

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 February 29, 2016, and was called to order by President Noth at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Noth, Hinton, Hemple, Hammonds, Adkins, Nagy, Polowski  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Berger, Kruppe, 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 (Action Item)

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

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Participants

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS****A. Students of the Month**

*February **Respect** Students of the Month: a student with respect means to honor and to show consideration and value to people, property, the environment, and yourself. It means to treat others well even if they look, act, or believe differently than you do.*

Superintendent Kruppe interviewed each of the students before the Regular Board of Education meeting. Pictures were taken with the students, Dr. Kruppe and the Board of Education members. At the Regular Board of Education Meeting, Dr. Kruppe introduced each student, presented them with a “Respect” certificate, and board members congratulated the students on their achievement.

*Hoover Elementary School*

- 1) Aiden Dean (2nd Grade)
- 2) Danika Tolomei (3rd Grade)
- 3) Teairra Quiney (5th Grade)

*United Oak Elementary School*

- 1) Isabelle Istefan (Kindergarten)
- 2) Gorgina Sanchez (2nd Grade)
- 3) Joseph Zonsius (5th Grade)

*Webb Elementary School*

- 1) John Glantz (Kindergarten)
- 2) Larry Sparkman (2nd Grade)
- 3) Jacob Bean (5th Grade)

*Hazel Park Junior High School*

- 1) Ryan Ball (8th Grade)
- 2) Zaylen Check (6th Grade)
- 3) Dashawnathon McIntosh (7th Grade)

*Hazel Park High School*

- 1) Calder Gray – (10th Grade)
- 2) Jahleel Williams – (10th Grade)

*Jardon*

- 1) Christopher Geeter

*Hazel Park Alternative High School*

- 1) Devon Christmas (12th Grade)

**B. Hazel Park Employee of the Month**

- 1) Janet Langtry, Hazel Park Junior High School, Counselor

Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, introduced Janet Langtry, February Employee of the Month. She thanked Ms. Langtry for her dedication to students and their families. Dr. Kruppe spoke about Ms. Langtry going beyond her professional duties by contacting a local plastic surgeon for a student who was attacked by a dog several years ago. The animals attacked and left the child with a scar on her face. Ms. Langtry dedicated her time and persuaded the surgeon to perform the plastic surgery for the student pro bono. With Ms. Langtry's devotion this child's life will be forever changed. Ms. Langtry thanked the Superintendent, administration and the Board of Education for this recognition.

- a) Employees of the Month Honorable Mention
  - (1) Rhiannon Korto, Advantage Teacher
  - (2) Jean Ericson, Hazel Park High School Teacher
  - (3) Gordon Pogue, Hazel Park High School Teacher
  - (4) Alicia Becker, United Oaks Elementary School Teacher
  - (5) Debra Scott, Hazel Park Alternative High School Secretary

C. Oakland Schools Teacher of the Year Award

Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, announced and recognized the District teachers that will be honored at an upcoming Oakland ISD Teacher of the Year event. She commended each of them on their dedication and professionalism to teaching.

- 1) Kevin Shubnell, Hazel Park Junior High School
- 2) Pamela Sparks, Hazel Park High School
  - a) Honorable Mention
    - (1) Jean Ericson, Hazel Park High School
    - (2) Barbara Logan, Hazel Park Junior High School

Youth Assistance Presentation

Mrs. Rachel Noth, Board President, stated that Mr. Gary Gasowski, Hazel Park Youth Assistance Caseworker was in the audience and had a presentation to give the Board of Education, Hazel Park Schools Administration and the community regarding what the Youth Assistance program has to offer children and their families. She then introduced Mr. Gasowski, he stated that Youth Assistance is a community-based program whose mission is to strengthen youth and families to prevent and reduce delinquency, neglect and abuse through community involvement. Mr. Gasowski shared appreciation letters from clients regarding the various Youth Assistant programs children and families participated. He thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to speak and appreciates their support.

