

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Hazel Park Board of Education was held at the Ford School Administration Office on November 17, 2014, and was called to order by President Nagy at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: André, Barlow, Berger, Stefanski, Meisinger, Watrion, Paterson

INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent of Hazel Park Schools, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Cook, supported by C. Hemple, that the Agenda be approved with the following addition:

Under “New Business” – Add to Item #5 - Closed Session – for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing and to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 8(c)(h) of the Open Meeting Act

Discussion

Discussion was held between selected members of the Board of Education, Superintendent Meisinger and Mr. James Paterson, Board Counsel, regarding the closed session.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

AUDIT OF THE BILLS

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Hammonds, that the Bills dated November 11, 2014, be approved as follows: Capital Projects Funds – \$26,842.09; Special Revenue Funds – \$74,431.67; General Fund – \$868,692.98; Total Expenditures – \$969,966.74.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Students of the Month – Secondary

- a) Faith LaFramboise (8th Grade) - Hazel Park Junior High School
- b) Maranda Gaval (12th Grade) - Hazel Park High School

Superintendent Meisinger introduced each student, commented on their individual achievements and goals, and presented them with a certificate of achievement. He also asked family and friends of each student to stand and be recognized.

2. Hazel Park Education Association (H.P.E.A.) FeaturesUnited Oaks Elementary School Teacher, Janet Jackson

Ms. Amy Zitzelberger, Hazel Park High School Teacher, introduced Ms. Janet Jackson and reflected many accomplishments in her teaching career. Ms. Jackson thanked the Board of Education, administration and her colleagues for this commendation.

3. Alumni of Hazel Park Schools Presentation

Mrs. Dawn Gafa-Davis, Hazel Park High School Teacher, stated that in preparation for the Hazel Park High School Career Day she felt it was important to showcase a few of Hazel Park's successful "products." Mrs. Gafa-Davis contacted former Hazel Park High School graduates to asked them to send her a short video expressing how their Hazel Park education has helped them accomplish their success today and how did their education help them reach their goals. Mrs. Gafa-Davis presented videos from Hazel Park Schools Alumni Robert (Bobby) Rasmussen, Alethia Kasben, Alan McCord and Mike Combs.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – to be approved as written

- a) October 20, 2014, Regular Meeting

2. Note of Appreciation – to be received and filed

- a) Robert Roberts - Acknowledged the expression of sympathy from the
Teacher Board of Education at the time of his sister's death
(Lesa Roberts).

3. Resignations/Retirements – to be received and filed

- a) Sharon Barton - Informs the Board of Education of her intention to
Paraprofessional resign effective October 31, 2014.

- b) **Joanne McClue** - Paraprofessional - Informs the Board of Education of her intention to resign effective December 1, 2014.
4. Conference Reports – to be received and filed
- a) **Elizabeth Conlon**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “Improving Student’s Writing” conference on October 29, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- b) **Jennifer Cory**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended “Writing Growth and Progress: Basic and Beyond” conference on October 3, 2014, at Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- c) **Jennifer Cory**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended “Curriculum Roll Out – Reading” conference on September 24, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- d) **Amber Delisi**, Teacher at Webb Elementary School, attended the “Improving Student’s Writing” conference on October 27, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- e) **Genette Farnsworth-Dunn**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Discovery Cruise and Nature Center” conference on September 25, 2014, at Lake Saint Clair Metropark, Clinton Twp. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- f) **Carlotta Gharra**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “Oakland County Fine Arts Council” conference on October 28, 2014, at Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- g) **Toby Gordon**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Peak Learning for Excellence” conference on August 18 – 22, 2014, in Lansing. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- h) **Jason Guthrie**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “OAA Science Teachers Network” conference on October 9, 2014, at Clarkston High School. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- i) **Scott Hanna**, Teacher at Webb Elementary School, attended the “Rolling out Curriculum” conference on September 25, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- j) **Jackie Haymes**, Teacher at Hazel Park Advantage, attended the “Empowering Different Learners for Academic, Emotional and Social Success” conference on October 10, 2014, at Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

