

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #11

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

Board President, Steve LaWarre called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Adgate & Lauer.

In the absence of Board Secretary, Andrea Adgate, Brent Denny was appointed secretary.

Maury Geiger led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from regular meeting #9, dated November 21; workshop meeting #10, dated December 5, and special meeting dated December 9, 2013 were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: None

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: Superintendent Maury Geiger would like to delete action item 10.b., S.E.S.A. Letter of Agreement #4 from the agenda; and add hire Varsity Football Coach to the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None.

STUDENT REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE: Elementary Co-Principal, Jason Smith, reported Community Mental Health in Ionia put on a puppet show for the elementary students last week. The 4th grade musical was this week; hats off to Pam Masterson with the help of Mike McGee for this great performance by students. The Ionia County Sheriff's Department will be conducting "live shooter" training in the Jr/Sr High School December 26 & 27 to help prepare their response teams for a multitude of possible school emergencies. Heartlands Criminal Justice students will take part in this exercise as volunteers.. There was a Technology Meeting today, to plan the February Technology Professional Development Day.

Jr/Sr High Co-Principal, Josh Leader thanked Band Director, Matt Stauffer for the excellent concert his 7-12 grade students performed last Friday. Congratulations to Sydnie Cooper, senior, who signed her national letter of intent last Friday, December 13th, to play golf for Spring Arbor University. Saranac Math teachers met Wednesday with consultant, Mary Bouck, as part of a multi-year program to develop high quality math instruction K-12.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHT: Jr/Sr High Art Teacher, Beth Kelly presented art work from some of her advanced art students. She was able to have her students do this

art work from funds she received from the Compagner & Simons Grant Funds and is very thankful for these committees to offer and award teachers these grants. The students used chalk on pine board and created pictures that were very nicely done and interesting.

BILLS PAID: Motion by Denny, supported by Coulson and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the payment of November/December bills totaling \$568,107.61 from General Fund as presented.

HIRE VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH: Motion by Tutak-Hill, supported by Coulson and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education accept the recommendation of Dennis Cooper for the Varsity Football Coach position as presented.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Geiger reported that the Ionia ISD Deputy Superintendent of Business position has been posted. The Department of Corrections held training in the Middle School today.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: Board member, Steve LaWarre, reported at the next meeting they will need to establish board committees and will be electing board officers.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Denny
Secretary Pro-Tem