

Saranac Community Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting #17

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

Board President, Steve LaWarre called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

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

Absent: Coulson

Brent Denny led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from Regular Meeting #15, dated February 20, 2014, and Workshop Meeting #16, dated March 6, 2014 were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Board received February, 2014 financial reports as presented.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:** None

**COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:** The Board received public comment.

**STUDENT REPORT:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Lauer, supported by Denny and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items as listed:

- ✓ Authorize the payment of February/March bills from General Fund totaling \$675,345.14.
- ✓ Accept Gifts totaling \$2,255.00.
- ✓ Approve Administrative Resolution for Non-Renewal of Contracts.

**Gifts Accepted**

Saranac Lions Club	Donation to the Robotics Team	\$ 400.00
FFA Donations Received	Memorial Contribution in memory of Duane Patrick	\$ 1,855.00
Total This Month		\$ 2,255.00
Total Gifts for 2013-2014 Including This Month		\$ 91,336.84

**READING NOW NETWORK:** There is an initiative from our region and it is gaining support throughout the state for *Reading Now Network* to “show of force” around the topic of early literacy in grades K-3.

The focus on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is crucial because research shows children who do not read proficiently in third grade are at much higher risk of failing to graduate from high school, struggle in other areas of school and end up in jail or on welfare.

The timeline to have this resolution passed is by March 19. The board can either take action tonight to approve this or wait until the April 3 meeting.

Motion by Denny, supported by Tutak-Hill and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education adopt the *Reading Now Network* resolution as presented.

**COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:** None

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Superintendent Geiger reported he attended a former student's Eagle Scout Ceremony and we have received a certificate for our involvement in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

**BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS PLANNING:** Motion by Lauer, supported by Denny that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 7:19 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations planning returning to open session at 8:01 p.m. Roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes: 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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Hawkins  
Secretary