

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 April 20, 2015, and was called to order by President Noth at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Noth, Hinton, Hemple, Hammonds (excused at 10:17 p.m.), Adkins,
Nagy (excused at 10:17 p.m.), Polowski
Members Absent: None
Others Present: André, Berger, Repicky, Romzek, Stefanski, Paterson

INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Barry David of the Landmark Community Church, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Polowski, Hammonds, Hinton, Hemple, Adkins, Nagy, Noth

Nays: None

AUDIT OF THE BILLS

Moved by Mr. Nagy, supported by Mrs. Hammonds, that the Bills dated April 16, 2015, be approved as follows: Capital Projects Funds – \$61,259.21; Debt Service Funds – \$79.02; Special Revenue Funds – \$108,303.10; General Fund – \$805,770.82; Total Expenditures – \$975,412.15.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Nagy, Hammonds, Hinton, Hemple, Adkins, Polowski, Noth

Nays: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Students of the Month - Secondary

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| a) Joseph Jones (8 th Grade) | - | Hazel Park Junior High School |
| b) Autumn Dean (12 th Grade) | - | Hazel Park High School |

Interim Superintendent Repicky introduced the Junior High Student of the Month, Joseph Jones, commented on his individual achievement and goals, then presented him with a certificate of achievement. He also asked his family and friends to stand and be recognized. The High School Student of the Month was not able to attend.

2. Hazel Park Education Association (H.P.E.A.) Features
Edison M.A.X. Teacher, Tonya Willson

Ms. Amy Zitzelberger, Hazel Park High School Teacher, introduced Mrs. Tonya Willson, Edison M.A. X. Teacher, and reflected on her many accomplishments in her teaching career. Mrs. Willson thanked the Board of Education, administration and her colleagues for this commendation.

3. Board of Education Recognition for National Board Certification
Emily Avendt – Edison M.A.X.

Ms. Amy Zitzelberger, Hazel Park High School Teacher, stated that Mrs. Avendt was not able to attend this evening and asked the board to move the recognition to the May Board of Education Meeting.

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

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mr. Nagy, that the Board of Education adjourn to a Closed Session.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Polowski, Nagy, Hinton, Hemple, Hammonds, Adkins, Noth

Nays: None

The Board of Education adjourned to a Closed Session at 8:42 p.m. The meeting resumed as an open meeting at 9:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – to be approved as written
 - a) March 4, 2015, Special Meeting and Closed Session
 - b) March 9, 2015, Regular Meeting and Closed Session
 - c) March 17, 2015, Special Meeting
 - d) March 23, 2015, Special Meeting and Closed Session
 - e) March 30, 2015, Special Meeting and Closed Session
 - f) March 31, 2015, Special Meeting

2. Resignations/Retirements – to be received and filed
 - a) Shelly Allyn-Podolsky - Teacher - Informs the Board of Education of her intention to retire effective October 1, 2015.

 - b) David Hinz - Teacher - Informs the Board of Education of his intention to retire effective June 12, 2015.

 - c) Vicki Hunt - Secretary - Informs the Board of Education of her intention to retire effective April 30, 2015.

 - d) Karen King - Teacher - Informs the Board of Education of her intention to retire effective June 30, 2015.

 - e) Dianne Kotkoski - Teacher - Informs the Board of Education of her intention to retire effective June 30, 2015.

 - f) Charles Sadler - Teacher - Informs the Board of Education of his intention to retire effective June 14, 2015.

 - g) Don Vogt - High School Principal - Informs the Board of Education of his intention to retire effective June 30, 2015.

