

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 September 15, 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
Members Absent:
Others Present: André, Barlow, Berger, Mayo, Meisinger, Watrion, Paterson

INVOCATION

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

James Meisinger, Superintendent, thanked Pastor Barry David for offering this evening's prayer. Mr. Meisinger stated that he and Pastor Barry have spent time together discussing the love the pastor has for his church and the Hazel Park community.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: C. Hemple, Polowski, Hammonds, Cook, S. Hemple, Nagy
Nays: None

AUDIT OF THE BILLS

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mr. Cook, that the Bills dated September 10, 2014, be approved as follows: Capital Projects Funds – \$1,189,595.47; Special Revenue Funds – \$25,575.37; General Fund – \$1,972,247.12; Total Expenditures – \$3,187,417.96.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Hazel Park Education Association (HPEA) Features
Hoover Elementary School Teacher, Corri Nastasi

Ms. Amy Zitzelberger, Hazel Park High School Teacher, introduced Hoover Elementary School Teacher, Ms. Corri Nastasi. Mrs. Nastasi presented a PowerPoint to the Board of Education, administration and community explaining many events that Hoover Elementary School staff has hosted throughout the past school year and look forward to continuing in the future. Ms. Nastasi thanked the Board of Education, administration and community for this opportunity to share the Hoover Elementary School events.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – to be approved as written
 - a) August 18, 2014, Regular Meeting and Closed Session
 - b) September 2, 2014, Special Meeting
2. Notes of Appreciation – to be received and filed
 - a) The Nemeckay Family - Gratefully acknowledges the expression of sympathy from the Board of Education at the time of their father's death (Stephen Nemeckay).
3. Leave for Study, Travel or Research – to be received and filed
 - a) April Delude Teacher - Requests a Study Leave of Absence for the 2014/2015 school year.
4. Retirement – to be received and filed
 - a) Donna Nelson Paraprofessional - Informs the Board of Education her intention to resign effective August 21, 2014.
5. Conference Reports – to be received and filed
 - a) **Lenore Barshaw**, Teacher at Untied Oaks Elementary School, attended the “A Comprehensive Study of the Leveled Literacy Intervention K–2” conference on July 28 – 29, 2014, in Atlanta. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
 - b) **Emily Burkett**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics 2014 Conference” on August 6 – 7, 2014, in Holland, MI. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)
 - c) **Candice Bissonnette**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “Writing Essentials K–2” conference on August 11 – 13, 2014, at Oakland ISD. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

- d) **Cheryl Kelly**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics 2014 Conference” on August 6 – 7, 2014, in Holland, MI. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

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

No participants

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. HPEA Personnel Recommendations

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

The following teachers are recommended for a **first year, non-tenure probationary status** for the 2014/2015 school year.

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| a) Gabriel Ferrise | - | School Psychologist, Jardon |
| b) Nora Rayes | - | Elementary Teacher, United Oaks, Grade 1 |
| c) Lauren Roach | - | Elementary Teacher, Hoover, Kdg |
| d) Lisa VanderHagen | - | Elementary Teacher, Hoover, Grade 3 |

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Polowski, that the above teachers be approved for **first year, non-tenure probationary** status for the 2014/2015 school year.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

2. Nine Mile Lease Contract

Mrs. Kathy André, Supervisor of Adult Education and Alternative Education, requested permission from the Board of Education to extend the Nine Mile Lease contract for five

(5) years. Mrs. André confirmed that Mr. James Paterson, Board Counsel, has reviewed the contract. Mr. James Paterson stated that all the discussed language has been included.

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mr. Cook, that the Board of Education approve the Nine Mile Lease Contract as presented.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

3. Promise Zone Update

Ms. Kayla Roney, Promise Zone Executive Director, gave the Board of Education a scholarship update. She stated that the new Hazel Park High School Promise Zone College Advisor, Brittney Thomas, is in place at the high school. Ms. Roney updated the Board of Education regarding the trade school partnership. There will be a community tailgating event at the Hazel Park Recreation Center on Saturday, October 18, 2014, sponsored by the Hazel Park Promise Zone. Ms. Roney stated that the Promise Zone is seeking an intern for this school year, if you know of anyone that may be interested to contact her.