D. School Turnarounds, first two chapters, with Bridget Schipper and Debra Dimas

Ms. Bridget Schipper, Oakland Schools Leadership Coach, and Mrs. Debra Dimas, Curriculum Teacher, presented the first two chapters from School Turnarounds by Heather Zavadsky, which the Hazel Park Schools Turnaround Committee is studying. Mrs. Dimas spoke about the vision of how the district plans to turnaround the academics district-wide. Ms. Schipper discussed the School Turnarounds introduction and Dr. Grant Chandler's leadership and the changes.

Ms. Schipper and Mrs. Dimas held a discussion with the Board of Education members and Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, regarding the first two chapters, the data and how the academic changes will adapt to Hazel Park Schools.

#### CONSENT AGENDA (Action Items)

##### A. Approval of Minutes

- 1) January 18, 2016, Regular Meeting
- 2) January 25, 2016, Special Meeting

##### B. Monthly Financial Reports

- 1) Cash Balances Report
- 2) Electronic Fund Transfers Report
- 3) Check Register
- 4) Cash Receipts Register
- 5) Budget Actual Financial Report
- 6) Deficit Elimination Plan Budgetary Control Report

##### C. Notes of Appreciation

- 1) The Family of Karen Bachynski Teacher - Acknowledges the expression of sympathy from the Board of Education at the time of her mother's death (Lois Whitehead).

##### D. Leave of Absence

- 1) Julie Gorski, H.P.E.A. Teacher, requests a first year Family Leave of Absence for the 2016/2017 school year.
- 2) Amanda Turpin, H.P.E.A. Teacher, requests a fifth year Family Leave of Absence for the 2016/2017 school year.

##### E. Resignations/Retirements

- 1) Andrea Clayton, H.P.P.A. Paraprofessional, Jardon, resignation effective March 4, 2016.
- 2) Angela Hellow, H.P.E.A. Speech Teacher, Edison M.A.X., resignation effective February 4, 2016.
- 3) Timothy Henneghan, Teacher, Webb Elementary School, intends to retire effective June 2016.
- 4) Kenya Jenkins, H.P.P.A. Paraprofessional, Edison M.A.X., resignation effective January 26, 2016.
- 5) Renée Rathsburg, H.P.E.A. Teacher, Webb Elementary School, intends to retire effective June 17, 2016.
- 6) Chhaya Vittito, H.P.P.A. Paraprofessional, Advantage, resignation effective February 19, 2016.

##### F. New Hire Personnel Recommendations

- 1) Randy Allensworth, H.P.P.A. Paraprofessional, Edison M.A.X., effective date of hire and seniority February 1, 2016.
- 2) Jennifer Bayes, H.P.E.A. Teacher, United Oaks Elementary School, effective date of hire and seniority February 26, 2016.

- 3) Bradley Stephens, H.P.P.A. Paraprofessional, Edison M.A.X., effective date of hire and seniority February 1, 2016.
- 4) Natalie Schneider, H.P.E.A. Social Worker, Edison M.A.X., effective date of hire and seniority February 9, 2016.
- 5) Isis Thomas-Gjergjaj, H.P.P.A. Paraprofessional, Edison M.A.X., effective date of hire and seniority February 22, 2016.

G. Recall

- 1) Kevin Bean, A.F.S.C.M.E. Custodian, location to be determined, effective date of recall February 23, 2016.

H. Transfer

- 1) Alisha Becker, H.P.E.A. First Grade Teacher, United Oaks Elementary School transfer to Hoover Elementary School, Title I Teacher.

I. Termination

- 1) Nichole Docter, HPPA Paraprofessional, Advantage, effective January 20, 2016.

J. H.P.E.A. Voluntary Layoff – 2015/2016 School Year

- 1) Dawn Gafa-Davis, H.P.E.A. Teacher, intends to return for the 2016/2017 School Year.
- 2) Ksymena Ratynski-Godin, H.P.E.A. Psychologist, intends to return for the 2016/2017 School Year.
- 3) Susan Talmage, H.P.E.A. Teacher, intends to return for the 2016/2017 School Year.

