

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #1

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, July 18, 2013 in the Cafeteria, 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: Adgate, Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill.

Steve LaWarre led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from regular meeting #21, dated June 20 and Special Meeting dated July 11, 2013 were approved as written.

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

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: Superintendent, Maury Geiger would like to add Action Item 7.f., Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application to the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

BILLS PAID: Motion by Coulson, supported by Denny and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education authorize the payment of June/July bills from General Fund totaling \$407,542.71.

APPROVE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK: Motion by Lauer, supported by Hawkins and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook as presented.

APPROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HANDBOOK: Motion by Tutak-Hill, supported by Coulson and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Elementary School Student Handbook as presented.

APPROVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT: Motion by Tutak-Hill, supported by Hawkins and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the Financial Management Services Agreement between Saranac Community Schools and Ionia County ISD for the 2013-2014 school year as presented.

Mrs. Hill asked to amend the motion to include the school year 2014-15 to the motion.

Motion by Tutak-Hill, supported by Hawkins and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education amend the first motion and approve the Financial Management Services Agreement between Saranac Community Schools and Ionia County ISD for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school year as presented.

APPROVE 2013-2014 TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT: Motion by Adgate, supported by Lauer and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the Technology Support Services Agreement between Saranac Community Schools and Ionia County ISD for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years as presented.

APPROVE ANNUAL LOAN/REPAYMENT ACTIVITY APPLICATION: Motion by Lauer, supported by Denny and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the attached Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application as presented.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH: Athletic Director, Josh Leader, along with an interview team consisting of Steve LaWarre, Monte Jo Simpson, Katelyn Theisen, Kris Groen and Courtney Roberts, interviewed five candidates for this position. They would like to recommend Steve Tompkins to this position.

Mr. Geiger supports the recommendation of the interviewing team, and would ask that the board consider waiving past practice and approve the recommendation at this meeting. The reason for the approval at this meeting would allow Mr. Tompkins to resign from his current position as the junior varsity boys' basketball coach and permit Mr. Leader to post and conduct interviews to fill this projected vacancy.

Motion by Coulson, supported by Denny and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education waive past practice and approve Steve Tompkins as the Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION: Superintendent, Maury Geiger, reported every year the board reviews the policy 1167 which states, *"The Board may authorize compensation for its members for attendance at any regular, special or subcommittee meeting of the board, or authorized duty if the duty is related directly to the member's responsibility and is authorized in advance by the board. This will include negotiating sessions. Meeting compensation shall be \$20 per meeting."*

The board decided not to change the amount. The \$20 per meeting will remain in effect for regular and special meetings of the Board, including meetings of the Board's Teacher Negotiations and the Support Staff Negotiations Committees unless, and until, such time as the Board chooses to revise the above policy.

ACT/MME PRESENTATION: Jr/Sr High School Co-Principal, Josh Leader presented information on the 2013 MME/ACT scores.

SEAT-TIME WAIVER OPTION: Jr/Sr High School Co-Principal, Beth Simpson presented information on the Secondary Seat-Time Waiver Renewal. This will be brought back for action at the August 1 meeting.

USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES: Superintendent, Maury Geiger presented Policy 9250 – Use of District Facilities. The board usually reviews this on an annual basis. There are a couple of changes that Mr. Geiger would like to make. This will be brought

back at the August 1 meeting for another review before action is taken to approve these changes.

STUDENT REQUEST: The student and parent requested to go into closed session. Motion by Coulson, supported by Lauer that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 8:07 p.m. returning to open session at 8:27 p.m. Yes Votes: Adgate, Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre & Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

Motion by Denny, supported by Coulson and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the student request.

STUDENT REQUEST: The student and parents requested to go into closed session. Motion by Lauer, supported by Hawkins that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 8:30 p.m. returning to open session at 8:47 p.m. Yes Votes: Adgate, Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre & Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lauer, supported by Tutak-Hill and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the student request.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS: None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Superintendent Geiger reported Mrs. Young and some of the FFA students and he participated in “Adopt-A-Highway” today. Honor Society students plan to help when they do this again in September. Gary Golombisky and Jason Smith purchased a used bus at an auction today. Mr. Geiger reported a rumor going around that graduation was going to be on a Friday next year. He let everyone know that graduation is still on the first Sunday in June as per board policy.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: Board member Chris Coulson reported he has talked with people from “The Bridge” that are using the Middle School for their church services and they are very happy with the location and the opportunity to use our facilities.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: The Executive Session minutes dated June 20 and July 11, 2013 were approved as written.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS PLANNING: Motion by Lauer, supported by Denny that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 9:05 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations Planning returning to open session at 9:13 p.m. Roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes: Adgate, Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION: Motion by Lauer, supported by Coulson that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 9:13 p.m. for the purpose of the Superintendent’s Evaluation returning to open session at 9:57 p.m. Roll call vote was taken: Voting Yes: Adgate, Coulson, Denny, Hawkins, Lauer, LaWarre and Tutak-Hill. Motion Carried.

OTHER: Superintendent Geiger updated the board on an employee.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Adgate
Secretary