COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 04, 2014

Committee Of The Whole meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education called to order by President Cryderman at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call:	Present – Members: Cryderman, Shellenbarger, Braun, Heydon, Brindley
Absent-Members:	Terry Bovee and Mark McKulsky

Guests in Attendance: 0

Additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda:

Discussion Items

School Board Field Book – Learning With Vision by Mark Van Clay (as recommended by Mary Kerwin). – Cryderman handed out the books and asked members to please read. This will be a discussion item in April.

Getting There from Here (informational booklet from MASB) – Kraft will send out to the board members electronically.

Superintendent Contract Language Change: Kraft has had a number of conversations w/Delaney, the biggest things to identify are when, where, how, costs, etc. He is comfortable with the language, but we need to further define these items and develop language and protocol that is consistent.

Principal Contract / Extension: Kraft stated that Bowman has progressed nicely since coming on board & would recommend extending a 2 year contract between now and the current contract expiration date. Kraft to forward copy of the contract. Shellenbarger commented how well Bowman interacts with the kids.

Second Reading of 5,000 Range Policy: This will be done next week as second reading.

Student Handbook: We've started volunteer teams for handbooks (K-4, 5-8, & 9-12). Get with Kraft if you'd like to be on one of the teams. Discussed honors, and what would be recognized (looking at 3, 3.5, 3.75, with considerations for rigorous content), along with the importance of consistency. Braun wondered where the 2.67 figure came from. Kraft explained that this is the figure previous administration had used.

MEAP Test Results: Bovee has asked to make a presentation to peers. We will dig into descriptor items, vocabulary, scale scores, and terminology in general so that we can all gain an in depth understanding on how to understand the data. Heydon & Kraft discussed interruptions to testing and security of testing materials.

Financial Update: Boensch stated he won't have a lot of his month end bills, but will send what information he has Thursday, then send any updated information out Monday.

Negotiations with USW: Contract is going to expire June 30th. We need to determine how we're going to handle this. Kraft asked BOE to think about this and it will be back on the table next month.

Second Grade Teacher Presentation will be an action item next meeting.

District School Improvement: Meeting scheduled for tomorrow afternoon in the library. Heydon to join, McKulsky will be absent.

Audit Firm Bid: Kraft has information that he's sent to Delaney for his input, but the reply was sent back in a document that has confidential information in it, so he's not been able to send it on to BOE yet. Athletic event revenue needs to be a part of this audit, with Title 1 dollars as well. There are a limited number of firms endorsed by the state of MI.

Lawn Service Bid: Some more fine tuning before the document can go out.

Custodial Service Bid: Contract is up June 30th. We will put on the web for bid. Shellenbarger stated the custodial services have been done well, and there even seems to be less illness within the school.

Summer Tax Collection: Have to do a resolution (did in April last year) to collect summer taxes. Will be on the next meeting's agenda.

March Meeting Schedule: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 11.

Review of 6,000 rage of policy is being held off until next week.

Visitor / Board Comments: Discussed security items, including cameras in classrooms, and locking the front door. System under consideration would be available to law enforcement as we… Brindley asked about warranty and service agreement on cameras. Kraft will provide all this information during the time of a proposal. Shellenbarger and Kraft discussed how the locked doors, and buzzing visitors in would work. Brindley stated that he liked the newsletter, and its timely release. Braun had it brought to his attention that there were some misspelled words, and Kraft explained how proofreading materials will work in the future, with 2 ELA teachers, then Denise reviewing before release. Brindley and Braun reflected on how well the vote turned out, and their appreciation of people getting out to vote. Heydon's newsletter didn't reach him until Thursday, and noted that McKulsky was not listed as a board membe. Cryderman has been told that people wish we had never stopped sending out the newsletter. Brindley updated us on Ariel Everitt who finished in 3rd place earning an $800.00 scholarship.

Motion by Shellenbarger supported by Brindley to go into closed session at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried. (5 Yes, 0 No, 2).

Visitor / Board Comments:

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Heydon to move into Closed Session to discuss student discipline appeal. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

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Karol Shellenbarger, Secretary