

WATERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
March 15, 2018**

OPENING

The Regular Meeting of the Waterford School District Board of Education, held at the Waterford Township Hall Auditorium, 5200 Civic Center Drive, Waterford, Michigan, was called to order by President Himmelspach at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE

The audience joined the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Petrusha, Sutherland, Piggott, Himmelspach, Barghahn and Torres
Absent: Member Halls
Others: Keith Wunderlich, William Holbrook, Danielle Corbeil, Lisa McFee, Darin Holley, Carly Stone, Janet McLeod, Rhonda Lessel, Anne Kruse, Lynn Bigelman, Charles Belcher, Mary Craite, Sharon Heilman, Tara Crake, Brody Crake, Grant Smith, Lisa Kane, Jessica Blitchok, Kristen Wagner, Chad Evans, Becky Lesh, Dee Alessi, Jessica Pumfrey, Beth Dannewitz, Matthew McClure, Kelly Powell, Mark Herne, Heather Keto, Megan Roberts and others who did not register.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

a. Coding Expansion in Waterford School District

Waterford School District is thrilled to have expanded coding opportunities throughout the district. Students from three of our Google CS First clubs and one of our Girls Who Code clubs shared their experiences with these opportunities. The Board of Education welcomed the Google CS First clubs from Houghton led by performing arts teacher Cory Wholehan, Beaumont led by performing arts teacher Jessica Blitchok, Pierce led by assessment coordinator Elizabeth Kutchev and the Girls Who Code club from Mason led by middle school teachers Michelle Robinson and Sarah Johnson.

Members of the Board asked questions and offered comments and accolades to the students and staff and parents.

INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Mott High School Spanish Trip to Costa Rica

Mott High School is requesting approval for a Spanish class trip to Costa Rica, March 28 – April 5, 2019. Charles Belcher, Spanish Teacher at Mott High School, provided further details to the Board of Education. A recommendation to approve the proposal is presented under New Business. Approval would be rescinded if the area to be visited is issued a travel warning.

Member Sutherland thanked Mr. Belcher for making this opportunity available to our students.

Member Petrusha asked why Costa Rica rather than Spain. Mr. Belcher indicated that since it is closer to us it is more cost effective for the students.

INFORMATION ITEMS

b. Bid Pack 18-03: Mason Middle School Renovations and Mott High School HVAC Upgrades

Waterford School District Administration requested bid proposals for Mason Middle School Renovations and Mott High School HVAC Upgrades. Request for proposals were posted and due on February 28, 2018. A recommendation will be presented to the Board of Education under New Business.

Funding Source: 2016 Bond Series II

Member Barghahn asked why this is brought to the Board for approval, confirming that it's in policy. Mr. Holbrook added that the State of Michigan requires that capital improvements over \$23,000 come before the Board.

c. T-2 Video Surveillance and Cabling Infrastructure

Waterford School District Administration requested bid proposals for District Video Surveillance and Cabling Infrastructure. Request for proposals were posted and due on February 27, 2018. A recommendation will be presented to the Board of Education under New Business.

Funding Source: 2016 Bond Series II

Member Himmelspach inquired about how long it's been since we purchased the current cameras. Mr. Holbrook noted that it was 2004-2005.

Member Piggott confirmed this would be for inside and outside buildings.

Member Barghahn clarified that although this was part of the bond issue as approved it is still brought for Board approval per Board policies.

d. Asbestos Removal: Haviland Elementary, Houghton Elementary and Mason Middle School

Waterford School District Administration requested bid proposals for asbestos removal at Haviland and Houghton Elementary and Mason Middle School in preparation for renovations. Request for proposals were posted and due on March 5, 2018. A recommendation will be presented to the Board of Education under New Business.

Funding Source: 2016 Bond Series II

Member Himmelspach confirmed that asbestos is only unsafe when you disturb it and that is why it's being removed prior to the work being done.