3. Conference Reports – to be received and filed
 - a) **Emily Burkett**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “MACUL” conference on March 19 – 20, 2015, in Detroit. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

 - b) **Chris Campeau**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “MACUL” conference on March 19 – 20, 2015, in Detroit. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

 - c) **Amber Delisi**, Teacher at Webb Elementary School, attended the “Writing Pathways” conference on March 18, 2015, at Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

- d) **Bradley Elstone**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Michigan Music Conference” on January 22 – 24, 2015, in Grand Rapids. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- e) **Ashley Filpula**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “MACUL” conference on March 19 – 20, 2015, in Detroit. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- f) **Kim Forster**, Teacher at United Oaks Elementary School, attended the “MACUL” conference on March 19 – 20, 2015, in Detroit. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- g) **Dawn Gafa-Davis**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “National Youth-At-Risk Conference” on March 1 – 4, 2015, in Savannah, GA. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- h) **Colleen Gubow**, Teacher at Webster Early Childhood Center, attended the “High Scope Numbers Plus Preschool Math” conference on January 9, and February 13, 2015, at Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- i) **Janet Jackson**, Teacher at United Oaks Elementary School, attended the “iLife for Education” conference on February 25, 2015, 2015, at Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- j) **Stacie Martin**, Teacher at Hazel Park Junior High School, attended the “MACUL” conference on March 19 – 20, 2015, in Detroit. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- k) **Rob Roberts**, Teacher at Webb Elementary School, attended the “MACUL” conference on March 19 – 20, 2015, in Detroit. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- l) **Linda Rogers**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “MACUL” conference on March 19 – 20, 2015, in Detroit. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- m) **Caryn Ross**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “National Youth-At-Risk Conference” on March 1 – 4, 2015, in Savannah, GA. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- n) **Patrick Voisine**, Teacher at Webb Elementary School, attended the “MACUL” conference on March 19 – 20, 2015, in Detroit. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
- o) **Irene Vouharas**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “Integrated Approach to Wellness 1 Yoga Calm” conference on January 17, 2015, at Wayne State University. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

- p) **Angela Wilkins**, Teacher at Webb Elementary School, attended the “Writing Pathways” conference on March 18, 2015, at Hazel Park Schools Administration Building. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
 - q) **Sheritha Wilson**, Teacher at Webster Early Childhood Center, attended the “High Scope Boot Camp” conference on February 13, 2015, 2015, Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
 - r) **Sheritha Wilson**, Teacher at Webster Early Childhood Center, attended the “High Scope Numbers Plus Preschool Math” conference on January 9, 2015, 2015, Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
4. Monthly Budgetary and Financial Report– to be received and filed

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

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Hemple, Nagy, Hinton, Hammonds, Adkins, Polowski, Noth

Nays: None

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

No participants

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP) – Update

Mr. Daniel Romzek, Director of Business Services, stated that the approved March 30, 2015 Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP) has been submitted to the state on March 31, 2015. To date the District has not received a formal response from the Michigan Department of Education and the Department of Treasury of the plans approval.

Discussion was held and questions were asked by the Board of Education of Mr. Romzek.

2. Approval of Resolution for Best Practice Incentive Funds

Mr. Daniel Romzek, Director of Business Services, cited the Best Practices Incentive Resolution document. He reviewed with the Board of Education the Best Practices criteria that will provide additional funding to the District in the amount of approximately \$50 per pupil that would be used toward District operations. Mr. Romzek stated that this

funding was included in the approved budget. Mr. Romzek recommends that the Board of Education adopt the Best Practice Incentive Resolution.

**School District of the City of Hazel Park
Best Practices Incentive
School Board Resolution**

WHEREAS, Section 22f of the State School Aid Act provides \$50 per pupil one-time grants to districts that satisfy at least 7 of 9 best practices criteria not later than June 1, 2015 [MCL 388.1622f].

WHEREAS, the board of education of School District of the City of Hazel Park desires to receive the \$50 per pupil incentive payment.

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Hazel Park has satisfied at least 7 of 9 best practices criteria.

WHEREAS, eligibility for the incentive payment is contingent upon adopting a resolution that states the district has complied with the following 7 of 9 best practice criteria.

