

**MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 27, 2010**

Regular meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education called to order by Brandt at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Members: Bovee, Brandt, Braun, Cryderman, Heuss, McKulsky, Shellenbarger
Absent-Members: None

Guests in Attendance: 5

Additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda: addition of amended item, closed session to discuss attorney-client privilege.

Visitor Comments: May-spoke with sponsor for quilting, can we use administration building and/or high school? Can we have students bussed to high school? Sherer-welcome Mr. Bovee. Very disappointed that we are not offering Senior Math. Explanation was nothing more than students didn't want it. Spoke with principal & Mrs. Plude regarding lack of Senior Math. Extraordinarily disappointed. We had 10 students opt out for lesser level course. Does extreme injustice to not have a full curriculum. Brandt-I did follow up with superintendent and we did pass the information along.

Board Comments: Bovee-no, McKulsky-no, Braun-thank volunteers for help with 5K run, we took in \$500-\$600. It went well. Heuss-no, Shellenbarger-no, Cryderman-no. Brandt-thanked Mr. Fransee on the well kept football field. Lawn care contract coming up, asked to submit letter to superintendent for review.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to enter closed session for attorney-client privilege discussion. Motion Carried (7-Yes, 0-No)

Enter closed session at 6:12 p.m.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to reconvene special meeting at 7:09 pm. Motion Carried (7-Yes, 0-No).

Goals Update- School of Choice in Iosco County-signed a number of applications. Appears like we are continuing to be in lead. Cohesiveness to K-12 structure-continue to hear good feedback. Shellenbarger-hearing good things about K-12. McKulsky-heard some grumbles about 7th & 8th grade being involved in Homecoming, but trying to build morale. Cryderman-staff acclimating OK? Provoast-good. Usage of district facilities for community functions, currently working with SVSU, ACC, Delta, Other suggestions are Ross Medical & Baker. Haven't made contact with those two yet. Shellenbarger-what do you mean by working? Provoast-looking at a central database with other agencies. Is SVSU interested? They have concern with infrastructure in having instructor from Saginaw and students in Hale because fiberoptic cable stops 10 miles south of Hale. Provoast-would like to speak with Glen Wilson, running for senate seat with

regard to providing fiberoptic connections. Shellenbarger-this isn't going to happen this year? Not sure, still working on it. Brandt-MTech center in Gaylord has complex on high school campus-may want to model it. Goals with academic achievement-discussed improvement with MEAP and ACT-working with Olga, also on National Standards. From ACT gaps, we have moved two basis points over a year's period of time with our results. We are offering an ACT prep class which seems to be helping. Summer school program is in Title I budget. Enrollment-increasing enrollment from 10-11 to 11-12, we do have 30 registered for Cyber School. We may also extend to 31 students. We will share dynamics of Cyber School at the regular meeting. District goals, itemized improved technology rotation. Concerned with current technology arrangements-more maintenance-very disappointed that some of the classroom items are not being dealt with. Last week at superintendent conference, there was discussion about contracting verses employee and they are finding that having someone onsite is still a better bang for your buck in the long run. Barnes-we are very frustrated with technology. We cannot AR test. We only have one teacher, one computer. Kids can't test or go on computers for centers. Provoast-had meeting a week ago Friday with priority items, expect status report this week. Had roadblocks with Centurytel and firewalls, etc. Cryderman-can we get him here more than 2 days a week? We are working on that. Cryderman-are they aware of issues? Provoast-yes. Cryderman-have they offered any solutions? Provoast-no. Cryderman-we need him more than two days a week. Bovee-can he fix from a remote location? Cryderman-hardware or software issue? Provoast-every laptop machine has to be upgraded for the Windows server. Laptops sent to Bay City to be reimaged. Shellenbarger-is it that way in all the classrooms? Barnes-yes, computers are too old. No AR icon on computers in lab. Barnes-tech person is working extremely hard, but we are not seeing the progress needed. Provoast-will follow-up on that. Boiler plan for 415 Main. Haven't really looked into the plan except we did allocate dollars in this year's budget. Brandt-recommendation was to get into a 5-6 year schedule. Working with Olga, reviewing policies, BOE assessment, Supt. Search which is on the agenda for tonight. Cryderman-would like more information on the technology issue.

Employee of the month criteria-we looked at this at the retreat. Provoast-using a framework where attendance would be a part of qualification and also other awards for employee. Looking at it as a committee instead of a single person nominating. Only condition now is they have to be an employee for a year. Point system? Brandt-7 out of 9 last year were teachers. Braun-we need to require a certain amount of votes. Brandt-can we ask staff?

Strategic Planning-Provoast has been in contact with Olga-she has 11/13/10 open on a Saturday, would like a four hour block. Brandt-It could be an evening session as well. We'll see if she can do October 25th or November 1st.

Board Policies-Reviewed Section 2000 (General School Administration). Areas discussed were Section 2100, 2110, 2120, 2400, 2750, 2780, 2790. Verification of links website on MASB policies.

McKulsky – Communication to staff on medical issues with students; i.e., bee stings, diabetics.

Committee Updates: Personnel on 10.04.10 at 4:00 p.m. to review Section 5000 of board policies. Mission/Vision on 10.07.10 at 6:30 p.m. Building and Site on 10.28.10 at 6:00 p.m.

Final Discussion/Comments/Highlights: Kristie Jordan – wants to get back in school; was under the impression that she could tomorrow. Plans to get counseling from AuSable Valley Community Mental Health. Does not feel she should attend Decisions to Actions program because she is not a criminal as everyone attending the program has a police record. Mrs. Provoast, Mrs. White, Kristie Jordan, and board member, Karol Shellenbarger to meet on Tuesday, September 28 to discuss Kristie’s plan to return to school. Karol has offered to mentor Kristie if she is interested.

McKulsky – productive meeting. Bovee – set up on school email. Cryderman – trustee team meetings continuing. Heuss – productive meeting. Braun – none. Brandt – thanks everyone for attending, positive feedback.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by McKulsky, supported by Heuss that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Sarah Heuss, Secretary