Member Barghahn clarified how bids work and noted a detailed list is presented for approval.

e. Bid Pack 18-04: Transportation Site and Remodel Improvement

Waterford School District Administration is seeking bid proposals for Transportation site and remodel improvement. Request for proposals were posted and are due on March 28. A recommendation is expected to be presented to the Board of Education on April 19, 2018.

Funding Source: 2016 Bond Series II.

INFORMATION ITEMS

e. Bid Pack 18-04: Transportation Site and Remodel Improvement (continued)

Member Barghahn clarified the process for requests for proposals. Mr. Holbrook spoke to the specifics of this project as it relates to the scope of work, EPA and such. Once we receive the bids we review the specs and interview the companies for their past performance.

f. Bid Pack 18-05: Riverside Roof Replacement

Waterford School District Administration is seeking bid proposals for the roof replacement at Riverside Elementary. Requests for proposals are due March 29, and a recommendation is expected to be presented to the Board of Education on April 19, 2018.

Funding Source: 2016 Bond Series II.

Member Sutherland requested that the word "partial" be included in future wording.

g. Roof Replacement: Covert Center and Kettering High School

Waterford School District Administration is seeking proposals for partial roof replacement projects at the Covert Center and Kettering High School.

Requests for proposals were posted and are due on April 10. A recommendation is expected to be presented to the Board of Education on April 19, 2018. Founding Source: 2016 Bond Series II.

Member Piggott asked about the repair of the newer gym roof as it recently leaked as a result of melting snow. Mr. Holbrook noted that these recommendations were put in the pipeline long ago and we continue to look at what repairs need to be made. It is quite possible that this area will be repaired during the renovations.

h. Results of the Sale of the School District Bonds, Series 2018 (2016 Series III)

The sale of the Waterford School District Bonds, Series 2018 (2016 Series III) for \$10,000,000 was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Bids were as follows:

<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Fifth Third Securities, Inc.	2.937% *
Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.	3.016%
J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc.	3.018%
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	3.063%
Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.	3.173%
Jeffries, LLC	3.177%
Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co.	3.200%

* Bid Award

Member Sutherland commended the Finance Department, noting that this excellent rate is a testament to what we are doing and ultimately gives the District more money to work with.

Mr. Holbrook noted that over the years due to the competitive bids and rates received we have been able to refinance the debt, saving the taxpayers over \$11 million

INFORMATION ITEMS

i. Revised Budget 2017-2018

William Holbrook, Assistant Superintendent, Business and Operations, and Danielle Corbeil, Director, Finance & Budget presented the 2017-2018 revised Budget Resolution to the Board of Education. The complete presentation is available on the Waterford School District website, www.waterford.k12.mi.us.

Member Barghahn inquired about the increase in our Legal Service budget. She asked for clarification on this being a very litigious year and if the Board should be formally made aware of litigations. Member Sutherland spoke to matters that resulted in litigation. Member Himmelspach noted that as a member of the Board there has not been a time he wasn't aware there was a lawsuit against the District. Member Torres commented that the Board was made aware and that such legal fees add up fast but that it's good for us to have representation to protect the District. Member Sutherland also noted that every bullet in this presentation represents transparency. Member Barghahn asked if the Board should be aware of a running list of pending cases (topics/reasons). Member Himmelspach stated his confidence that the Board has been kept up to date on such matters and much of the increase is at the direction of this board. Member Torres asked to clarify if some sort of itemization is what Member Barghahn would like to see, noting how quickly the hourly fees can add up. Member Barghahn restated that a list of what is pending, who is suing us and why, and how long it's going on for is what she is requesting. Member Sutherland commented that the Board is aware of the lawsuits and that's why they go into executive session, where the Board is often giving direction to get legal advice. Member Petrusa suggested she speak with the superintendent regarding legal matters also commenting that he has received updates on legal matters. Member Piggott suggested an executive session after the next meeting to discuss updates on legal matters.

Member Sutherland commented she will need time to digest the revised budget further noting that the increase of fund balance is a commendable all hands on deck effort.

