

**MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MAY 23, 2011**

Special meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education called to order by President Brandt at 7:02 p.m.

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

Guests in Attendance: 2

Additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda: None.

Visitor Comments: None.

Board Comments: Braun-Kaitlin Scott broke the 400 meter girls school record that has been held for 35 years. McKulsky-A lot of state changes; going to be an interesting few weeks.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to adopt **Resolution 11-22** to nominate Richard Braun for the IRESA voting delegate. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by McKulsky supported by Cryderman to delegate Lila Fegan and Dawn Kaiser as the candidates for the IRESA board of education. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

Items were discussed for June 13, 2011 Agenda. Mark is interested in running for the MASB representative position. Brandt-Action has to be taken by July 13, 2011. We can take action at the next meeting.

Truth in Budgeting Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to allow adequate time for public posting.

Final Comments: Shellenbarger-concert date clarification was discussed. Board Meeting Wednesday was discussed if needed for approval of financial plans for the State. Brandt-read the letter from Michigan Department of Education. Union leadership met with board representation at 4:30 p.m. today to get a plan presented. Discussion ensued about class sizes and issues and changes in Lansing. Changes with the tenure law would affect staff with regard to effectiveness. Some layoff notices could be subject to change. The 80/20 healthcare bill was discussed. The step freeze and the employees picking up increases in healthcare is likely to pass. There is another bill moving quickly that would require us to seek bids on all non-instructional services. That has not passed yet. A custodial RFP was sent out. The paraprofessionals were given layoff notices today. Legislative issues were discussed.

Brandt-Conference call was held today on the Title I update. The consolidated application has a total of \$160,000 which will be applied to carryover for 2011-2012. Auditors are working with

our district. They are going to sample 5% of our payroll and also some other areas. This audit will take place on June 3, 2011. We are going to try to get some of the funds released.

With regard for the business procedures, the state did not accept what we submitted due to lack of specificity. We asked for another district who has business procedures in place. The only district name they gave us was a Class A school district of South Lyon. Mrs. Provoast has been in contact with their central office for recommendations. The Title I Consolidated Application will be worked on June 22, 2011.

McKulsky-did we contact our auditor regarding the \$50,000 ORS payment that was missed from 2003? Discussion ensued regarding attorney fees and it was determined that Mrs. Provoast will follow-up with the auditor with a letter and a copy sent to our attorney.

Brandt-Kindergarten registration, we are at 39 total for enrollment. Discussion with union representatives regarding an early childhood program took place today. Mr. Kraft stated there are grant monies available and it is something that we could look at.

Brandt-informational financial meeting for parents and community went very well. Provoast-Mrs. Putnam is going to host the art exhibit the same night as our MEAP awards. The wall mural unveiling will be at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Reimer-Ranke qualified for state in the pole vault. Tawas Bay will provide the Priority Health quote soon.

Brandt-the grievance procedure was discussed. I was contacted by the local union representative today. Because of the recent changes, I asked if they still wanted to proceed. They are going to get back with us on that. Mr. Laney left me a message with concerns about the RFP that went out. I gave the message to Mr. Kraft to contact Mr. Laney.

Scherer-Is the problem that the lady at the informational meeting had being addressed? The problem was that her child's teacher received a pink slip. Response: Yes, a discussion was held.

Scherer-If this building is shut down, would it be up to code if we try to reopen it? Brandt-if we shut it down completely with no student use, we would be obligated to bring it back up to code. We are looking at IRESA to see if they would be willing to put up some funds to keep it open if they are truly interested in an alternative school here for fall 2012.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

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Sarah Heuss, Secretary