

**MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
JULY 8, 2009**

Special meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education called to order by Mark McKulsky at 7:00 p.m.

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

Guests in Attendance: 5

Additions/Deletions/Corrections to Agenda: Add Article XII, Executive Session to discuss Negotiations. Also add J to Article VIII, Acceptance of Donation.

Visitor Comments: Carol Barnes asked for an IRESA update; Provoast responded that there is a proposal to move the IRESA special education office to the old administration building with three classrooms there and two classrooms in the K-8 building.

Board Comments: Brandt, welcome to Valerie Cryderman as a new board member. Heuss, welcome to Cryderman. Braun, welcome to Cryderman. McKulsky, welcome to Cryderman. Thanks to the visitors for attending the meeting.

Reorganization/Election of Officers for the 2009-2010 School Year – Provoast opens floor for election of officers.

Nomination by Benedict for McKulsky as President.

Motion by Benedict, supported by Brandt that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for McKulsky as President. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Nomination by Shellenbarger for Braun as Vice-President.

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by Benedict that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Braun as Vice-President. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Nomination by Cryderman for Shellenbarger as Secretary.

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Braun that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Shellenbarger as Secretary. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Nomination by Braun for Brandt as Treasurer.

Motion by Braun, supported by Shellenbarger that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Brandt as Treasurer. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Benedict, supported by McKulsky to approve the June 1, 2009 regular board meeting minutes. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Benedict, supported by Braun to approve the June 8, 2009 regular board meeting minutes with an amendment. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to approve the June 29, 2009 special board meeting minutes as written. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Brandt, supported by Braun, to approve for payment accounts payable (items nos. 1-30; check nos. 32887-32952 for General Fund. Benedict had questions on the payments to Shade Tree Lawn Care, Johnson Controls and Hale Auto Parts. The Shade Tree Lawn Care invoice included fertilizer; the Johnson Controls invoice was for K-8 repairs; the Hale Auto Parts invoice was for the 2001 van, not the van currently set for replacement. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Financial reports presented by Superintendent Provoast.

Motion by Heuss, supported by Benedict to adopt **Resolution No. 10-1** establishing that regular meetings of the Board will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (place and time to be announced on the meeting agenda or posting notice). Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Benedict, supported by Brandt to adopt **Resolution 10-2** in that First Bank, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, Independent Bank and Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF) be designated as the depositories for school funds for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Braun, supported by Benedict to adopt **Resolution 10-3** to approve the Superintendent, Treasurer, Secretary and President as authorized signatories for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to adopt **Resolution 10-4** to approve the Superintendent, High School Principal, Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director as authorized signatories for the 2009-2010 school year for the Athletic Fund. Braun asked whether two signatures were required. Yes. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Heuss to adopt **Resolution 10-5** to designate Dianna G. Brinkman as the individual responsible for posting public notices for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to adopt **Resolution 10-6** to approve the designation of Rhonda Provoast by the Secretary of the Board of Education to serve as chief election official and transact business on behalf of the Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by Cryderman to adopt **Resolution 10-7** to approve Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as the law firm for the 2009-2010 school year. Question by Benedict on change

of fees? No. It was noted that Thrun does bill for extra charges; Cryderman asked what the hourly rate is; Provoast will check and respond. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Benedict, supported by Brandt to adopt **Resolution 10-8** to retain Hale Area Schools' membership with the Michigan Association of School Boards (M.A.S.B.) for the 2009-2010 school year. Cryderman asked how the amount was determined; it is by student count. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Benedict, supported by Braun to adopt **Resolution 10-9** to approve Weinlander Fitzhugh, CPA as the audit firm for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Brandt, supported by Braun to accept the donation of \$20,000 from the Sideliners to be put towards the bleacher project. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Superintendent Report: Provoast reported on the progress of the Butler Building; moving very quickly. Webb capped the fire hydrant. Talked with Roger from RESSCO regarding the bleacher project trying to get blueprints; Kalkaska might have some, they are checking. Need to get architect seal. Breakdown on attendance report on employee benefits provided. Talked with the State regarding the High School AYP report; there is a deficit in ELA, currently in the appeal stage. Talking with DOE on problems; okay in math but not in ELA; might be an error in special ed calculation (MIAccess); still checking. Braun asked if ELA and math are the only areas tracked; response was yes for AYP. Brandt, if we meet AYP will that change our discussion on the K-12 Title 1? Provoast responded we will need to check with Gayla Mann after the final AYP decision.

Next week Provoast is meeting with the two principals to go over all areas of concerns with the academic schedule.

Board retreat was discussed; need to set date and decide if an MASB representative was needed. Provoast trying to get a Legislative Day scheduled.

Screen print on new web site shared; moving forward. Training on input of documentation set for the 28th; checking with BAISD for input. Will be haleschools.net; need to be aware of all legalities of names and pictures.

At recent superintendent meeting there was concern of lack of curriculum applications at our ISD; collaborate with BAISD; no cost to attend curriculum meetings; cost if they come here.

Update on HVAC; have not heard from some locals; need to have a meeting to look at all options; Benedict will head this meeting.

Discussion on the van replacement; can't qualify under the Clunker Law, schools are exempt; probably trade in and use as down payment. 11-passenger law changed July 1, over 8 students need to use a bus; will look at all options; need to have a hitch if the truck is being disposed of. Question by Benedict if we can afford another vehicle now; noted a used one would be a better deal than a new one; need to take all hauling needs into consideration. Brandt questioned

mileage reimbursement when van is available; cost of operating the vehicle vs. paying mileage. Also need to check on leasing a vehicle.

McKulsky noted that Dr. Studley is willing to have training on health issues with staff. CPR needs to be provided; Heuss noted that was available for free to coaches; need to look at present response issues if emergency; need to check on certifications available.

Superintendent final evaluation is available; needs board president signature.

Final Comments: Lauria asked why there was discussion after the motion was made rather than before. Brandt responded that something needed to be on the table before it could be discussed. Barnes talked about a diabetic child in her class, would welcome any help we can get, would welcome Dr. Studley's input.

Motion by Benedict, supported by Braun to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations discussion at 8:14 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by Heuss to reconvene the Regular July meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education at 9:28 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Board Final Comments: Brandt said the Hale YES committee made \$7 from the July 5 festival. Heuss talked about an anniversary plate. Benedict, welcome to Cryderman, they have a good team. Braun talked about IRESA classrooms. Cryderman, thanked members for welcoming her; noted that all support staff should be trained in CPR, be prepared to perform CPR and to assist in any emergency with knowledge of procedures for any child or staff in need.

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

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Karol Shellenbarger, Secretary