K. Conference Requests

- 1) District Pre-Conference Approval Requests Report
- 2) MACUL Conference – Ryan Stefanski

L. Donation – Elder Auto Group

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Promise Zone Update (Informational Item)

Mrs. Kayla Roney-Smith, Promise Zone Director, updated the Board of Education, administration and community on the recent Promise Zone events:

- Most of the winter scholarships have been sent to the colleges.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early submission date is tomorrow, March 1, 2016.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) assistance is still being offered.
- Promise Zone is conducting a Michigan College Access Network survey as part of the grant requirements.
- Hazel Park Career Fellowship Program will be a paid internship program and will be offered to incoming high school seniors. The program is planned to begin in July and run to the end of August. Application deadline has been extended; all applicants need to complete the online application.
- Students recently visited Eastern University and the Warren Electrical Industry Training Center.
- Dr. Amy Kruppe and Mrs. Kayla Roney-Smith met with the Carpenter's Union.
- Chrysler UAW Co-operative Program talks are underway. She hopes to bring the program to Hazel Park students in August.
- Promise Zone Race to College fundraiser will be on Saturday, March 5 at the Hazel Park Recreation Center. Tickets will be \$30 per person.

B. Board of Education Policy Book – Neola of Michigan (Informational Item)

- 1) 0000 Governance – First Reading
- 2) 6000 Finances – First Reading

Mrs. Laura Adkins, Board Trustee, held a discussion with Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, regarding the Governance section and the amendments that were made by the Board of Education. Dr. Kruppe stated that she would obtain the amended draft for the board members and have the document placed on the Hazel Park Schools website. Dr. Kruppe stated that the First Reading of the Governance Policy does not need approval. This evening it is an informational item, next reading there will be action.

Mrs. Laura Adkins, Board Trustee, held a discussion with Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, and Mr. Daniel Romzek, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, regarding the Finances section and the amendments that were made by the administration. Dr. Kruppe stated that administrative procedures are not adopted but reviewed. She indicated that Mrs. Josephine Petitta, Finance Manager, has all the forms and will include the forms and clarification of section 6320A Purchasing revisions for the next reading of the policy section.

B. Business Update (Information)

Mr. Daniel Romzek, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, stated that the officials from the Michigan Treasury Office of School Review and Fiscal Accountability have begun the Preliminary Review process of the School District's data, as required by Public Act 436 of 2012. Preliminary Review is a comprehensive review of school district

data by Treasury Officials to determine if the district's fiscal stress is manageable and improving or not. This fiscal stress information is reported to the State Emergency Loan Board (ELB). If a school's fiscal stress is confirmed, the oversight of the deficit could either return to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) or the Governor may appoint a review team to determine the next steps. The review team has the option to recommend a number of remedies that include consent agreement, emergency evaluation, neutral evaluation, or bankruptcy. If fiscal stress is deemed to be manageable and improving, Treasury will recommend the preparation of an Enhanced Deficit Elimination Plan (EDEP) with the district. While there are no guarantees here, given the current size and depth of Hazel Park's deficit, we are cautiously optimistic that Treasury will recommend the EDEP route, given the preponderance of evidence and data showing a strong financial turnaround is happening in Hazel Park. He will continue to keep the Board of Education updated regarding the developments of this process. The statute sets a specific timeline for each step of the process. With the Preliminary Review set for February 24 through 28, Hazel Park can expect the meeting of the Emergency Loan Board to take place sometime between April 4 through 11, 2016. Over the next month, he will be working on a second mid-year budget revision for consideration and approval by the Board in March or April. This budget will be used to update the financial forecast for deficit elimination, which will be used to build the EDEP.

Mrs. Rachel Noth, Board President, stated that the Treasury conference was cancelled due to the snowstorm. Mr. Romzek said that the informational conference that was cancelled was for several districts to offer information regarding what to expect during the Preliminary Review.

