

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ~ REGULAR MEETING  
DOWAGIAC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DOWAGIAC MIDDLE SCHOOL — CAFETERIA  
March 18, 2019

- Call to Order            A "Regular" meeting of the Dowagiac Union School District Board of Education was held Monday evening, March 18, 2019 in the cafeteria at Dowagiac Middle School, 57072 Riverside Drive, Dowagiac, MI. Board Secretary, Phyllis Sarabyn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call                Members Present: Phyllis Sarabyn, Ron Jones, Ronda Sullivan, Terry Groth, Carrie Freeman
- Members Absent: Larry Schmidt, Ruth Ausra
- School Personnel: Paul Hartsig, Cathy Stone, Mike Campbell, Bryan Henry, Sean Wightman, Kelly Millin, Bryan Sperling, Amy Hackett, Jeannie West, John Juroff, Bev Dodd, Bob Turner, Deb Barber, Bev Dodd, Jennifer Ayres, Emily Hudson, Melissa McDonald, Natalie Jackson, Rhonda Yuras, Mallory Alphenaar, Deb Cahill (Sodexo), and Kathy Stewart, Recording secretary
- Guests: Sarah Culton, DDN
- Minutes Approved      Moved by Freeman, supported by Jones to approve the February 18, 2019, Regular Meeting and the March 1, 2019 Special and Closed meeting minutes as presented.  
All in favor, Motion Carried.
- Additions/Deletions from Agenda      ***Deletion: Item X, C. Highlights and Accomplishments***
- Financial Reports Presented      Paul Hartsig, Superintendent, presented the financial reports to the Board
- Bills Approved for Payment      Moved by Jones, supported by Groth, to approve the bills for payment as presented—  
                                 > Expenditures = \$1,044,629.82  
                                 General Fund--\$564,657.95  
                                 Food Service Fund--\$107,774.00  
                                 Capital Projects (Fund 41)--\$358,823.52  
                                 Capital Projects (Fund 42)--\$13,674.35  
All in favor, Motion Carried.
- Student Rep Report      Rebecca Franklin and Emily Gonzalez updated the board on events at the high school.
- Correspondence        Board Secretary read a Thank You note from the Young Professionals of Greater Dowagiac expressing their thanks with their annual Daddy/Daughter dance held at Dowagiac Middle School.
- Informational Items     Paul Hartsig updated the Board regarding the use of snow days and that we have received a waiver from the State for the three (3) additional days.

He also informed the Board of the community Open House for Union High School to be held on March 25, 2019 from 6-7:30 pm. This will give the public the opportunity to tour the high school and see the renovations that have taken place.

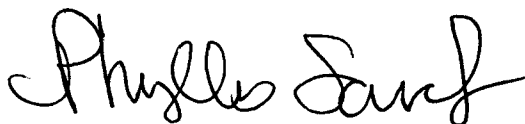
Paul Hartsig informed the Board of the retirement of Kelly Knapp, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Patrick Hamilton Elementary at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

The Board recognizes the Top Ten before the April board meeting and in the past a dinner takes place prior to the meeting for the students and their parents. The Board was informed this would take place at Round Oak Revisited this year.

Hearing of Citizens	None
Community Award	Brent McNitt, representative from Prudential, presented the Prudential Spirit of the Community Award to High School Senior Emily Potter.
Sodexo Culinary Throwdown	Deb Cahill, Sodexo, presented to the Board the winners of the Culinary Throwdown Competition that was held on February 14, 2019. Gabby Hodge and Mercedes Reece were present, absent was Drew Jarvis. The Board was given a sample of a salad they created.
February 2019 Students of the Month	Certificates and T-shirts were handed out to the following students: --Dowagiac Middle      Caleigh Wimberley --Sister Lakes          Christopher Gough --Union HS                Matthew Mosier --Justus Gage            Leanna Thompson --Patrick Hamilton      Cordell Williams-El --Kincheloe              Julius Irvin

## ACTION ITEMS

Personnel	Moved by Sullivan, supported by Jones to approved the hiring of Tammi Spivey as Varsity Girls Tennis Coach; Mark Howkins as JV Boys Baseball Coach; and the leave per handbook/contract for Qatisha Stevenson, Reception, Administration. YES: Groth, Sullivan, Freeman, Jones, Sarabyn Motion carried.
Adjournment	Moved by Jones, supported by Sullivan to adjourn All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



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PHYLLIS SARABYN, SECRETARY  
DOWAGIAC BOARD OF EDUCATION

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