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. The board of education of School District of the City of Hazel Park certifies that the district has complied with the following requirements:
 - a) The district is the designated policy holder for medical benefit plan(s) pursuant to Section 22f(1)(a).
 - b) The district has obtained a competitive bid on non-instructional services pursuant to Section 22f(1)(b).
 - o Food Service Management Services
 - c) The district accepts applications for enrollment by non-resident applicants under Section 105 or 105c (MCL 388.1705) pursuant to Section 22f(1)(c).
 - d) The district offers online courses or blended learning opportunities to all eligible pupils, and publish course syllabi pursuant to Section 22f(1)(d).
 - e) The district provides a link on the district's home page to the URL for the MiSchoolData Portal which will contain the required dashboard indicators pursuant to Section 22f(1)(e). If certain data elements for our district are unavailable from state data collections, we agree to provide those data in the form and manner determined by MDE.
 - f) The district's collective bargaining agreements do not include provisions contrary to prohibited subjects as outlined in section 15(3) of 1947 PA 336, MCL 423.215.

- g) The district offers opportunities to complete 1 credit worth of non-English language learning experiences.
2. The board of education of School District of the City of Hazel Park authorizes and directs its secretary to file this resolution with the State Aid and School Finance Office of the Michigan Department of Education.
 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Resolved this 20th day of April, 2015. Roll Call Vote: Passed: 7 Failed: 0

Sue Hemple, Secretary
Board Representative Name

(Signed) Sue Hemple
Board Representative Signature

Please email a copy of the signed resolution to John A. Hayner at haynerj1@michigan.gov

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mr. Nagy, that the Board of Education adopt the Best Practices Resolution, as presented.

Discussion
None

Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Polowski, Nagy, Hinton, Hemple, Hammonds (excused 9:12 p.m. – 9:20 p.m.), Adkins, Noth
Nays: None

3. Approval of Loan from State of Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund

Mr. Daniel Romzek, Director of Business Services, requested authorization from the Board of Education to continue to participate in the Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Polowski, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund, as recommended.

Discussion
None

Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Hemple, Polowski, Hinton, Hammonds, Adkins, Nagy, Noth
Nays: None

4. Maintain Schools of Choice, 105 and 105C, K – 12 for the 2015/2016 School Year

Dr. Richard Repicky, Interim Superintendent, stated that due to the Districts financial situation it would be beneficial for the District to continue Schools of Choice, 105 and 105C. Dr. Repicky recommends to the Board of Education to continue Schools of Choice, 105 and 105C, K –12 for the 2015/2016 school year.

Moved by Mrs. Hinton, supported by Mrs. Polowski, that the Board of Education approve maintaining Schools of Choice, 105 and 105C, K – 12 for the 2015/2016 School Year.

Discussion

The Board of Education held a discussion regarding this matter with Mr. James Paterson, Board Counsel, and Mr. Daniel Romzek, Director of Business Services.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Hinton, Polowski, Hammonds, Adkins, Nagy, Noth

Nays: Hemple

5. Proposal 1 – Michigan Roads, Bridges and Schools

a) Legislative Update

b) Resolution in support of Proposal 1

Dr. Richard Repicky, Interim Superintendent, reviewed Proposal 1 and stated that the proposal is ambiguous regarding the amount of funding school districts will receive, however, there will be some type of increased K-12 funding. Dr. Repicky recommends that the Board of Education to adopt the Proposal 1 Resolution.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL 1—ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MICHIGAN SCHOOLS AND PROTECTIONS OF THE SCHOOL AID FUND

WHEREAS, the success of Michigan’s economy rests upon its infrastructure, the education it provides its children, and the roads and bridges that facilitate agriculture, commerce, industry and tourism in our state; and

WHEREAS, Michigan voters in 1994 approved Proposal A, a measure that eliminated the ability of school districts to seek operating funds from constituents and shifted that responsibility to the state through an increase in the sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the ballot language of Proposal A clearly indicated those revenues would be totally dedicated to public schools, as it was crafted to provide tax relief for property owners while maintaining adequate funding for K-12 education; and