Mr. Daniel Romzek, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, said that on Wednesday, February 10, Governor Snyder presented his proposed budget for the 2017 fiscal year. This is the first glimpse we have of the state's spending priorities for next fiscal year. The Governor is proposing an increase in the per student foundation allowance between \$60 and \$120 per student using a 2X formula, which means Hazel Park would receive \$110 per student under this formula, which equates to a revenue increase of approximately \$360,000 based on current enrollment. The Governor also proposed changing the blending formula for enrollment from a 90% current fall and 10% prior year spring to a 50/50 blend. This shift in the funding formula provides more financial stability to schools with declining enrollment, ensuring greater predictability in school budgets. This formula change would likely benefit Hazel Park, given the recent declines in student enrollment over the past several years. The Governor's proposed budget is the first time we see the Governor's spending priorities and proposed funding changes for the coming year. Overall, the Governor's budget proposal provides good news for Hazel Park Schools. This information will be used in the coming months, along with other legislative developments, as the District works through the budgeting process. Mr. Romzek stated that he would continue to keep the Board of Education updated on the state budgeting process over the next coming months.

Mr. Daniel Romzek, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, stated that the architectural and engineering consulting team from Partners in Architecture has completed a comprehensive study of the District. Due to the all-inclusive facility study it will be best presented at a Special Board of Education Meeting that is devoted to this study. Mr. Romzek stated that he and the superintendent have had a conference with the architecture

firm, understands the in-depth study and expects the District will begin a Facility Turnaround.

Mr. Daniel Romzek, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, stated that the District is seeking input and direction from the Board of Education regarding the cooperative agreement with Ferndale to provide food services at Hazel Park through its contractor Chartwells, and whether or not to renew this agreement for the 2016/2017 year. The Board of Education approved a one-year cooperative agreement with Ferndale in June 2015 for the 2015/2016 year, due to the annual operating deficits experienced over several years by the School District's in-house run food service program. The total budget for the Food Service Fund was \$1.6 million annually, with \$1.2 million or 75% of the revenue for the program generated by federal and state reimbursements. Over a four year period from 2011/2012 to 2014/2015, the Food Service Fund ran an operating deficit, causing a financial subsidy from the district's General Fund in each of the four years, totaling \$584,000, with \$203,000 for the 2014/2015 year. To eliminate the annual financial subsidy and operate a financially sound food service program, the District contracted with Ferndale to have all services provided through its contract with Chartwells. Under the cooperative agreement Ferndale has assumed all oversight, administration, and operational control of food services at all Hazel Park school locations over the past year. This one-year agreement eliminated the annual \$200,000 General Fund subsidy, which was an integral component of the School District's MDE approved Deficit Elimination Plan. It also provided Hazel Park's students with a quality food service program that meets USDA program requirements. Ferndale, through Chartwells, has implemented the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program this year at Hazel Park, which provided free meals to all students every day, due to the high economic need of Hazel Park's students. It has closely monitored and controlled food and personnel costs, and provided oversight of the district's program. At this time last year, Hazel Park did not have the expertise to oversee and operate this program and turn it around financially. With a one-year Cooperative Agreement, we have been able to assess the program's effectiveness and have more information to allow us to make a decision on the operation of the District's food service program moving forward. At the time of the cooperative agreement, the School District was in financial crisis and didn't have the operational capacity to take on food services, along with the other financial and operational challenges it was facing. Now that things have stabilized administratively it is appropriate to revisit this issue with the Board. If the Board chooses to contract for these services directly, and hire its own food service management company for 2016/2017, thereby not renewing the cooperative agreement with Ferndale when it expires at the end of June 2016, the School District would need to begin the Food Service Management Contract Request for Proposal process right away, in order to resume food service operations for the 2016/2017 year. Following discussion with the Board on this matter, we will proceed accordingly.

Mrs. Rachel Noth, Board President, held a discussion with Mr. Romzek regarding the parent forum regarding the foods program.

Mr. Ricky Nagy, Board Trustee, expressed his concerns regarding the meal program being outsourced and under the control of Ferndale School District. He and other Board of Education members would like bring the foods program back under the guidance of the District even if continues to be outsourced. Mrs. Rachel Noth, Board President, recommends that the District issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Food Service.



Moved by Mr. Nagy, supported by Mrs. Hemple, that the Board of Education approve to issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Food Service, as recommended.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

C. Audit Firm Recommendation (Action Item)

Mr. Daniel Romzek, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, said that on Friday, January 15, 2016, the School District received complete proposals from eight (8) Certified Public Accounting firms for professional audit services. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in December 2015, following the direction given by the Board of Education at the December 14, 2015 Regular Meeting. Each firm was asked to provide three (3) years of pricing for annual audit services, as shown on the attached bid tabulation.