Member Barghahn noted her hope to see us continue to increase the fund balance beyond the 5% and present options to grow the fund balance.

Member Torres recognized the information shared, discussed study sessions on budget and expressed appreciation that the fund balance has grown.

Member Barghahn asked clarifying questions from the study session, expressing concerns with the study session not being televised. Relative to the data on the Transparency button, under Operating Expenditures/Instructional Expenditures, she noted Waterford spent less in instructional expenditures than neighboring districts. She feels this shows our priorities. The year before, we were higher in that category and shifted to Central and Other Support Services. Mr. Holbrook had referenced and confirmed it was due to a one time Senior Center write off. Member Barghahn asked Mr. Holbrook to explain what that means. Mr. Holbrook explained that we had a receivable on our books to receive money from the Senior Center and they are unable to pay it so it was taken off the books. Forty years ago, when the Senior Center was established, the Senior Center was asked to pay them back after one year's expenditures, resulting in this receivable on the books. This was written off to get them back on track. Member Barghahn asked if that was done at a public Board of Education meeting and Mr. Holbrook stated it was not a Board decision but rather an appropriate accounting practice in accordance with GAP rules and that the cost was put into Central. Member Himmelspach stated that the external auditors are aware and this is the appropriate place for the write off. Mr. Holbrook added that when comparing us to other districts it's important to note the different demographics and spoke further to specifics that impact the differences.

INFORMATION ITEMS

i. Revised Budget 2017-2018

Member Barghahn also asked about higher personnel expenditures shown on the transparency website. Mr. Holbrook had responded that it was about an energy bond and principal payment and that most districts don't participate in an energy bond program and the final payment would be in 2022. She asked how much in energy bonds do we have to keep paying until 2022. Mr. Holbrook indicated that it would be approximately \$1.1 to 1.2 million (16-17 was \$845,000 and interest was \$270,000). Those payments will continue until 2022 and then will free up the General Fund of about \$1.2 million. Mr. Holbrook explained that we entered this program in 2007, and discussed the impact of the decreased property values during that time. This allowed various capital improvements and the energy savings helped to pay for this.

Member Piggott commented on the tough cuts over the years and that we are all in this together.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no audience comments on action items.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. February 15, 2018, Regular Meeting
- b. February 21, 2018, Study Session
- c. February 21, 2018, Closed Session

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education strike the February 21, 2018 Closed Session minutes due to lack of quorum for the Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelspace, and Torres
Nays: None
Motion carried. (6-0)

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 Regular Meeting and Study Session (with the reference of the closed session struck from the minutes).

Member Barghahn requested that under Discussion Items (page 4) of the February 15, 2018 Regular Meeting the minutes be amended to state she discussed "violation" of policies. Member Sutherland stated that she would not like that reflected in the minutes. President Himmelspace stated that full board comments are available for the public on the video recording of the meeting, which is available online.

Ayes: Members Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelspace, and Torres
Nays: Member Barghahn
Motion carried. (5-1)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Member Sutherland and supported by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education approve the accounts payable for the month of February 2018, per the reports included in March 15, 2018 materials.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelspace, and Torres
Nays: None
Motion carried. (6-0)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board of Education is in receipt of the financial statements ended February 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Superintendent's Recommendations

(1) Recommendation 75-17-18 Relative to Resignations/Retirements/Leave of Absence Expirations

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education approve the following resignations and retirements.

