

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #16

The Workshop meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 6, 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, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill.

Absent: Lauer

Maury Geiger led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: None

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

STUDENT REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE: Elementary Co-Principal, Jason Smith, reported on March is Reading Month and the many activities that are going on in the building. The theme this year is The Jungle, "Swing Into A Good Book."

Elementary Co-Principal, Connie Hamilton, reported they have received the MEAP results and they were shared at their staff meeting. They have completed the ED YES rubrics for both buildings. They had a fantastic Tech Professional Development Day. Tomorrow they will be announcing the winner of the Snow Day Challenge.

Jr/Sr High Co-Principal, Josh Leader, reported that next Monday & Tuesday is parent-teacher conferences. They finished the ACT and MME testing. Spring athletics start on Monday, March 10, and "Meet the Teams" is scheduled for March 19 at 7 p.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHT: Teachers, Teri Brunette and Sarah Gallagher updated the board on Interventions and how they are working with students who need that extra help with their vocabulary and reading.

BOARDBOOK TRAINING FOR BOARD MEMBERS: Technology Director, John Milewski was here to assist board members in using the board book effectively. Mr. Milewski also discussed the millage election that was recently held. The election narrowly missed passing by 37 votes. Mr. Milewski has met with the other District Technology Directors within the county to discuss what the next steps might be for technology countywide.

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.

ACCEPT GIFTS: Superintendent Geiger presented the gifts received totaling \$2,255.00. This will be brought back for action at the March 20 meeting.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE: Superintendent Geiger updated the Board on the current enrollment numbers of 1,066. The official audit will be completed in a couple of weeks, so we will have official numbers of the February 12 count day.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE: Transportation Director, Jason Smith, gave an update on the Transportation Department, bus years, mileage and bus counts.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH UPDATE: Elementary Co-Principal, Jason Smith, gave an update on the Reproductive Health Program.

MEAP UPDATE: Curriculum Director, Connie Hamilton, reported on the latest MEAP scores that were recently released to the public.

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.

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR NON-RENEWAL: Superintendent, Maury Geiger reported that in light of the current uncertainty regarding how we will make reductions in the district to more closely align our projected expenditures with projected decrease in revenues, it is recommended that all administrators be given notice of possible termination of services. The administrators have been informed that this might happen. If any administrator's employment is terminated, it will be due to the fiscal conditions of the district and/or resulting in a need for administrative restructuring. The administrative team is of a very high caliber and this is not in any way performance based. The timeline for administrative restructuring/reductions is as follows. The Board must take action by the dates listed below:

- March 30 Notice that non-renewal is being considered
- April 30 Board action regarding non-renewal; no further obligation
After the end of the contract
- June 30 Last date of work under the current contract

A resolution will need to be approved at the March 20 meeting.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Geiger updated the board on the teacher evaluation changes and process for this year. Mr. Geiger also updated the board on the Promise Scholarship.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS PLANNING: Motion by Coulson, supported by Hawkins that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 9:21

p.m. for the purpose of negotiations planning returning to open session at 10:41 p.m. Roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes: Coulson, Denny, Doll, Hawkins, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

OTHER: Board President, Steve LaWarre handed out the Superintendent Evaluation rubric to the board. They will be reviewing this at the next workshop meeting.

Mr. Geiger would like to have a steering committee to discuss the Native American Name. Sarah Doll, Roy Hawkins and Mr. Geiger will be on this committee.

They have an arbitration hearing coming up.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Hawkins
Secretary