Proposals were reviewed for content, completeness, and inclusion of required submittals, and evaluated on the following evaluation criteria and scored, as shown on the attached proposal evaluation scoring matrix:

- Number of governmental entities and school districts audited by the firm (25 points).
- Available resources to support public schools (10 points).
- Involvement in school related organizations (5 points).
- Training of personnel in government and federal grant auditing (25 points).
- Qualifications of staff included in assignment (15 points).
- Internal quality control procedures and external quality control reviews (15points).
- Cost (5 points).

Mr. Romzek state that the two (2) firms with the highest score, Yeo & Yeo and Plante Moran, were invited to present their proposals and meet with a review team consisting of Board President Rachel Noth, Board Trustee Laura Adkins, Superintendent Dr. Amy Kruppe, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations Dan Romzek, and Finance Manager Josie Petitta. Interviews were conducted on February 18. Each firm provided excellent presentations of their proposals for services for the three-year service contract and the team unanimously recommends the contract be awarded to Plante Moran. Plante Moran possesses extensive experience and expertise to support the School District as it works through the financial turnaround and deficit elimination process. They are leaders among CPA firms in the state in their support of Michigan public schools, including training for staff and board members, active involvement in education leadership groups of MASB, MASA, MSBO, MIEM, MDE, as well as state and national CPA associations. Plante Moran's proposal for services was not the lowest of the eight proposals received. However, their proposed three-year fee of \$114,300 represents an overall savings of \$25,200 or 18% over audit fees paid by the School District over the past three years. The School District paid \$139,500 for these services for the three years of 2013 through 2015. The District is working with district legal counsel at Clark Hill to finalize the terms and conditions of a professional service contract. If

approved by the Board of Education, we will finalize the terms and conditions of the agreement and execute. Mr. Romzek stated that based on this information, he recommends the Board of Education award a three-year contract to Plante Moran for audit services for a total amount of \$114,300.00, and authorize the administration to finalize the related terms and conditions, and execute the final professional service contract.

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mr. Nagy, that the Board of Education approve a three-year contract with Plante Moran for audit services not to exceed a total amount of \$114,300.00, and to authorize the administration to finalize the related terms and conditions, and execute the final professional service contract, as presented.

#### Discussion

The Plante Moran Representative thanked the District for approving their firm as the District auditors.

#### Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

#### D. Superintendent Update

- 1) Approval to hire an A.F.S.C.M.E. Custodian (Action Item)

Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, stated that she recommends the District hire a full-time custodian who will rotate their shift as needed when a custodian is absent or if a facility needs additional cleaning or projects. This position will work flexible shifts as needed.

Moved by Mrs. Adkins, supported by Mrs. Hemple, that the Board of Education approve the hire of an A.F.C.M.E. Custodian, as recommended.

Mrs. Laura Adkins, Board Trustee, withdrew her motion due to conflict of interest and Mrs. Sue Hemple, Board Secretary, withdrew her motion of support.

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mrs. Hemple, that the Board of Education approve the hire of an A.F.C.M.E. Custodian, as recommended.

#### Discussion

None

#### Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Adkins

- 2) Hazel Park Youth Assistance Sponsorship (Action Item)

Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, recommended that the District support the Hazel Park Youth Assistance Sponsorship for \$1500.

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mr. Nagy, that the Board of Education approve the Hazel Park Youth Assistance Sponsorship, as recommended.

#### Discussion

Mrs. Sherrie Polowski requested that this sponsorship be added as a line item to the budget. Mr. Romzek stated that it is something the District can do, however, he believes sponsorship should come to the Board of Education each time for transparency reasons.

#### Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Hinton

#### 3) Hoover Elementary School Focus School Report (Informational Item)

Mrs. Leslie Baker, Hoover Elementary School Principal, stated that she has various programs in place that focus around intervention, instruction, and improving progress

#### 4) Hazel Park High School and Adult Education Priority Schools List (Informational Item)

Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, stated that both the Hazel Park High School and Adult Education have been released from the Priority Schools List. She applauded the hard work of administration, teachers and students of the high school and Roosevelt I.N.V.E. S.T.

