

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE  
CITY OF HAZEL PARK  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND AND STATE OF MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Hazel Park Board of Education was held at the Ford School Administration Office on September 2, 2014, and was called to order by President Nagy at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Nagy, Polowski, C. Hemple, Hammonds, S. Hemple

Members Absent: Cook

Others Present: André, Barlow, Meisinger

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mr. Hemple, that the Agenda be approved as written.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Polowski, C. Hemple, Hammonds, S. Hemple, Nagy

Nays: None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Alternative Education Vendor Contract

Mrs. Kathy André, Adult/Alternative Education Coordinator, stated that Mr. James Paterson, Board Legal Counsel, and Matthew Derby, Labor Counsel, have reviewed the SER Metro Contract and they are in full agreement that this contract is in the best interest of the Hazel Park School District. Mrs. André asked for the Board of Education for approval to move forward with executing the contract.

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Polowski, that the Board of Education approve the SER Metro Detroit Contract as presented.

Discussion

Mr. Charles Hemple, Board Secretary, inquired about the effective date of the contract. Mrs. André stated that Mr. Derby will commence the contract as of September 3, 2014. Discussion was held regarding the 75% daily student attendance.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: C. Hemple, Polowski, Hammonds, S. Hemple, Nagy

Nays: None

2. Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts – CASA

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, stated that Mr. James Gordon, Hazel Park High School Assistant Principal, and Mr. Don Vogt, Hazel Park High School Principal, have been in meetings with the director of the Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts (CASA) program. Mr. Meisinger stated that the CASA program would offer advanced classes to the high schools “top” students. With the high school population being less than one thousand it is difficult to offer several advance placement classes. Mr. Meisinger asked Mr. Gordon to explain in greater detail the classes CASA has to offer our high school students. Mr. Gordon stated that CASA is currently in a consortium of six Oakland County Districts; Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Lamphere, Madison and Oak Park. CASA offers advance placement classes to the elite students. This program is part of the Ferndale School District. If our District were to contract with CASA the program will cost the District approximately \$1100.00 per pupil, including transportation one way. Mr. Gordon stated that this year the District would like to pilot the program with approximately sixteen students.

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mrs. Hemple, that the Board of Education approve the Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts – CASA Contract as presented.

Discussion

Mrs. Sue Hemple, Board Trustee, inquired what the cost would be if the District were to transport the students both ways. Mr. Gordon stated he would have to inquire with Mrs. Gina Brew, Transportation Supervisor, what the cost and if the District could transport both ways. Mrs. Sherrie Polowski, Board Vice President, agreed that she would like to see two way transportation.

Mrs. Rose Hammonds, Board Treasurer, asked Mr. Gordon what advance placement classes does CASA offer. Mr. Gordon read an extensive list of classes and reviewed the requirements for students to attend CASA.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Polowski, S. Hemple, C. Hemple, Hammonds, Nagy

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

1. Mr. Charles Hemple Board Secretary - Mr. Charles Hemple, Board Secretary, asked if security guards were hired at the high school.

Mr. Gordon stated that through 31a At-Risk Grant Funds, the District will be able to hire three employees to perform intervention type security that will assist in monitoring halls, tardy students, hall sweeps, lunch supervision, before and after school supervision, among other duties. Each intervention security employee will receive approximately 29 hours week.

Discussion was held between Board of Education Members, Superintendent and Mr. Gordon regarding the high school police liaison. Mr. Gordon stated that the school liaison has a different role then that of the intervention security employees.

Mr. Ricky Nagy, Board President, asked if the intervention security employees would be utilized at other school buildings. Mr. Gordon explained that they would not be in other buildings since they are hired as part of the 31a At Risk Grant Funds and written in the grant as such for the high school. Mr. Gordon stated that the high school hall monitors duties have been reorganized.

2. Ricky Nagy  
Board President

- Mr. Ricky Nagy, Board President, thanked Mr. Darrin Fox, Manager of SIS / Community Relations, for putting out the BLAST to all the families regarding the EAA letters that many Hazel Park District families received.

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Hemple  
Secretary Hazel Park Board of Education