

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #9

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 21, 2013 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

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

Present: Adgate, Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, and LaWarre.

Absent: Lauer & Tutak-Hill

4th grade students led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from regular meeting #7, dated October 17, and workshop meeting #8, dated November 12, 2013 were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: None

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: None

STUDENT REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE: Jr/Sr High Co-Principal, Josh Leader reported they are pleased with how well the Core Support Classes are going. Meet the teams is Monday, November 25. Teacher, Sara Serne and Mr. Leader attended a conference at Calvin College to help increase literacy among students at all levels K-12.

Jr/Sr High Co-Principal, Beth Simpson reported the "Can Drive" finished up today. Mrs. Smith's class was the overall winner. They get an extra 20 minutes to play dodge ball next Tuesday. Teacher, Deb Woodard returned today from sick leave, teacher Cassie McClain had a baby boy and is off until second semester; and teacher, Patti Patton had eye surgery.

Elementary Co-Principal, Jason Smith reported November 25 students will be doing the Turkey Trot. The student who trots the longest wins a turkey. They are collecting food items for the food pantry. The book fair begins December 2 through the 13th. Thank you to Helene Alfano and Pam Masterson for organizing the Veterans Day Assembly and the 32 local veterans who attended.

Elementary Co-Principal, Connie Hamilton, reported Tuesday, Sarah Gallagher, Mike Catrell, Renee Goff and she attended an MDE School Improvement Conference where they presented on three different topics. This week was "Hair on Fire".

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHT: Teacher, Laura Loveless along with some of her 4th grade students presented information they have been working on regarding the history of Saranac, and how it got its name along with the history of the "Redskin" name.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None.

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 October/November bills from General Fund totaling \$887,839.04
- ✓ Accepted Gifts totaling \$4,075.00
- ✓ Approved the School Board Calendar for 2014
- ✓ Approved up to 4 weeks of unpaid medical leave for a staff person

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Geiger reported board member Chris Coulson, Technology Director, John Milewski along with he have been attending the ISD Countywide Enhancement Millage campaign meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: Board member Roy Hawkins commented on the committee for the mascot name. Board members that will be on that committee will be Roy, Andrea Adgate and Steve LaWarre.

Board member Steve LaWarre reported that Judy Tutak-Hill offered to have the board Christmas gathering at her house after the December 19 meeting. Mr. LaWarre announced that the December 19 meeting would begin at 6 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: The Executive Session minutes dated October 17, and November 12, 2013 were approved as written.

OTHER: Superintendent Geiger reported there will be a possible student hearing at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Adgate
Secretary