

Saranac Community School

Board of Education Agenda

Regular Meeting

November 3, 2016

7:00 PM

Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School

1. Call to Order_____
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes 2
4. Additions & Deletions to the Agenda
5. Comments from Guests - Agenda Items
6. Student Report
7. Administrator's Update
8. Reports/Presentation Items
 - a. Parent Advisory Committee 6
 - b. Hire Part Time Art Teacher 7
 - c. 1st Amendment Budget Update 8
9. Comments from Guests - Non Agenda Items
10. Superintendent's Report
11. Board Requests/Reports
12. Communications
13. Approve Executive Session Minutes
14. Closed Session for Negotiations Purposes
15. Other
16. Adjournment_____

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda."

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #28

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

The meeting was called to order by Brent Denny, President at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, LaWarre, Price & VanKuiken.

Absent: Doll.

Maury Geiger led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT HEARING: Motion by Hawkins, supported by Coulson that the Saranac Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purpose of a student hearing at 6:02 p.m. returning to open session at 6:42 p.m. Yes Votes: Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, LaWarre, Price & VanKuiken. Motion Carried.

Motion by LaWarre, supported by Coulson that the Saranac Board of Education expel the student for up to 180 school days, and that the student not be allowed on school property for any reason without the permission of the superintendent or his or her designee. Yes Votes: Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, LaWarre, Price & VanKuiken. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from regular meeting dated October 6, 2016 were approved, and the Finance Committee minutes dated October 11, 2016 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for September was accepted as presented.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA: Board member, Ted VanKuiken did mention that one of the bills paid was for services from his parents business and that it would not affect his vote.

Motion by VanKuiken, supported by Hawkins and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items as listed below:

- Accept Gifts totaling \$11,094.10
- Approve Out-of-State Trips
 - ✓ 8th Grade to Washington DC – June 8-13, 2017
 - ✓ International Travel Club – Europe – Best of the British Isles from 6/27/17 – 7/12/17
- Bills Paid from General Fund for September/October: \$766,510.54

2015-2016 ANNUAL AUDIT REVIEW: Steve Thompson from BHTD presented the June 30, 2016 independent auditor’s report. The audit was a clean opinion the best you can get; with the school records in good shape. He mentioned there were no additional general fund journal entries, and a few journal entries from the debt funds. Jammie Sprank, Finance Director does a really good job, and everything you see though out the year is accurate. It looks like the final fund balance should be around 4.6%.

1ST AMENDMENT BUDGET PROJECTIONS UPDATE: Superintendent Geiger presented the 1st amendment budget update that reflects the audit information along with the unaudited student count, and projected revenue and expenditures since the start of the school year.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – NON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Geiger reported that at the 2nd meeting in November he would like to have an update on the Strategic Planning committees. Also, at the 2nd meeting in November he would like to invite all new staff members, exchange students and the drum line to the meeting for a “meet and greet”. On November 5th we will have an information booth set up at the Fireman’s Pancake Supper from 10 am to 6 pm. On November 14th we are scheduled to have a Suicide Prevention Program for grades 6th through 12th grade during the day, after school for staff, and in the evening for parents and community members. The Better Together for Saranac (BT4S) group are making plans for a Christmas Dinner to be served at the Housing Commission and are looking for volunteers. We received an Early Literacy Grant in the amount of \$8,745 this week, and many thanks to Connie Hamilton, Curriculum Director for securing this grant.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: A board member would like information on the new “Every Student Succeeds Act” at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: The board approved the Executive Session Minutes dated October 6, 2016 as written.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATION PURPOSES: Motion by Price, supported by LaWarre that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 8:01 p.m. returning to open session at 8:12 p.m. Yes Votes: Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, LaWarre, Price & VanKuiken.

OTHER: None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve LaWarre
Secretary

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Workshop

The workshop meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

The meeting was called to order by Brent Denny, President at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Coulson, Denny, Doll, Hawkins, LaWarre, Price & VanKuiken.
Incumbent Board Members: Kevin Courtney & Kirk Jackson

Chris Coulson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – AGENDA ITEMS: None

MASB EVALUATOR TRAINING IN THE SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION INSTRUMENT: All school districts must go through a mandated superintendent training on the new evaluation instrument. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) facilitator, Mary Kerwin went through this with the board on this new mandate.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – NON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

OTHER: None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve LaWarre
Secretary

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Parent Advisory Committee

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) members participate in the development and modification of Ionia County Intermediate School District's plan for the delivery of special education programs and services. They also provide advisory input on matters that the PAC believes to be appropriate to the improvement of special education services in the county. Other PAC activities include sponsoring an annual Special Education Awards Banquet, attending and sponsoring programs that increase awareness of local services and state/federal laws, providing parent support, and participating on Ionia County Special Education Transition Council. Membership will consist of parents of students with disabilities.

I surveyed staff and administration for recommendations for the committee. I reviewed the recommendations with administration and am pleased to nominate Tara Eversman, Cathy Hesche and Brian Kelley as the PAC reps for Saranac Community Schools.

These names will be brought back for approval at the November 17 meeting.

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Hire Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher

An interview team of Mike Catrell, Beth Kelly, and Jason Smith interviewed 5 candidates for the elementary art position. The interview team is recommending Abbigail Hale for this position. Abbigail has received temporary teaching certification for the position.

I have met with Abbigail and approve the interview teams recommendation.

The board will have the option to waive past board practice and approve Abbigail at the November 3 meeting or wait until the November 17 meeting.

Suggested Resolution

I move that the Saranac Board of Education waive past board practice and hire Abbigail Hale as the part-time Art Teacher at the Elementary School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion by _____ Supported by _____

Discussion: Yes _____ No _____

Approved/Denied: Yes _____ No _____

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Maury Geiger, Superintendent

SUBJECT: 1st Amendment budget projections update

I will be presenting the most recent projections to our 1st amendment budget. The information will be reviewed with the board finance committee on Tuesday evening, and shared with the board at the meeting on Thursday.