

WATERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

January 17, 2013

1. OPENING

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

2. PLEDGE

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

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Members Piggott, Seeterlin, Sutherland, Halls, McGregor, Petrusha and Himmelspach
(Organizational Meeting Only)

Absent: None

Others: John Silveri, Tom Wiseman, Bill Holbrook, Lynn Kosinski, Rhonda Lessel, Karen Pugh, Lisa McFee, Lesley Van Sickle, Darin Holley, Jeff Frankowiak, Mandy Rebtoy, Valarie Grimes, Kenneth Milch, Troy Beasley, Marcy Felegy, Margie Greenfield, Jeff Rowland, Megan Roberts, and others that did not register.

4. ORGANIZATION

a. Election of Officers

(1) President

Member Sutherland was nominated by Member Himmelspach for the office of President. Supported by Member Halls.

Ayes: Members Piggott, Seeterlin, Sutherland, Himmelspach, McGregor, Halls, and Petrusha

Member Sutherland will serve the office of President.

(2) Vice President

Member Piggott was nominated by Member Petrusha for the office of Vice President. Supported by Member Seeterlin.

Member McGregor was nominated by Member Halls. Supported by Member Himmelspach

Ayes for Member Piggott: Members Petrusha, Piggott, and Seeterlin

Ayes for Member McGregor: Members Halls, Himmelspach, Sutherland, and McGregor

Member McGregor will serve the office of Vice President.

4. ORGANIZATION

(3) Secretary

Member Seeterlin was nominated by Member Halls for the Office of Secretary. Supported by Member Himmelspach.

Ayes for Member Seeterlin: Members Piggott, Seeterlin, Sutherland, Himmelspach, McGregor, Halls, and Petrusha

Member Seeterlin will serve the office of Secretary.

(4) Treasurer

Member Himmelspach was nominated by Member Halls for the office of Treasurer. Supported by Member McGregor.

Ayes for Member Himmelspach: Members Piggott, Seeterlin, Sutherland, Himmelspach, McGregor, Halls, and Petrusha

Member Himmelspach will serve the office of Treasurer.

b. Appointments

The following appointments were made for 2013:

Oakland Schools

Delegate: Member Halls

Alternate: Member Sutherland

Oakland County School Boards Association Legislative Forum

Delegate: Member Seeterlin

Alternate: Member Sutherland

Waterford Township Recreation Board

Delegate: Member Petrusha

Alternate: Member Piggott

Hess/Hathaway Advisory Board

Delegate: Member Himmelspach

Alternate: Member Petrusha

Waterford Youth Assistance

Delegate: Member Halls

Alternate: Member Seeterlin

Head Start Policy Committee

Representative: Member Halls

Alternate: Member McGregor

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL OFFICE

We are pleased to share that Waterford School District has been awarded four *Michigan's School Day Just Got Healthier Mini-Grants*. Congratulations to Haviland, Cooley, Beaumont and Sandburg Elementary Schools. Each school will receive \$1,000 for Smarter Lunchroom resources. Special thanks to Doreen Simonds and Food & Nutritional Services for continuing to find grant opportunities to benefit the health and wellbeing of our students.

6. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL OFFICE

Houghton Elementary has started National Elementary Honors Society at their building. An induction ceremony, featuring Member Sutherland as the keynote, will take place on Tuesday, January 29, at 6:00 PM, in the Houghton cafeteria.

Saturday, January 5, the Elks District Hoop Shoot contest took place at Ferndale High School. Congratulations to Kyla Bryant, 3rd grader at Cooley Elementary, who won first place for her division, girls 8-9 years old. Kyla will now compete in the **Michigan** Elks Association contest, on Friday, February 22, in Grand Rapids. Best of luck to Kyla as she advances in the competition!

2002 WKHS Graduate, Dave Bennett performed a benefit concert for the WKHS Bands on Friday, January 4. *An Evening with the Dave Bennett Quartet* took place before an excited crowd of 300 on Friday night in the Performing Arts Center. In addition, Dave performed with the WKHS Wind Ensemble and the Jazz Ensemble. It was a truly memorable evening of remarkable musicianship and jazz for all to enjoy. Special thanks to our guest artists: Dave Bennett on Clarinet, Kurt Kranke on Bass, Doug Cobb on Drums and Cliff Monear on Piano.

7. CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

a. Haviland Elementary School

The Haviland Team shared with the Board of Education how they are implementing the District K-12 Writing Initiative. They discussed the impact of this work in the multiage classroom environment. A small group of student representatives shared how they have taken on this work.

b. Kettering High School

Jeff Frankowiak, Kettering High School Principal, and Mandy Rebtoy, Dean of Academic Center, presented an overview of the Kettering High School Academic Center to the Board of Education.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Best Practices Resolution

Administration presented the Best Practices Resolution in compliance with initial criteria in MCL 388.1622f(1)(c). This resolution will be presented for Board of Education approval on February 7, 2013.

b. Timeline, School District Refunding Bonds, Series 2013

The Board of Education received a timeline that provides the Board of Education a schedule of events for the sale of the School District Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, not to exceed \$33,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing the 2003 (1999 Series IV bonds) and 2005 (2003 Series II) bond issuances.

c. Resolution – Section 1352 of Revised School Code, School District Refunding Bonds, Series 2013

The Board of Education received a resolution which enables the District to comply with the provisions of Section 1352 of the Revised School Code with respect to contracting for legal representation by a law firm for the School District's issuance of its District Refunding Bonds, Series 2013.

