SOUTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 22, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Haven Public Schools of Van Buren Counties, Michigan was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at L.C. Mohr High School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Annie Brown, President at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Annie Brown, Kathy Gillett, Charlie Dotson, Bryan Lewis, Kim Griffin, Joe DeGrandchamp.

Absent: Corey Davis

Motion by Joe DeGrandchamp supported by Bryan Lewis to approve the agenda with an addition under discussion items regarding school improvement.

Community Comments were made.

Superintendent's Report:

Good to Best report

- Mr. Campbell went over MEAP scores and what to do to assist students when their scores are not at the proficient level.
- Terri Wakild gave a report from the Michigan Association of Computers Users and Learners (MACUL) conference. Terri talked about the different computer programs and technology being used and how she would like to use the programs to train staff for their flex times. Terri would also like to incorporate the different programs for School Improvement. Kim felt we need to have a person in each building as a "go to" person to help with technology. Mr. Black will look into this and follow up in future meetings.

Thank you letters

- High School Music Dept. –thank you to the Church of Latter Day Saints for the donation of the pianos.
- Thank you from the SH Fire and Rescue for using our busses for their disaster drill.

Teacher Resignation Letters

- Instrumental Music Director, Marc Decker
- St. Basil's Art teacher, Rose Allen
- North Shore Teacher, Sue Torp

Driver's Education Report was given by Mr. Waaso. Classes and driving are scheduled between 7:00 and 3:00 pm. The total amount of class time for each student is 24 hours with 6 hours of driving time. Our instructors this year are; Dave Hughes, Scott Raue, Kevin Willis and Dave Waaso with 77 students enrolled.

Mr. Black reviewed the Clock Hours Report with the Board which the school district is required to be submitted to the State.

Mr. Black also included an Equity Caucus Communication which has a lot of information regarding school finance.

Mr. Black announced that SHHS has six students that have art work in the Kalamazoo Institute of Art.

Action Items:

Approval of Consent Items

1) School Board minutes:
   - March 18th , 2009, Regular Meeting
   - March 18th, 2009, Closed Session
   - March 20th & 21st , 2009, Board Workshop
   - March 25th, 2009, Special Meeting

2) Pay the bills in the amount of **$424,924.82** for General Fund and to receive the financial report.

Motion by Bryan Lewis supported by Kathy Gillett to approve the Consent Items. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bryan Lewis supported by Joe DeGrandchamp to approve the Audit Bid from Gerbel and Company. Discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

The vendor list was for Board Member information and for any questions.

Brandi Gildea, from the Parks and Recreation Department, addressed the Board about the feasibility of the school taking the responsibility of the skate park. Several Board members were not opposed to this and feel that a Skate Park is very important to the community. There were several concerns regarding insurance liability and maintenance and also where to put the skate park on school property. Mr. Black will work with Brandi on this project, but felt it was an extra burden on the school system.

A change in the State School Code now requires ISD's to have the local constituent districts approve and provide advice on the ISD annual budgets. Mr. Black forwarded the information to the Board to review and recommended that the South Haven School Board approve the ISD budget.

Mr. Black gave an update of the Pay to Play and plans to include this in next year's budget. Bryan would like to see more students going out for sports and feels we need ideas to promote athletics.

Kingscott, the Architect firm and CSM the Contract Manager, have been on retention since the bond issue. Mr. Black asked the Board if we should keep them on hold or when it is time to start getting together plans for another bond issue, should we start fresh? Mr. Black will go over the contract with each company and bring the information to the next study session.

Mr. Black gave the Board a copy of a proposal for a Roof Management Program received by Weatherproofing Technologies and the cost. The Board felt we needed to get other quotes and then a decision can be made.

The Superintendent Evaluation Committee needs to reconvene and start the superintendent evaluation process. He would like to meet with the committee next week.

Kim Griffin would like to come up with strategies for school improvements that would incorporate help from the community. Kim felt we could have a "Clean your school day" or "Make a difference day". This would be to help with outdoor grounds upkeep. Kim wanted to work with our Partners in Education and see if they would be willing to donate prizes. Kim also thought we could contact some local nurseries and see if they would be willing to donate trees/flowers.

Motion by Bryan Lewis supported by Kim Griffin to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;

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Kimberly A. Griffin, Secretary Board of Education South Haven, Michigan	Ann Raue Secretary to the Superintendent