

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #3

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 15, 2013 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, and LaWarre.

Absent: Adgate, Lauer & Tutak-Hill.

Steve LaWarre led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Secretary, Andrea Adgate; board member, Brent Denny was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem for the meeting.

Minutes from regular meeting #2, dated August 1, 2013 were approved as written.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: None

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE: Elementary Co-Principal, Connie Hamilton, reported they are in their second session of Curriculum Camp and they have kicked off the Hair on Fire for ELA & Math, which is in their second year, and the first year for Science and Social Studies. They meet once a month throughout the year, which is funded by Title II Grant money.

Elementary Co-Principal, Jason Smith, reported Jump Start Summer Camp started this week with around 50 students participating.

CONSENT AGENDA: Board President, Steve LaWarre asked to have a Consent Agenda if no one objected.

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

- ✓ Authorized the payment of July/August bills from General Fund totaling \$300,344.11.
- ✓ Approved changes to Policy 9250-R – Use of District Facilities.
- ✓ Approved the 2013 Tax Rate Request – Millage Request Report.
- ✓ Approved the Recommendation of Randy Masterson to the Compagner Advisory Committee.

S.E.S.A. LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2: Superintendent Geiger reported that as part of the SESA agreement that was ratified in March, 2013, it is necessary to clarify the insurance cap amounts that the board will be responsible for paying for single, two-

person, and family, and the HSA MESSA ABC insurance plan for them to utilize starting January 1st, 2014.

Mr. Geiger has met with Aesha Baldwin, the Uniserv Director, and Kris Norris, SESA President, on July 3rd, 2013, regarding the language in the contract, and followed up and met with them again last Monday, August 5th, along with Jammie Sprank, Finance Director to finalize the language for the letter of understanding.

This will be brought back as a presentation item at the September 5 meeting.

S.E.A. LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING: Superintendent Geiger reported that as part of the negotiations process with the Saranac Education Association (SEA), it was tentatively agreed (TA'd) for the teachers organization to be able to implement a change in MESSA insurance benefits prior to ratification of the contract. For the changes to be effective September 1st, 2013, MESSA requires a ratified contract or a letter of understanding to proceed with insurance changes prior to an open enrollment period.

The SEA has surveyed its members, and Mr. Geiger supports the recommended changes as outlined in the letter of understanding as presented. For this to be considered, the board will need to waive past practice and take action at this meeting to support the letter of understanding.

Motion by Coulson, supported by Hawkins and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education waive past practice and approve the Letter of Understanding #9 as presented.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Geiger reported they did a walk-thru of the facilities & grounds on Wednesday, August 7. Those involved were Greg Smith, Custodial Director; Gary Golombisky, Maintenance & Grounds Director; Josh Leader, Junior Senior High School Principal & Athletic Director; Roy Hawkins, School Board member.

Mr. Geiger attended an MASB conference on August 13. There is a suggested resolution that school districts are encouraged to sign regarding the funding of the Common Core State Standards.

Mr. Geiger along with parent, David Price, attended a meeting in Kalamzao regarding the Promise Scholarship on how it was established, and how it works.

The YMCA is trying to secure funds to possibly start an after school "Teen Center" in the Middle School.

Saturday, August 24 is Bridgefest and they plan to have an informational booth set up.

Mr. Geiger updated the board on some personnel changes.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: Board President, Steve LaWarre requested a board workshop on Saturday, September 7 with MASB regarding superintendent & board evaluations.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: The Executive Session minutes dated August 1, 2013 were approved as written.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS PLANNING: Motion by Coulson, supported by Denny that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations Planning returning to open session at 7:52 p.m. Roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes: Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, and LaWarre. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION: The board did not have anything new to discuss, so there was no need to go into closed session at this time.

OTHER: Board member, Steve LaWarre and Superintendent Geiger asked for the board's consideration for the fall format of board meetings to have the first meeting of the month as a workshop format and the second meeting of the month as action items.

Mr. Geiger reported he has been working on the personnel issue that should be resolved soon.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Denny
Secretary Pro-Tem