Sharon Konieczny, Teacher
Stepanski Early Childhood
Retirement
Effective: June 28, 2018

Margaret Khandra, Teacher Mason
Middle School
Retirement
Effective: July 1, 2018

Shawn Brown, Teacher Stepanski
Resignation
Effective: March 2, 2018

Tiffany Apostolakis, Teacher
Beaumont Elementary
Resignation
Effective: February 22, 2018

Member Barghahn inquired and Mrs. McLeod responded that these resignations are brought before the Board in accordance with Board policy.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelpach, and Torres
Nays: None
Motion carried. (6-0)

(2) Recommendation 76-17-18 Relative to Teaching Contract Changes/Appointments

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education approve the following teaching contract changes/appointments for the 2017-2018 school year:

Amanda Juliano, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective: March 15, 2018

Candice Lowe Kurrle, Teacher
Stepanski Early Childhood Learning Center
100% Probationary Contract
Effective: March 19, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

a. Superintendent's Recommendations

(2) Recommendation 76-17-18 Relative to Teaching Contract Changes/Appointments

Hanna Brokaw, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective: March 19, 2018

Maria Limones, Social Worker
Cooley Elementary
100% Probationary Contract
Effective: February 28, 2018

Andrew Miller, Teacher
Mott High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective: February 21, 2018

Ruzzin, Jason, Teacher
Mason Middle School
Increased from 100% to 110%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 29, 2018

Laursen, Anthony, Teacher
Mason Middle School
Increased from 100% to 110%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 29, 2018

Nicholson, Nathan, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 108.5%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 29, 2018

Snow, Stacy, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 108.5%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 29, 2018

Liedel, Daniel, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 108.5%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 29, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

a. Superintendent's Recommendations

(2) Recommendation 76-17-18 Relative to Teaching Contract Changes/Appointments (continued)

Stephan, Norman, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 108.5%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 29, 2018

Member Barghahn confirmed that this detail is provided due to Board policy, noting that the exact same wording is in the policy for support staff but that is not our practice. Mrs. McLeod indicated that we follow past practice in presenting administrators and classified personnel. Member Barghahn raised concern with this referencing the Blue Book staff.

Member Piggott inquired and Mrs. McLeod clarified the replacement of the recent resignations.

Member Himmelspach requested clarification, and Mrs. McLeod responded that the increase to 108.5% is due to a teacher taking an additional class during their conference hour in accordance with the teachers' contract.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelspach, and Torres
Nays: None
Motion carried. (6-0)

(3) Recommendation 77-17-18 Relative to Resolution: National School Breakfast Week

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education approve the following resolution proclaiming March 5-9, 2018 as National School Breakfast Week, encouraging all residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program has served our nation admirably since it was permanently established in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program joins and has been joined through the years by many other excellent child nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the Waterford School District hereby proclaims the week of March 5-9, 2018 as NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK and encourages all residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

Members of the Board offered comments commending the Waterford School District staff.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Superintendent's Recommendations

- (3) Recommendation 77-17-18 Relative to Resolution: National School Breakfast Week (continued)

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelspach, and Torres

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

- (4) Recommendation 78-17-18 Relative to Resolution: National Library Week

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education approve the following resolution proclaiming April 8-14, 2018 as National Library Week, encouraging all residents to visit and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian.

WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools;

WHEREAS, librarians are leaders in their institutions and organizations, in their communities, in the nation and in the world;

WHEREAS, librarians continue to lead the way in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement, as well new services that connect closely with patrons' needs;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians lead their communities in innovation, providing STEAM programing, Makerspaces and access and training for new technologies;

WHEREAS, libraries are pioneers supporting democracy and effecting social change, with a commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, libraries lead in working with diverse communities, including people of color, immigrants and people with disabilities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education does hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018 and encourage all residents to visit and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian.

Member Torres encouraged the community to visit the library, which is a gem in our community.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelspach, and Torres

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

a. Superintendent's Recommendations

(5) Recommendation 79-17-18 Relative to MDOT Performance and Indemnification Resolution

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education approve the attached Performance and Indemnification Resolution, required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a Michigan Public School District an "Individual Permit for Use of State Trunkline Right of Way" or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Trunkline Right of Way".

