

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 9, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education called to order by President Brandt at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Members: Bovee, Brandt, Braun, Cryderman, Heuss, McKulsky, Shellenbarger, Wilson (Student Representative)

Absent-Members: None.

Guests in Attendance: 36

Additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda: Add item F as Pupil Accounting Award. Item XIV-B will not be in closed session. Amended to XV-A.

Principal update was given.

Student Representative, Allison Wilson, provided a student update.

Student of the Month Recognition by Mr. Reilly.

Cyber School update was given by Mr. Jordan Barclay.

2010 Fall MEAP Results presented by Mrs. Provoast.

Pupil Accounting Award presented to Mrs. Reilly by Mrs. Provoast. Mrs. Reilly received the Pupil Accounting Specialist Certification through Michigan School Business Officials at the end of April 2011. This certification is good for five years.

Recess at 8:15 p.m.

Reconvene at 8:20 p.m.

Visitor Comments: None.

Board Comments: Braun-good luck to choir. It was a pleasure to help out with track meet. McKulsky-article in paper-wish person would come to meeting to get information. May 12th meeting will determine a lot of things with regard to finances. Cryderman-congratulations to Mrs. Reilly. Brandt-entire board is invited to prom this Saturday night. Follow the news with the legislation.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to approve all regular board meeting minutes for April. Items B, E, G

Amendment: Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to approve all regular and special board meeting minutes including April 2, 2011 as written. Items A, B, E, G. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to approve the April executive session meeting minutes as written. Items C, D, F. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to approve for payment accounts payable (item nos. 1-62; check nos. 34733-34860 for General Fund). Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Financial reports presented by Superintendent Provoast. McKulsky-since we are seeing profit in food service, can we do anything to spice up the menu and give kids something different? Mrs. Provoast will present this to Mrs. Brindley.

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to accept the 2011-2012 Iosco RESA General Fund Budget as previously presented. Comments: Provoast discussed IRESA budget information. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to accept the Interagency Agreement with Iosco RESA for the fiscal monitoring report. Comments: Brandt-IRESA was required to put out RFP's for auditing services for our Title I funds. Stephenson & Gracik will be monitoring our funds for a ten month period. The total amount will be \$2360 for the first ten month period. MDE would like quarterly reports for an undetermined amount of time after that period. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Cryderman to approve the Iosco RESA Crosswalks for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Superintendent Provoast provided the Superintendent update. Nominations for the IRESA board were due today by 4:00 p.m. The expired terms are the seat held by Lila Fagan for Whittemore-Prescott and the seat held by Dawn Kaiser, the floating seat. Candidates have until Thursday, May 12th at 4:00 p.m. to withdraw their nomination. We will need to hold a special meeting to adopt a resolution and appoint a voting delegate to represent Hale on Monday, June 6, 2011. We had discussion during our teacher evaluation meeting regarding a letter to parents and setting up a community/parent meeting to present correct financial information and district issues.

Legislative Updates – Brandt-there are currently three state budget proposals on the table. The three proposals were discussed. The target date is the end of May to try to have something in place.

Board Committees: The only committee that met recently was the teacher evaluation committee. We have tentatively agreed upon a tool for the evaluation piece. We have not decided on the merit portion as of yet.

Final Comments/Discussion/Highlights: Lewis-thank you from IRESA for the support you have given. Passing the action items tonight is a step in the right direction for our students. The

meeting on May 12, 2011 with MDE is critical for the district as well as the community. Feel free to ask the township for assistance at anytime. R. Reilly-earlier in the year, we had a generous donation by Mr. Meagher. He has matched a donation again and Wells Fargo will match so we will receive another \$1600. Bovee-we were able to purchase everything on the wish list for the sound equipment via generous donations from people in our community. Reilly-Mr. Kraft brought his technology teacher, Steve Hill, to give our staff a presentation on some technology they have at Harbor Beach including the Mobi pad. Brandt-We have a 9:30 appointment with the state on May 12th. Our district has been on the deficit elimination plan for two years. The state wants us out of deficit within two years and we were not able to do that. The state has passed an emergency financial manager legislation. We are hoping to get direction from the state and retain local control.

Streeter-with regard to the notification process for after the 12th. Is there a plan? Brandt-I will notify the teacher union representative. M. Goodman-what about the public? Brandt-parent meeting/community forum. Caverly-would like to commend the board for having to make the terrible decisions. It is sad to see a lot of our teachers get pink slipped.

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by McKulsky to enter executive session to discuss negotiations at 9:32 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by McKulsky to reconvene at 10:16 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

The final item is a personnel issue. Brandt-Braun and I had a meeting with Mrs. Provoast last week regarding the vacation/sick day sellback. Severance package is calculated at approximately \$35,000. Mrs. Provoast is asking the district for approximately \$20,000. After discussion, it is the consensus of the board that there is a gray area in the superintendent's contract related to sick days. The board is in agreement to honor other items in the contract such as tuition reimbursement and vacation days for approximately \$10,000.

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by McKulsky to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Sarah Heuss, Secretary