WHEREAS, institutions of higher education were not included in the ballot language of Proposal A, nor were they mentioned in voter communication stating the intent of the constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, the expected continuing transfer of funds from the School Aid Fund to institutions of higher education will further debilitate Michigan's public schools; and

WHEREAS, 38 percent of Michigan's state- and locally owned urban roads and 32 percent of the state's state- and locally owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation than any state in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, as a result of both state and federal funding cuts to education over the past several years, it is vital for the ongoing education of Michigan children that K-12 funding be increased via reasonable means; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the May 5, 2015 ballot is Michigan's last, best chance to finally fix our roads, provide additional funding for schools and local governments, while also protecting the School Aid Fund from future diversions to institutions of higher education from the School Aid Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That School District of the City of Hazel Park supports Proposal 1 on the May 5, 2015 ballot to build Michigan's infrastructure by securing school funding and dedicating dollars spent at the pump for highway purposes.

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mrs. Adkins, that the Board of Education adopt Proposal 1 – Michigan Roads, Bridges and Schools Resolution.

Discussion

Mr. Ricky Nagy, Board Trustee, clarified that Proposal 1 will give school districts funding each year. Mrs. Sue Hemple, Board Secretary, stated that the state would cut funding in another way. Mrs. Laura Adkins, Board Trustee, stated that the Michigan PTA Council is also supporting the proposal.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Polowski, Adkins, Hinton, Nagy, Noth

Nays: Hemple, Hammonds

6. Promise Zone Update

Ms. Kayla Roney, Promise Zone Director, updated the Board of Education on recent Promise Zone events:

- Campus visits to University of Michigan, Michigan State, and Oakland Community College
- Presented College Madness to the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students

- Partnerships with Chrysler for the College Access Network, as a school-to-work program for junior and seniors. Students would be paid a stipend for their time. Students would have the potential to be hired as summer interns at UAW Chrysler between their 11th and 12th grade years. Trainers employed by the World Class Manufacturing Academy would teach the courses. At minimum, students would complete the program with the preparation to test into one of UAW Chrysler's skilled trade apprenticeship programs.
- Cranbrook Horizons-Upward Bound (HUB) is a pre-college program made possible through a public-private partnership to assist low-income students in realizing the advantages of higher education. Students are selected as eighth graders and participate in the program beginning the summer before their ninth grade year and continuing through high school graduation. The program takes place primarily during a six-week summer program on Cranbrook's campus.
- Winter scholarships have been paid, if any student is having any issues they need to contact Ms. Roney.
- Never too late to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Fourth Annual Decision Day Celebration is being planned.
- Meeting with Mr. Steve Nemeckay and the high school alternative education students that will be graduating in June to discuss their college/trade school plans.
- Thank you Hazel Park Kroger's! They will be hosting their grand opening this Wednesday and have pledged to donate \$5,000 to the Hazel Park Promise Zone.

Moved by Mrs. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Polowski, that the Board of Education approve Interim Superintendent Repicky to move forward with structuring the UAW Chrysler school-to-work program for the high school junior and seniors.

Discussion

Mr. James Paterson, Board Counsel, stated that the courses accreditation are recognized by the Michigan Department of Education, each of the training staff/teachers have their Michigan Teacher Certificates, and the District will continue to receive the students full-time equivalent (FTE).

Ms. Roney responded to various questions regarding the UAW Chrysler College Access Network and related issues from the Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Hemple, Polowski, Hinton, Hammonds, Adkins, Nagy, Noth

Nays: None

7. Summer Meal Program

Dr. Richard Repicky, Interim Superintendent, stated that the District will run a Summer Meal Program. The program will start with Hazel Park staff, then after July 1 staffing will be determined.

