

Saranac Community Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting #18

The Workshop meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

Board President, Steve LaWarre called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Coulson, Denny, Doll, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill.

Steve LaWarre led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:** Superintendent Geiger would like to delete from the agenda, Presentation Items: Board Book Review, Telephone Service Review, Special Education Report and Closed Session for Personnel Matter. Mr. Geiger would like to add to the agenda; Sick Leave Bank.

**COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:** None

**STUDENT REPORT:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:** None

**SCHOOL BOARD OPERATING PROCEDURES:** The Board has been reviewing the board operating procedures manual and will continue to review this document until it is completed and board approved.

**OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP:** The International Travel Club is planning a trip to London, Paris, Florence and Rome this summer. They plan to leave on June 18. Mr. Simpson who has organized this trip was at the meeting to answer any questions. This will be brought for action at the April 17 meeting.

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE:** Superintendent Geiger updated the Board on the current enrollment numbers of 1,064. The unofficial count from February 12 is 1,059. The audit will be completed in a few of weeks.

**2014 SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Board has the responsibility of setting the amounts of the Draper, Morris, Sharritts and Simpson Scholarships, and choosing the recipients of the Morris and Simpson Scholarships. Action on setting these amounts will be at the April 17 meeting.

**PRELIMINARY PROJECTED 2014-2015 BUDGET:** Superintendent Geiger presented the 2014-15 budget, and consideration of cuts by building and/or district. We will continue to work on this process as we consider possible cost reductions for the next school year.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2 – SICK LEAVE BANK:** Superintendent Geiger reported we have had a request for a sick leave bank for a teacher who will be off the remainder of the year for medical purposes. The Saranac Education Association would like to provide a sick leave bank for the staff person. This will be brought back for action at the April 17 meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:** None

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Superintendent Geiger reported they have three Destination Imagination Teams going to State this weekend. The Robotics Team held their first competition and did very well. They are at Mason High School this weekend.

Essentials Pantry is a new service offered to the community that will be providing health items and cleaning supplies for families. This is located at the Middle School and is open on Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm. This coincides with the Saranac Food Pantry's times.

Mr. Geiger passed around the Finance Update from Finance Director, Jammie Sprank.

Mr. Geiger thanked teacher, Stacy Sanders for putting together the Wellness weight loss challenge for staff. He will be handing out the prizes to the top winners on Friday.

**BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS PLANNING:** Motion by Denny, supported by Lauer that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 8:28 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations planning returning to open session at 9:22 p.m. Roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes: Coulson, Denny, Doll, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

**NEGOTIATIONS CONTRACT AGREEMENT:** Motion by Denny, supported by Tutak-Hill and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the contract agreement with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for the purposes of being the chief negotiator for the collective bargaining agreements with the Saranac Education Association (SEA) and Saranac Educational Support Association (SESA) as presented.

**CLOSED SESSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION:** Motion by Coulson, supported by LaWarre that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 9:23 p.m. for the purpose of the superintendent's evaluation returning to open session at 10:08 p.m. Roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes: Coulson, Denny, Doll, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

**OTHER:** None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Hawkins  
Secretary