Axe & Ecklund, P.C., is the District's legal counsel for this bond issuance and works in conjunction with the District financial advisor, Mr. Louis Schimmel.

A recommendation to adopt this resolution will be presented to the Board at the February 7, 2013 meeting.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- d. Bond Authorizing Resolution, School District Refunding Bonds, Series 2013

The Board received the Bond Authorizing Resolution which provides for authorization, by the Board of Education, for the District to issue bonds not to exceed \$33,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing the 2003 (1999 Series IV bonds) and 2005 (2003 Series II) bond issuances.

A recommendation to adopt this resolution will be presented at the February 7, 2013, Board of Education meeting.

- e. Application for Final Qualification of Bonds, School District Refunding Bonds, Series 2013

The Board received the Application for Final Qualification for refinancing the 2003 (1999 Series IV bonds) and 2005 (2003 Series II) bond issuances.

Waterford School District has already received Preliminary Qualifications of Bonds by the Department of Treasury and the School Bond Loan Program.

A recommendation to adopt this resolution will be presented to the Board of Education at the February 7, 2013 meeting.

- f. 2003 Bond Issue

Administration provided information regarding the selling of \$20 million of Bonds authorized by the citizens of the Waterford School District in 2003 as part of the original \$100 million authorization. In addition, the administration provided information regarding the projects that will be accomplished with the issuance of these bonds.

9. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no comments from audience members on action items.

10. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. December 20, 2012 Regular Meeting

Moved by Member Seeterlin and seconded by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education adopt the minutes of the December 20, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Ayes: Members Seeterlin, McGregor, Piggott, Halls, Petrusha, and Sutherland

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

11. CHECK REGISTER

Moved by Member McGregor and supported by Member Halls that the Board of Education approved the check register for the month of December 2012, as presented in the Board materials.

12. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Education received the statements of revenues and expenditures for the month ended December 31, 2012.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Superintendent's Recommendation

(1) Recommendation 54-12-13 Relative to Head Start Policies

The Head Start program is required by the federal government to have a policy committee. This committee meets monthly for the purpose of developing and approving policies for the Head Start program. All policies developed and approved by this committee also require Board of Education approval.

Moved by Member Seeterlin and supported by Member Halls that the Board of Education approve the Head Start Code of Operations, Reimbursement Policy, and Recruitment Policy as approved by the Head Start Policy Committee.

Ayes: Members Petrusha, McGregor, Seeterlin, Piggott, Halls, and Sutherland

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

(2) Recommendation 55-12-13 Relative to Board Policy Updates

Moved by Member Seeterlin and supported by Member Piggott that the Board of Education approve the following new/revised polices:

Policy 2271 Post Secondary (Dual) Enrollment Option Program

Policy 2370.01 Virtual Learning

Policy 5460 Graduation Requirement

These updates are in response to the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) guidance memorandum, issued August 2012, regarding the Governor's enactment under Section 22f of the State School Aid Act, 2012 PA 201. In order to apply for funds under this section, the District must submit a resolution to the Department certifying District compliance with the identified best practice requirements. Several of these best practice requirements may be met by having policy and guidelines in place. These policies have been prepared, reviewed and recommended by Neola's legal counsel for statutory compliance.

Ayes: Members Petrusha, McGregor, Seeterlin, Piggott, Halls, and Sutherland

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

(3) Recommendation 56-12-13 Relative to Resignations

Moved by Member Seeterlin and supported by Member Halls that the Board of Education accept the following resignation(s)/retirement(s):

Kurtz, Michael, Teacher

Mott High School

Resignation

Effective February 28, 2013

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Superintendent's Recommendation

(3) Recommendation 56-12-13 Relative to Resignations (continued)

Swearingen, Sandra, Teacher
Kingsley Montgomery School
Retirement
Effective December 31, 2012

Ayes: Members Petrusa, McGregor, Seeterlin, Piggott, Halls, and Sutherland

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Education received no correspondence.

15. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Future Items – February 7

1. Celebration of Learning – Waterford Village Elementary
2. Celebration of Learning – Student Support Services
3. Information – Revised Budget 2012-2013
4. Action – Best Practices Resolution
5. Action – Application for Final Qualification of Bonds
6. Action – Bond Authorizing Resolution
7. Action – Resolution – Section 1352 of Revised School Code
8. Action – Debt Millage Rate

b. Board of Education Reports

Member Halls thanked the students and staff that provided recognition in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

Member McGregor discussed the Waterford Youth Assistance as well as the upcoming Taste of Waterford.

Member Seeterlin talked about the Waterford United Gymnastics Team.

Member Sutherland discussed the privilege of serving as a school board member and thanked the community for the support and acknowledgements.

16. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

There were no audience comments on non-action items.

17. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Silveri discussed Board Appreciation Month, bond projects, and the end of the first semester.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Sutherland at 7:55 PM

Secretary, Board of Education

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Pending Board Approval