

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #7

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 in the Library, Saranac Jr/Sr High School, 150 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

Board President, Steve LaWarre called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Steve LaWarre led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT HEARING: The parents and student requested a closed hearing. Motion by Denny, supported by Hawkins that the Saranac Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purpose of a student hearing at 6:30 p.m. returning to open session at 7:48 p.m. Yes Votes: Adgate, Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre & Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

Motion by Coulson, supported by Hawkins that the Saranac Board of Education expel the student for up to 180 school days, and that the student not be allowed on school property for any reason without the permission of the superintendent or his designee. Yes Votes: Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, LaWarre & Tutak-Hill. No Votes: Adgate & Lauer. Motion Carried.

Minutes from regular meeting #5, dated September 19 and workshop meeting #6, dated September 30, 2013 were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: The Board received September, 2013 financial reports as presented.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: None

STUDENT REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE: Elementary Co-Principal, Connie Hamilton, reported MEAP is finished. Their annual Halloween Parade is on October 31. Friday they are doing "Pink Out" activities in their building for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They had a great Bosses Day on Wednesday. They are planning their next Professional Development Day.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHT: Teacher, Brien Simpson, presented information on "Flipped Classrooms". He has been trying this in one of his classes. He posts a video with lessons twice a week and the students can work on this at their own pace at home. It's a trial run to see how it works and to monitor student's progress.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: The board received public comment.

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

- ✓ Authorized the payment of September/October bills from General Fund totaling \$486,332.51.
- ✓ Approved Jr/Sr High School Secretary – Kate Repik-Hardy
- ✓ Approved JV Baseball Coach – Jason Smith
- ✓ Approved JV Boys Basketball Coach – Gelan Dibaba

NON-AFFILIATED STAFF COMPENSATION: Superintendent Geiger, reported Central office staff (administrative assistant, payroll assistant, accounts payable assistant) and the Food Service Director and Custodial Services Director did not receive additional compensation consideration for the 2012-2013 school year. It is my recommendation that the staff listed above receive compensation commensurate with previous board consideration.

Motion by Tutak-Hill, supported by Lauer and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the compensation amounts to the non-affiliated staff as outlined in the Superintendent memo dated October 9, 2013.

STAFFING: As a follow up to board consensus at our workshop meeting on Monday, September 30th, 2013, to allocate additional funds for staffing at the Kindergarten level, the administrative team has made the adjustments to current staff as follows:

- Doris McPherson has been reassigned from part-time elementary physical education and part-time Young 5's to full-time kindergarten.

The two part-time positions were posted internally and externally, and the administration has the following recommendations:

- Renee Brogger to go to from part-time to full-time in the Young 5's classroom.
- Amy Miles to add part-time elementary physical education with her part-time 7th grade science to be considered a full-time teacher.

Motion by Coulson, supported by Hawkins and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve increasing Renee Brogger and Amy Miles from part-time to full-time teaching status.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: The board received public comment.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Geiger reported the latest student enrollment figures along with what this looks like on the budget. BHT&D are doing the audit. We will have the information from the audit at an upcoming meeting.

The Saranac Early Childhood Playgroup has received funding from the Marie Crowley Charitable Foundation.

The Saranac Promise Scholarship Committee will be attending the Promise Net Conference in November.

The YMCA is still in the development stages for a “teen center” working with “The Bridge”.

The ISD will be holding a County Wide Steering Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 22 at 6 pm for the ISD Countywide Enhancement Millage.

We have filed an insurance claim for damage as a result of thunderstorms and lightning that occurred over the weekend of October 5. The estimated damage is approximately \$7,500.

We will be setting up a booth at the Saranac Historical Society Craft Show & Fireman’s Pancake Supper.

Mr. Geiger, along with a couple of board members, will be attending the MASB Conference on Friday, October 25.

Mr. Geiger presented information from MASB on the Health Insurance Limits Act being changed.

Mr. Geiger would like to move the next board meeting to November 12 at 7 p.m. The rescheduled meeting met board approval. Mr. Geiger will be attending the Promise Net Conference on our regularly, November 7 board meeting.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: Board member Roy Hawkins commented on the early start of the meeting tonight.

Board member Steve LaWarre would like an update regarding the retirement of Mike Keast at the ISD, and what our relationship with them might look like after his retirement.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: The Executive Session minutes dated September 19, and September 30, 2013 were approved as written.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS PLANNING: Motion by Lauer, supported by Coulson that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 9:06 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations Planning returning to open session at 9:36 p.m. Roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes: Adgate, Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, Tutak-Hill, Lauer, and LaWarre. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION: Motion by Coulson, supported by Denny that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 9:36 p.m. for the purpose of the Superintendent’s evaluation returning to open session at 9:40 p.m. Roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes: Adgate, Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

ACTION FOR SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION: Motion by Tutak-Hill, supported by Hawkins and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education

approve Superintendent, Maury Geiger's evaluation for the 2012-2013 school year.

EXTEND SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: Motion by Tutak-Hill, supported by Hawkins that the Saranac Board of Education extend the contract with Maury Geiger for the position of Superintendent through June 30, 2015. Yes Votes: Tutak-Hill, LaWarre, Coulson, Hawkins and Denny. No Votes: Adgate & Lauer. Motion Carried.

OTHER: Superintendent Geiger reported a letter was received from an S.E.S.A. member, and two employees have been subpoenaed to court regarding a former employee.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Adgate
Secretary