#### 5) Three and Four Year Old Preschool Program Update (Informational Item)

Dr. Judy Berger, Director of Student Services, stated that the District is excited to be adding a three and four year old preschool tuition based program in the fall at Webster Preschool Center. The tuition will be approximately \$200 per month with a few tuition scholarships.

#### 6) District Goals (Informational Item)

Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, reviewed highlights of the District Goals with the Board of Education. She reviewed areas of the evaluation regarding teachers and administrators. Dr. Kruppe spoke about the book studies, reading committee, District consultations, Neola Board of Education Policies, Project Lead the Way, community and communications, among other important topics that she is working on throughout the District. Dr. Kruppe spoke about the Strategic Planning Committee and the event that will be held at the high school on Saturday.

#### 7) Superintendent Committees (Informational Item)

Dr. Amy Kruppe invited members of each of the committees to share their committee happenings.

## a) Community Engagement Team

Mrs. Beverly Hinton, Board Vice President, spoke about the many partnerships that are being built and still growing. The committee is planning a community float, fall huddle, and resources for students. Reminded everyone of the next Community Engagement Team Meeting on March 26 at 6:30 p.m.

## b) Website Committee

Mr. Ryan Stefanski, Director of Technology and Custodial Service, stated that the committee continues to meet with District and community stakeholders. Once the committee has met with all the stakeholders they will begin the implementation stage.

## c) Policy Committee

Mrs. Rachel Noth, Board President, stated that there is no update at this time since the Board Members are meeting as a full board to review the Board Policies.

## d) Ruth Geise Committee

Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent, asked the board members to form a Superintendent Ruth Geise Committee. Dr. Kruppe would like to establish procedures to fulfill the proposals that the District receives.

## Committee Members:

- 1) Sherrie Polowski, Board Trustee
- 2) Ricky Nagy, Board Trustee
- 3) Rose Mary Hammonds, Board Treasurer

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

## Discussion

None

## Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

The Board of Education adjourned to a Closed Session at 9:09 p.m. The meeting resumed as an open meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Mrs. Rachel Noth, Board President, asked for a motion to revise Rochelle Tassie's seniority date to reflect her hire date of August 22, 2013.

Moved by Mrs. Adkins, supported by Mrs. Hammonds, that the Board of Education approve to change Rochelle Tassie's seniority date to reflect her hire date of August 22, 2013, as recommended.

#### Discussion

None

#### Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

#### RECOGNITION/COMMENDATION

- A. Mrs. Tammy Scholz, Hazel Park Junior High Principal, would like to give a very special thank you to our counselor **Ms. Janet Langtry** for helping make HPJH a place where all kids feel welcome, valued and truly cared about. Not only has Ms. Langtry sponsored a weekly "Garden Club" in the fall, a winter "Book Club" so that our junior high students can simply enjoy reading with friends, chaperoned numerous dances and after school events, but she truly went above and beyond to secure a cosmetic surgery for one of our students who was attacked by a dog when she was younger. Ms. Langtry contacted a Dr. Frank McGeorge at WDIV and explained how our student desperately wanted the surgery to diminish her scar from a dog attack but the family did not have the funds to pay for such a costly procedure. Through their communications, Ms. Langtry was notified just before Christmas that Dr. McGeorge had found a surgeon who would do the surgery at NO cost to the family. This procedure will cost more than \$35,000! The student's family has already met with the surgeon and WDIV has informed Ms. Langtry that they would like to do a documentary about our brave HPJH student and that it will be televised in the near future! Her parents have agreed and we couldn't be more excited for her. Ms. Langtry's caring spirit and genuine concern for our students at HPJH deserves recognition.
- B. Mrs. Tammy Scholz, Hazel Park Junior High Principal, would like to thank **Ms. Deborah Barley, Ms. Darlene Pellow, Ms. Margaret Callebs, and Ms. Candy Norman** for volunteering at the HPJH Book Fair. These ladies were the reason our Book Fair was open to students during the day, after school and during parent/teacher conferences! The Book Fair was organized and sponsored by our incredible PTSA, which is led by President, Heidi Fortress.
- C. Hazel Park Junior High would also like to thank **Mrs. Kathy Nagy** for volunteering multiple days each week in our office. Mrs. Nagy helps file, organize and shred among many other jobs. She is amazingly thorough and quick! An extra special thank you to **Mrs. Nagy and Ms. Tiffany Nagy** for making our new signs for parent/teacher conferences at home. They look wonderful!