8. Kindergarten Round-Up Report

Mrs. Kathryn Borowicz, General Services Coordinator, stated all the elementary schools held Kindergarten Round-Up on March 25. Prior to Kindergarten Round-Up the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) students were organized into their attendance areas and invited to Kindergarten Round-Up in the school they would attend in the fall. There are approximately twenty-five Schools of Choice GSRP students; they were invited to attend Kindergarten Round-Up at any one of the three elementary schools. There were approximately 60 children total represented at Kindergarten Round-Up. Mrs. Borowicz stated that her former Community School Representative stated that you could nearly double that amount for the fall enrollment. Mrs. Borowicz stated that our Student Enrollment Office is working with the Head Start Program leaders to pre-enroll students in the District.

9. Closed Session – Motion to recess into closed session (a) to consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or the consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing. A person requesting a closed hearing may rescind the request at any time, in which case the matter at issue shall be considered after the rescission only in open session, pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meeting Act

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

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Polowski, Nagy, Hinton, Hemple, Hammonds, Adkins, Noth

Nays: None

The Board of Education adjourned to an Executive Session at 9:44 p.m. The meeting resumed as an open meeting at 10:17 p.m.

RECOGNITION/COMMENDATION

1. Hazel Park School District would also like to extend a “thank you” to **Tabernacle Baptist Church, Pastor Rick Yokel** and the **congregation** for purchasing multiple copies of a recently approved DVD Sex Still Has a Price Tag featuring Pam Stenzel. Your purchase allows the District to make the materials available for teachers to use at both the junior high and high school level. During our current financial situation, it is encouraging to have our community play an active and supportive role in the education of our children.

2. Mr. Brad Elstone, Hazel Park High School Band Director, would like to complement the amazing High School Band and Color Guard students!

First and foremost, our new Winter Guard, Odin, put on their best performance to date and became State Champions in Independent AA class! Congratulations to the members of Odin and its instructors for a highly successful inaugural season.

Congratulations to **Emma Griffiths**! Emma, a member of Odin, was awarded an MCGC Scholarship during the Championship Awards Ceremony.

Ferndale Independent Percussion (FIP) took 2nd place in Percussion Independent A class at State Championships. Three current HPHS students and one HPHS alumni are members of this group.

Congratulations to **Erin Thomson**! Erin, a member of FIP, was awarded an MCGC Scholarship during the Championship Awards Ceremony. Erin also won the Nick Allen Saputo Memorial Scholarship, which is given to select students for Outstanding Achievement, Leadership and Service to the Percussion Community.

Thank you to all of our HP students for representing your school and community so well!!!

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No participants

BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

1. Laura Adkins Board Trustee - Mrs. Laura Adkins, Board Trustee, announced an upcoming Mom-to-Mom Sale at the Hazel Park Recreation Center this Saturday, sponsored by the Hoover Elementary School PTA.
2. Beverly Hinton Board Vice President - Mrs. Beverly Hinton, Board Vice President, stated that Youth Assistance is sponsoring a free legal clinic on Tuesday, April 28, at the Ferndale Library. Mrs. Hinton read "good news" articles regarding District students.
3. Richard Repick Interim Superintendent - Dr. Richard Repicky, Interim Superintendent, thanked the Community Foundation Program for donating \$450 to the High School Art Scholarship Fund. Dr. Repicky stated that he attended a Webb Elementary PTA meeting and was proud to announce that for the sixth consecutive year Webb received the Michigan Evergreen Award for recycling. He stated that Webb raised \$200 by collecting can tabs and donated this money to the Ronald McDonald House. He also stated

that they raised \$300 for the Hazel Park Fire Fighters by selling candy cane notes. He shared that approximately 55 students will be going to Camp Hazel Woods this spring. Dr. Repicky asked Mr. Romzek to share what he will be doing on June 13. Mr. Romzek stated that he will be singing the National Anthem at the Detroit Tigers game.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Hemple, Secretary
Hazel Park Board of Education