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelpach, and Torres
 Nays: None
 Motion carried. (6-0)

(6) Recommendation 80-17-18 Relative to Mott High School Spanish Trip to Costa Rica

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education approve the Mott High School Spanish class trip to Costa Rica, March 28-April 5, 2019, as presented. Approval would be rescinded if the area to be visited is issued a travel warning.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelpach, and Torres
 Nays: None
 Motion carried. (6-0)

b. Consideration of Certain Purchases

(1) Recommendation 81-17-18 Relative to Contract Award: Bid Pack 18-03: Mason Middle School Renovations/Mott High School HVAC Upgrades

Moved by Member Sutherland and supported by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education approve the awarding of contracts for Bid Package 18-03 on the following summary of bids for Mason Middle School renovations and Mott High School HVAC upgrades.

Category	Contractor	Amount
Selective Demolition	Blue Star	\$249,800
Sitework/Concrete	Villanova Construction	\$1,199,800
Masonry	Albaugh Masonry	\$19,000
Steele	Heritage Contracting	\$334,050
Carpentry	Heritage Contracting	\$396,500
Doors, Frames,	Tanner Supply Co.	\$356,560
Roofing	Schena Roofing	\$30,116
Aluminum Framing	Hewett Co., Inc.	\$949,950
Hard Tile	Southeastern Tile	\$177,110
Flooring	City Contracting Services	\$206,000
Painting	Heritage Contracting	\$265,250
Gym Equipment	Bareman Associates	\$17,030
Casework	Farnell Contracting	\$197,500
Telescoping Bleachers	Interkal, LLC	\$33,306
Mechanical	Oakland Plumbing	\$1,044,000
Electrical	Metro Electric	\$845,000
TOTAL AWARDS		\$6,320,972

Funding Source: 2016 Bond Series II

NEW BUSINESS

b. Consideration of Certain Purchases

- (1) Recommendation 81-17-18 Relative to Contract Award: Bid Pack 18-03: Mason Middle School Renovations/Mott High School HVAC Upgrades (continued)

The Board of Education thanked the community for their support.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelpach, and Torres

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

- (2) Recommendation 82-17-18 Relative to Contract Award: T2 Video Surveillance and Cabling

Moved by Member Sutherland and supported by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education award a contract for Video Surveillance and Cabling Infrastructure as follows:

Category	Contractor	Amount
Structured Cable Installation	Amcomm	100,180
Cameras and System Installation	Amcomm	467,425
Total Award		567,605

Funding Source: 2016 Bond Series II

Member Petrusha noted Barton Malow provided a recommendation and asked if we have used this company before. Mr. Holbrook confirmed that we have.

President Himmelpach spoke to the District's focus on keeping our schools safe as evidenced by this contract for video cameras.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelpach, and Torres

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

- (3) Recommendation 83-17-18 Relative to Contract Award: Asbestos Removal – Haviland Elementary, Houghton Elementary and Mason Middle School

Moved by Member Sutherland and supported by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education award contracts for the asbestos removal at Haviland, Houghton and Mason Middle School as follows:

Company	Bid 1 Haviland/Houghton	Bid 2 Mason MS	Bid Award
*Trust Thermal Abatement, Inc	*\$97,000	*\$102,000	*\$199,000
Building Decommission Services, LLC	\$153,000	\$174,900	\$327,900
Environmental Maintenance Engineers	\$180,000	\$211,270	\$391,270
Global Green Service Group	\$281,176.85	\$763,845.65	\$1,045,021
Qualified Abatement Services	\$133,380	\$141,300	\$274,680
Quality Environmental Services, Inc.	\$142,460	\$164,065	\$306,525
Dore & Associates	\$141,600	\$169,600	\$311,200
Total Environmental Services	\$143,400	\$154,260	\$297,660

b. Consideration of Certain Purchases

- (3) Recommendation 83-17-18 Relative to Contract Award: Asbestos Removal – Haviland Elementary, Houghton Elementary and Mason Middle School (continued)