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, stated that developing a trade school partnership for our students is a marvelous idea.

4. AFSCME Personnel Recommendations

a) Kathleen Hoffman – Webb/Jardon, Cook

b) Pamela Starling – High School, Cook

Mr. Ken Mayo, Director of Maintenance and Custodial, Food Services, Transportation, stated that he would like to recommend hiring two AFSCME employees, Kathleen Hoffman and Pamela Starling. He stated that these employees will replace the two AFSCME employees that retired this past June. Mr. Mayo stated that if these employees were to be hired their seniority dates would be September 16, 2014.

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Hammonds, that the Board of Education hire Kathleen Hoffman and Pamela Starling with a hire date of September 16, 2014, as recommended.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

5. Summer Meal Program Report

Mr. Ken Mayo, Director of Maintenance and Custodial, Food Services, Transportation, informed the Board of Education that the Summer Meal Program for the third year has been very successful, with a profit of approximately \$14, 529.71. The profits earned can be only used in the foods department for certain items. Mr. Mayo thanked all the employees that worked the meal program this summer, especially Gina Brew, Transportation Supervisor. Mr. Mayo stated that this year the District will serve meals to all the International Network for Vocational Educational Skills Training, (I.N.V.E.S.T.) students.

Superintendent Meisinger said that for many years the Food Department reported in the “red,” but the last three years the program has been in the “black.”

6. Board of Education Vacancy Subcommittee Recommendation to appoint a new member of the Hazel Park Board of Education with the term ending December 31, 2014.

Mrs. Sherrie Polowski, Board Vice President, stated that the committee screened the applications and recommends appointing Melvin Rasmusson to the Board of Education through December 31, 2014.

Moved by Mrs. Hammonds, supported by Mr. Cook, that the Board of Education appoint Melvin Rasmusson to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education until the term ending December 31, 2014, as recommended.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

7. Swearing in of the newly appointed Board of Education Member

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, swore in newly appointed Board of Education Member Melvin Rasmusson to the Hazel Park Board of Education to fill the vacancy created by Laura LaForme until December 31, 2014.

RECOGNITION/COMMENDATION

1. Ryan Stefanski, Director of Technology, would like to thank the Hazel Park School’s Technology Committee and Technology Services Staff for their commitment in the development and implementation of classroom technology. The technology committee, comprised of **Chris Campeau, Kim Forster, Darrin Fox, Stacie Martin, Linda Rogers,** and **Patrick Voisine,** were instrumental in developing our vision for interactive classrooms, as well as developing its associated professional development. The committee offered professional development on August 25th and 26th to familiarize teachers with their new classroom technology. The turnout was tremendous, with over 150 teachers in attendance. This strongly supports an eagerness to learn about the newest technologies and how to best incorporate them into our classrooms. **Thomas Corn** and **Darrin Matthews** should also be commended for their efforts this summer. They were

instrumental in upgrading classroom technology and ensuring that it was placed in classrooms for the start of school. Collectively, we have moved Hazel Park School District into the era of 21st century education.

2. Brian Bird, teacher at Hazel Park High School, would like to commend Custodial staff **Bob Griffin** and **Rachel Keeton**, for all their help in clearing out the metal shop. This task would have been too great to do without their help. Thank you Bob and Rachel!

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

1. Board of Education - The Board of Education thanked Mr. Melvin Rasmusson for taking the interest in returning to the Hazel Park Board of Education until December 31, 2014.
2. Charles Hemple
Board Secretary - Mr. Charles Hemple, Board Secretary, requested a CASA bussing update. Mrs. Sherrie Polowski, Board Vice President, requested that Mr. Gordon give an update at the next Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Charles Hemple, Board Secretary, suggested that a committee be developed to revise the Hazel Park Board of Education Policies. Mrs. Sherrie Polowski, Board Vice President, agreed, and stated she would like to sit on the committee and suggested that Shirley Atcho also be part of the committee. Mr. Hemple and Mr. Ryan Cook, Board Trustee, stated they would too like be part of the committee. Mr. Ricky Nagy, Board President, agreed with the board committee members and stated that the superintendent could also recommend members to be part of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Hemple
Secretary Hazel Park Board of Education