- k) **Carla Kinyon**, Counselor at Hazel Park Junior High School, attended the “Self-Injurious Behaviors and Suicidal Ideation” conference on October 24, 2014, in Troy. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- l) **Sarah Ley**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “Kindergarten Writing Assessments” conference on October 27, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- m) **Courtney Malott**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Social Studies Council” conference on October 31, 2014, at Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- n) **Shelly Parks**, Teacher at Hazel Park Adult and Alternative Education Program, attended the “Implementing Teacher Evaluations, Discipline, Layoff/Recall the Era of Education Reform” conference on October 13, 2014, at Wayne State University. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- o) **Shelly Parks**, Teacher at Hazel Park Adult and Alternative Education Program, attended the “Introduction to MDE Program Evaluation Tool” conference on October 9, 2014, at Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- p) **Lora Pieper**, Teacher at United Oaks Elementary School, attended the “Unpacking Fountas and Pinnell Assessments to Move to Effectively Assess Student Growth” conference on October 7, 2014, at United Oaks Elementary School. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- q) **Lora Pieper**, Teacher at United Oaks Elementary School, attended the “Rolling out the New ELA Curriculum” conference on September 25, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- r) **Lora Pieper**, Teacher at United Oaks Elementary School, attended the “Fountas and Pinnell Training” conference on September 23, 2014, at United Oaks Elementary School. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- s) **Darcy Platt**, Teacher at Webb Elementary School, attended the “Kindergarten Reading (GLM)” conference on September 19, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- t) **Ksymena Ratynski**, School Psychologist at Jardon School, attended the “High Quality School Based Evaluations for ASO” conference on October 24, 2014, at Macomb ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- u) **Ksymena Ratynski**, School Psychologist at Jardon School, attended the “Self Regulation in Children Keeping the Mind, Body and Emotions on Task in Children w/ASO” conference on October 22, 2014, in Lansing. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

- v) **Nora Rayes**, Teacher at United Oaks Elementary School, attended the “Yoga Calm – An Integrated Approach” conference on October 11, 2014, in Farmington Hills. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- w) **Nora Rayes**, Teacher at United Oaks Elementary School, attended the “District Grade Level Meeting” on September 19, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- x) **Nora Rayes**, Teacher at United Oaks Elementary School, attended the “Fountas and Pinnell Training” conference on September 22, 2014, at United Oaks Elementary School. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- y) **Lauren Roach**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “Kindergarten Writing Evaluation” on October 27, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- z) **Lauren Roach**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “Yoga Calm – An Integrated Approach” conference on October 11, 2014, in Farmington Hills. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- aa) **Nancy Sly**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Rovin Ceramics” conference on October 25 – 26, 2014, in Ann Arbor. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- bb) **Nancy Sly**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Michigan Ceramic Art Association” conference on October 18, 2014, at Saginaw Art Museum. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- cc) **Pamela Sparks**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Bioneers” conference on October 24, 2014, at Marygrove College. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- dd) **Pamela Sparks**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “OAA Science Department Chair Network” conference on October 9, 2014, at Clarkston High School. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- ee) **Pamela Sparks**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Leave No Trace Trainer Course” conference on October 3 – 5, 2014, at The Pines at D-Bar-A. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- ff) **Pamela Sparks**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Discovery Cruise Field Trip” conference on September 25, 2014, at Lake Saint Clair Nature Center. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- gg) **Susan Talmage**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “First Grade District Meeting” on September 19, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

- hh) **Sherri Thomas**, Teacher at Webb Elementary School, attended the “Reading Grade Level Meeting” on September 24, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- ii) **Karen Tylenda**, School Psychologist at Hazel Park Junior High School and United Oaks Elementary School, attended the “High Quality School Based Evaluations for ASO” conference on October 24, 2014, at Macomb ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- jj) **Lisa VanderHagen**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended “Curriculum Roll Out – Reading” conference on September 24, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- kk) **Lisa VanderHagen**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “Yoga Calm – An Integrated Approach” conference on October 11, 2014, in Farmington Hills. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- ll) **Barb Wilson**, Teacher at Hazel Park Alternative High School, attended the “NSTA Area Conference” on October 16 – 18, 2014, in Richmond, VA. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- mm) **Crystall Witherell**, Social Worker at Hazel Park Junior High School, attended the “Students with Anxiety and Assessment and Intervention” conference on October 17, 2014, at Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- nn) **Katy Yager**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “Improving Students’ Writing” conference on October 29, 2014, at the Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

5. Monthly Budgetary and Financial Report – To Be Received and Filed

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mr. Hemple, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - (Limited to items listed under “Unfinished Business” and “New Business”)

No participants

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. H.P.E.A. Personnel Recommendation

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, stated the District would like to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the following employee for her 2014/2015 school year contract.

The following professional employee is recommended for continuing **non-tenure ancillary service status** for the 2014/2015 school year:

a) Sarah Kurzhals - Speech-Language Pathologist

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mr. Cook, that the above teacher be approved for non-tenure ancillary service status for the 2014/2015 school year.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

2. I.U.O.E. – Local 324 (Secretarial Union) Personnel Recommendation

a) Georgette Pobursky – High School Attendance Clerk, Hire Date November 18, 2014

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, recommends Georgette Pobursky to be hired to fill the secretarial vacancy at Hazel Park High School, attendance office, with a hire date of November 18, 2014.

