

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #12

The Organizational/Workshop meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Andrea Adgate led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andrea Adgate announced that she will be resigning from the Board of Education. Her last meeting will be February 6, 2014.

This opening in the Board will be posted in the Shoppers Guide this weekend. The board will be taking letters of interest the next couple of weeks and interview candidates on January 30 and appoint a new member on February 6, 2014.

ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON: Motion by Denny, supported by Tutak-Hill and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education appoint Steve LaWarre as acting Chairperson until the election of the President is decided.

Acting Chairperson, Steve LaWarre appointed Andrea Adgate as temporary Secretary until such time as the Secretary of the Board of Education has been elected.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: Superintendent Geiger would like to delete Student Report and Administrators Report from the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

We will now move to the Annual Organizational Meeting and begin with the Nomination and Election of the President.

Motion was brought by Coulson, supported by Denny that Steve LaWarre be nominated for *President of Saranac Board of Education* for calendar year 2014 and move that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for *Steve LaWarre for President*.

Motion was brought by Coulson, supported by Adgate that Brent Denny be nominated for *Vice-President of Saranac Board of Education* for calendar year 2014 and move that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for *Brent Denny for Vice-President*.

Motion was brought by Denny, supported by Adgate that Judy Tutak-Hill be nominated for *Treasurer of Saranac Board of Education* for calendar year 2014 and move that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for *Judy Tutak-Hill for Treasurer*.

Motion was brought by Coulson, supported by Denny that Roy Hawkins be nominated for *Secretary of Saranac Board of Education* for calendar year 2014 and move that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for *Roy Hawkins for Secretary*.

BOARDBOOK TRAINING FOR BOARD MEMBERS: Technology Director, John Milewski gave an overview of Boardbook, the program used to produce the Board Packet; explaining that the goal is to have the board go paperless with board packets and to use the computers at board meetings to follow through the board meetings using Boardbook.

APPOINT SCHOOL ATTORNEY: Superintendent Geiger reported that during the organizational meeting we normally appoint the school attorney. We have used Thrun Law Firm for many years as our legal counsel and wish to continue with their service. This will be brought back for action at the January 16 meeting.

ACCEPT GIFTS: Superintendent Geiger presented the gifts received totaling \$83,300.00. This will be brought back for action at the January 16 meeting.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS: Superintendent Geiger reported that annually the board shall pass a resolution authorizing the superintendent to invest surplus funds of the district. This will be brought back for action at the January 16 meeting.

DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS: Superintendent Geiger reported that at the annual organizational meeting, the board shall designate the bank(s) or trust companies in which the funds of the district shall be deposited and the proportion of funds to be deposited in each. This will be brought back for action at the January 16 meeting.

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.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Geiger thanked all the board members with a certificate of appreciation for “School Board Appreciation Month”.

Mr. Geiger said there will be a kickoff meeting next Wednesday at 6 pm for the School Safety & Technology Millage campaign.

Mr. Geiger is looking at getting some assistance from the ISD to help with payroll related projects.

On Saturday, Mr. Geiger, Chris Coulson & Roy Hawkins will be attending a Legal Update conference in Livonia sponsored by Clark Hill.

Michigan Association of School Boards will be holding CBA classes in Novi on February 7 & 8 if any board member is interested in attending.

Mr. Geiger said that they are working on some general guidelines in reference to the open carry legislation.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: Board member, Steve LaWarre, asked board members if they would like to continue with the format established for this school year of having the first meeting of the month as a workshop meeting and the second meeting of the month as an action meeting. All board members liked the format that was being used.

Steve LaWarre would like to have a committee of four board members review letters of interest for the open board position to review/interview them on January 27 at 7 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Hawkins
Secretary