*Award Recommendation
Funding Source: 2016 Bond Series II

Member Petrusha confirmed that we have used this company in the past. Mr. Holbrook indicated that we have used them extensively and their bid reflects their experience in our buildings. He also noted that we use Nova Environmental to provide oversight. Member Sutherland asked if that is an additional cost to come before the Board and Mr. Holbrook explained this would be a consultant fee which does not require Board approval as capital improvements.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Sutherland, Petrusha, Himmelpach, and Torres
Nays: None
Motion carried. (6-0)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Future Items
- (1) Spring Break, April 2-6
 - (2) No Board of Education Meeting Scheduled on April 5
 - (3) Celebration of Learning – Scholastic Art Award
 - (4) Information – Waterford Academic Achievement Endorsement
 - (5) Information – Waterford READS
 - (6) Action – Bid Pack 18-04: Transportation Site and Remodel Improvement
 - (7) Action – Bid Pack 18-05: Riverside Partial Roof Replacement
 - (8) Action – Partial Roof Replacement: Covert Center and Kettering High School
 - (9) Action – Revised Budget 2017-2018

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- b. Board of Education Reports

Member Torres discussed the Collaborative School Finance Study, encouraging the community lobby the legislature for adequate funding. He also discussed Oakland County Reads and National Walkout Day.

Member Piggott talked about the upcoming Waterford Youth Assistance Youth Recognition Night as well as Select Fifty.

Member Barghahn spoke about the budget season requesting that the Board explore various budget options including reductions coming from places other than the buildings, ideas for a possible surplus. Can we give raises, add to the fund balance or give raises and add to the fund balance while reducing in other areas? It's important to show our priorities in our spending. The next budget study session is scheduled for April 26. Member Barghahn expressed concerns that we are budgeting for a loss of 300 students (\$2.4 million reduction) and there is an assumption that will be reducing teachers through attrition rather than exploring other reductions. When is the point that central staff and their departments are reduced due to the loss of students? Member Barghahn asks for discussion and transparency.

Member Petrusha discussed athletics and the outstanding support of Waterford fans.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

b. Board of Education Reports

Member Sutherland, in response to Member Barghahn's comments, clarified that we are not just taking 12 teachers and spoke to the equation that is used to determine the number of teachers needed to maintain class size to appropriately reflect the needs of the District. She also spoke about the State of the Township, including the student performance of the National Anthem and the presentation by Dr. Wunderlich highlighting the great things happening in the District.

Member Himmelspach extended condolences to the family of Mike LeMense. He also thanked Schoolcraft for the invitation to Milk & Cookies and reminded the community about Select Fifty.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

Kristen Wagner addressed the Board of Education relative to board member relations.

Lisa Kane commented on Board of Education ethics.

Beth Dannewitz spoke regarding HB 584-586.

Art Welch addressed the Board relative to board relations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wunderlich referenced Policy 6220, which charges Mr. Holbrook with maintaining a 5% fund balance and recognized his work to get us there. He also addressed the proposed increase in legal fees and spoke to many of the areas that contribute to the increased costs this year. Additionally, he clarified information as it relates to the reduction of administrative personnel as well as the student loss equating to the difference between the graduating class and incoming kindergarteners. District successes were highlighted, including Kettering Boys Bowling State Champs, Kettering Robotics Regional Champs, Mott student's Scholastic Art Award-2nd place nationally, Cooley was named 26th in the top 100 most improved schools in the state, CIA was invited to present to the County on reading practices, Kettering Orchestra received all 1's at Festival, Vocal Festival at Kettering, Grayson Leader in Me Symposium and Evergreen Award, Rotary recognized Haviland readers, Kettering Wrestler 2nd in State, Dove Awards, WKHS Girls Basketball won Districts making Regional Finals, Mott Boys Basketball won Conference Championship, Mott Diver Seth Casper took 3rd in the State Championship and Waterford Gymnast advancing to state competition, DI teams advance to states and 10 educators from Chicago Public Schools toured Waterford School District.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Himmelspach at 8:26 PM.

A copy of the DVD is on file with the official minutes.

Secretary, Board of Education

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