- D. Hazel Park Junior High would like to thank **Mr. Ken Mueller** and his technology students for making the stands to hold our new signs at conferences. They cut, drilled and painted the blocks as well as glued the sticks in the blocks to hold the signs. Many parents commented on how great they looked.
- E. Mrs. Tammy Scholz, Hazel Park Junior High Principal, would like to thank **Mrs. Kelly Hofacker** for volunteering every Monday and Tuesday in our library so that our students can check books in and out. Her willingness to come in allows our students access to many more reading materials.
- F. Hazel Park Junior High would like to thank **Mr. Gurney Revels** who comes weekly to volunteer in our cafeteria during lunch. He has conversations with the students and they really look forward to seeing him each week.
- G. Mrs. Tammy Scholz, Hazel Park Junior High Principal, would like to thank **Mrs. Kimberly Chamberlain** for volunteering every day during swim season to chaperone the swimmers until the bus arrived to transport them to practice.
- H. Mrs. Tammy Scholz, Hazel Park Junior High Principal, would like to give a special thank you to **Michele Zabawa, Carla Kinyon, Mike Leo, Beth Flanigan** and **Liz Pappas** for volunteering to work breakfast before school so that Mrs. Scholz and Mrs. Dupes can attend the weekly District Turn Around Network meetings before school each Wednesday. Thank you to **Anita Dupes** who continues to volunteer her time to work breakfast every other day of the week. Thank you to the staff at HPJH for donating so much of their time for the betterment of all of our students.
- I. Hazel Park Junior High would like to thank **Mrs. Carla Kinyon** for her efforts in preparation and administration of the 8th grade PSAT. Mrs. Kinyon's attention to detail helped make the test run very smoothly. Because of her efforts, the 8th graders at HPJH had an authentic standardized testing experience which will help prepare them for future timed tests.

Hazel Park Junior High truly appreciates the efforts of all our wonderful volunteers!

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Michael VanderVeer  
23321 Powell Ave.  
tomorrow Hazel Park  
family  
will - Mr. VanDeervan, Hazel Park Creative Arts, stated that there are two upcoming fundraisers, at Classic Coney Grill and March 18 will be night at Hazel Park High School. The evening include theater ticket, soup from Mable Gray, and salad served in artwork bowls.
- B. Robbie Webb  
357 W. Pearl  
Night Hazel Park - Mrs. Robbie Webb, Hazel Park PTA Council, stated that they will be hosting the Senior All Party. They are looking for donations and fundraising with Hungry Howie Pizza cards.

## BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. Board Members - The Board Members thanked the community for attending the Board of Education Meeting. They thanked the superintendent for organizing the building tours, having the students at the Board of Education Meetings, having all the staff trainings and including the Board Members to be a part of the trainings. During the tours Board Members were surprised to see the lack of technology being used in classes and the amount of cell phones being used by both staff and students. Board Members would like the Board Policy enforced regarding the cell phone usage. They extended their congratulations to the Teachers of the Year and Employees of the Month. They reminded the administration and the public to attend the Promise Zone Race to College dinner this Saturday. Invited everyone to the Youth Assistance Bunny Lunch on March 19 at the Hazel Park Recreation Center. Thanked everyone working in the District, students and families of the District and the community members for being a part of the “family.”
- B. Daniel Romzek  
Assistant Superintendent of  
& Business Operations - Mr. Romzek, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, stated that Wendy Rowland long time District employee passed away February 22, 2016, he asked for a moment of silence in honor of Wendy.
- C. Amy Kruppe  
Superintendent - Dr. Kruppe thanked the Board of Education, administrative team and teachers for being a part of the District Turnaround Committee.

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Hemple, Secretary  
Hazel Park Board of Education