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Polowski, that the Board of Education hire Georgette Pobursky, with a hire date of November 18, 2014, as recommended.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

3. Promise Zone Update

Ms. Kayla Roney, Promise Zone Director, updated the Board of Education regarding the Michigan College Application Week, campus tours, payment of scholarships, electronic applications, Hazel Park High School Career Day, Community Skilled Trades Expo, and Construction Careers and Apprenticeship Opportunities Event at the Detroit Electrical Industry Training Center.

4. Holiday Basket Kick-Off

Mrs. Sherri Polowski, Board Vice President, reported that applications for Holiday Baskets will be taken now through December 1, 2014 at all the Hazel Park School District Schools, including the Administration Building as well as the Hazel Park Memorial Library and Fire Station. Mittens, hats, scarves, games, books and non-perishable foods donations are welcome. Volunteers will pack Holiday Baskets on December 12, and families will pick them up on December 13.

5. Closed Session – Motion to recess into closed session for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing and to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 8(c)(h) of the Open Meeting Act

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Hammonds, that the Board of Education adjourn to Closed Session.

Discussion

Mrs. Sue Hemple, Board Trustee, requested that only Board of Education Members and Board Counsel attend the closed session. Mr. James Paterson, Board Counsel, stated that the closed session must have the minute recorder in attendance. Mrs. Hemple stated she understood and agreed that others could attend the closed session.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

The Board of Education adjourned to Closed Session at 8:08 p.m. The meeting resumed as an open meeting at 8:28 p.m.

RECOGNITION/COMMENDATION

1. On Tuesday, November 4 (Election Day) **Dennis Lewis** presented **Safe & Secure Schools: An Interactive Workshop for Enhancing School Safety** from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Virtually ALL employees attended. This presentation was held at the high school.

Dennis Lewis is an author, consultant, and co-founder of Edu-Safe LLC. He served seventeen years as the Director of School Policing for a large urban/suburban school district in the Midwest. He currently makes 100 plus presentations each year on the topics of bullying prevention, crisis planning and management, managing aggressive and violent behavior, student threat assessments, and the legal and practical application related to student searches. Additionally, he provides expert consulting and testimony for litigation.

Many people offered positive comments about his message. Everyone was given the opportunity to learn worthwhile things related to school safety.

- Many thanks to **Mark Brown**, our district's safety director, for organizing and directing this event. His efforts certainly paid off!
2. For the first time in 15 years the **HP Viking Marching Band** qualified to compete in the State Finals at Ford Field on Saturday, November 1st. The top 49 bands in the state, 12-13 in each division, or Flight, come to Ford Field to compete one last time for the season and get their final ranking of the year. Attending the show are only the best in each Flight and if you are invited it means that you are one of the top bands in the state. Hazel Park went into the competition ranked in 13th place and held that position with a great score of 82. There were a mere 10 points separating the entire Flight so the competition was very stiff. Our small band of 58 students went up against bands that numbered up to 200. Flights are not decided by band size but by school enrollment; creating a wide range of numbers. Our band, though small in numbers, filled the field and definitely put on a show to be talked about. The school administrators, teachers, families, alumni and community members who turned out in mass to cheer them on showed pride in this band. Hazel Park pride shone brightly at Ford Field. The students accomplished a lot this season and they set the standard high for the bands to follow. The Vikings are on their way to making this an annual event.
 3. Mrs. Baker, Principal at Hoover Elementary, would like to thank the **teachers at Hoover Elementary School** for their dedication and kind hearts. During the power outage in September, when the temperatures were high and our families were struggling, our wonderful teachers walked through the neighborhood with coolers full of popsicles. Not only did they share a much-appreciated treat, they also shared their caring and love for the students and families of Hazel Park.
 4. Mrs. Baker, Principal at Hoover Elementary, would like to thank **Jody Drobot and Nicole Carlton, PTA members and parent volunteers**, for their efforts in bringing **Gleaners** to our families. This much-needed service is utilized by many of our families. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful, caring people working on our Hoover team!

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

1. Clint Adkins
1301 E. Maxlow
Hazel Park - Mr. Adkins, Hazel Park Raiders Youth Football spokesman, held a discussion with the Board of Education regarding being denied access to Webb Elementary School after many years of using the facility.
2. Janet Roberts
158 W. Jarvis
Hazel Park - Ms. Roberts, commented on the matter regarding the Hazel Park Raiders Youth Football program being denied access to Webb Elementary School.

BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

1. Ryan Cook
Board Trustee - Mr. Cook, Board Trustee, congratulated the newly elected Board of Education Members.

2. Board of Education Members - Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
3. Melvin Rasmusson Board Trustee - Mr. Rasmusson, Board Trustee, thanked Mrs. Gaffa-Davis for featuring his grandson on the Alumni of Hazel Park Schools Presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Hemple
Hazel Park Board of Education