

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #13

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 16, 2014 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

Board President, Steve LaWarre, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Adgate & Lauer.

Roy Hawkins led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT REQUEST: Motion by Denny, supported by Coulson that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 7:00 p.m. for a student request returning to open session at 7:23 p.m. Yes Votes: Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

Motion by Denny, supported by Coulson that the Saranac Board of Education approve the student request as presented. Yes Votes: Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

Minutes from regular meeting #11, dated December 19, 2013, and workshop meeting #12, dated January 9, 2014 were approved as written.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: Superintendent Geiger would like to delete Student Report and Review 1st Budget Amendment for 2013-14 from the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

STUDENT REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE: Jr/Sr High Co-Principal, Beth Simpson reported they are preparing for Monday's professional development day. Congratulations to senior, Tori Hill who won the Daughters of Revolution Contest; Tori has also received a scholarship from Central Michigan University that will pay four years of her tuition. They have finished up exams, and second semester starts next Tuesday. Teacher, Sara Serne spear headed the treats for board members tonight for School Board Recognition Month.

Elementary Co-Principal, Connie Hamilton, reported they are also preparing for Monday's professional development day. They held a technology planning committee meeting, and are preparing for their professional development day in February. Thank you to Joel Manion and Stacy Sanders for presenting the technology standards to teachers. Clare Public Schools will be visiting the elementary school, learning how our teachers are implementing Thinking Maps. The elementary school has submitted 5 or 6 grants to the Ionia County Community Foundation and should hear, sometime in February, if any of the grants were approved. Elementary Co-Principal, Jason Smith reported they had a Mobile Dentist come into the school for families who might not be able to afford going to the dentist, and gave check-ups to students. A nutritionist came in and talked to the 5th graders and kindergartners about staying healthy. They are hoping to start up the reproductive health committee again.

Jr/Sr High Co-Principal, Josh Leader reported with all the snow days and cancelations of athletic events the most up-to-date and current schedule is on the school website. Congratulations to Jessica Sluiter and Meriah Langdon, who were chosen by their teachers as this month's winners of the Meijer Dignity and Respect Awards. Brien Simpson invited students in his Algebra II class to come in and prepare for their exams while enjoying complimentary pizza. Interviews were held for the JV Football and Assistant Football positions this week. Mr. Leader will be bringing a recommendation to the next meeting.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHT: Elementary School teacher, Stacy Sanders presented information on “Hour of Code” that she is teaching her 4th, 5th & 6th grade students. The students get to learn basic computer programming and what computer science is all about. Student, Allison Hamilton helped Mrs. Sanders with her presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Coulson, supported by Denny and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the following action items as presented.

- ✓ Authorized the payment of December/January bills from General Fund totaling \$777,057.68
- ✓ Appoint School Attorney – Thrun Law Firm for Calendar Year 2014
- ✓ Authorize the Superintendent to invest surplus funds of the district
- ✓ Approve the institutions listed as depositories for school funds for calendar year 2014
- ✓ Accepted Gifts totaling \$83,300.00

Gifts Accepted

Stacy Sachen	Stacy Sachen (U of M Scholarship)	\$ 500.00
ADAC Automotive	Pink Out Basketball Game Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Dawn Borup Photography	Donation to Athletic Programs	\$ 200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Wood	McGee Memorial Scholarship	\$ 50.00
Mr. Gary Hubbard	Donation to the Elementary for Families in need	\$ 1,000.00
Saranac Education Foundation	Elementary School Tutoring Program	\$ 80,000.00
Ms. Diana Brown	Steven M. Brown Memorial Scholarship	\$ 300.00
Mrs. Sandra Brown	Donation to Jr/Sr High School Library	\$ 250.00
Total This Month		\$ 83,300.00
Total Gifts for 2013-2014 Including This Month		\$ 87,375.00

Depository of Funds

Fund/Bank	Note	Proration
Building and Site Funds		
Currently not used		
American Express Financial Advisors, Inc.		
Bank One		0%
Citizens Commercial Savings, Flint		
Commonwealth Financial Network		0%
Fifth Third, Grand Rapids		0%
Huntington Bank, Lowell		
Franklin Bank, Southfield		
J.P. Morgan Trust Co.		0%

Michigan National Bank		0%
Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MILAF)		0%
Multi-Bank, Southfield		
Debt Fund		
The Bank of New York		0%
General Fund		
Independent Bank, Saranac		100%
Scholarship Funds		
Independent Bank, Saranac		5%
Grand Rapids Community Foundation		95%
School Service Fund (Ath/FS/Trust)		
Independent Bank, Saranac		100%

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Geiger presented the School Safety and Technology Enhancement Millage information that was presented to the staff and community members this week. He also gave information to the board on MASB's upcoming conference and CBA classes. Mr. Geiger presented the latest student enrollment numbers, with the next student count scheduled for February 12. Last Saturday, Superintendent Geiger, along with Chris Coulson & Roy Hawkins, attended a Legal Update conference in Livonia sponsored by Clark Hill.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: Board member, Steve LaWarre, asked board members to review sample questions to ask potential candidates; they came up with about 10 questions. Mr. LaWarre would like to hold a special meeting for January 30, 2014 at 7 p.m. to review letters of interest for the open board position.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Hawkins
Secretary