold the regular BOE meeting as scheduled. He will work with Ms. Cotter on next steps in regards to other options.

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- Executive Committee Rep(s) for Superintendent Contract - we briefly discussed who represented the BOE when the last Superintendent contract was written, options available to the Board, etc. It was decided that we would bring this item back to the 02/22/16 Executive Committee meeting.
 - Superintendent Regional Coordination – Mr. Baker shared that Wanda Cook Robinson (new Oakland ISD Superintendent) has asked local district Superintendents to regularly meet based on our geographical region. Our region includes Huron Valley, Clarenceville, Farmington, Novi, Walled Lake, South Lyon and West Bloomfield. We met for the first time last week and started to discuss the formation of potential regional programs such as Adult Ed, GED, etc. being housed at one location.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Carlson and Supported by Mr. Long that Exhibits “A-1 through A-7” of the Consent Agenda, be approved.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business

Administrative Services

FY 2017 Budget Process

Assistant Superintendent Donna Welch reported that each year the District implements a strategic budget process. The budget process is designed to provide opportunities for stakeholder input and communication of budget decisions. The process began with the completion of the prior year’s financial audit and will continue through the final budget approval by the Board of Education in June of this year.

The 2016/17 budget process began with the analysis of the final results of operations for the school year ending June 30, 2015. The next step in the budget process is to review stakeholder input received regarding budget changes and prepare preliminary budget projections. The budget projections are revised as new information is determined (Governor’s proposed budget, health care/retirement rate increases, foundation revenue, staffing, pupil count etc.). Revised budget projections will be shared with the Board prior to the Budget Work Session, scheduled for May 16th.

Good and Welfare

Nothing to report

Closed Session – Attorney, Client Privilege

It was moved by Mr. Long and supported by Ms. Lewis that the Board of Education meeting go to closed session under Attorney, Client Privilege.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

The meeting went to Closed Session at 7:35 PM

Adjournment

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:00 PM and was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lewis
Secretary
HVS Board of Education