SOUTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Haven Public Schools of Van Buren and Allegan Counties, Michigan was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in the High School Media Center.

The meeting was called to order by Bryan Lewis, President, at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Annie Brown, Bryan Lewis, Teresa Cunningham, Joe DeGrandchamp, Corey Davis, Charlie Dotson

Members Absent: Kim Griffin

Motion by Corey Davis supported by Joe DeGrandchamp to approve the agenda as revised. Under Action Items, Mr. Black would like to delete the Notice of Non Renewal for ESL Teacher and under Discussion Items, delete the Girls Basketball Program report. The Girls Basketball Program report will be discussed at the next meeting. The board would like to add Discussion Item G regarding Assistant Principal Non Renewal. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Comments were made.

Superintendent's Report:

- MASB's Education Excellence Award which is "Project 64", that Wendy Halperin has been involved with.
- Linda Olsen's report on the YeS program.
- Casco's letter of recognition to honor the School Board Members.
- Award winners for the 2010 Artists in Transition for High School and Middle School.
- ISD sponsoring "Meet the Candidates Night" on April 26, 2010 at the ISD.
- Letter from Mr. Tyrrell requesting permission for the Choir, Chorale and selected members of the Women's Chorus to perform in Carnegie Hall next year.
- Conflict on May 19 with Board meeting and Band Concert. Please email Mr. Black for rescheduling the meeting.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Consent Items
Motion by Joe DeGrandchamp supported by Corey Davis to approve the consent items as presented;

- Approval of Board Minutes
  - March 17, 2010 Regular Meeting
  - March 19th & 20th School Board Retreat/Workshop

- Payment of Bills for General Fund
  - Pay the bills in the amount of $370,824.75 for General Fund and to receive the financial report.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Blue Star and North Shore Easement
Motion by Charlie Dotson supported by Teresa Cunningham to grant to Allegan County a 15 foot easement for a non-motorized pathway from North Shore Drive to the entrance at North Shore Elementary. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Letter of Support
Motion by Annie Brown supported by Charlie Dotson to approve the letter of support to Casco Township to grant a request for a proposed nature center. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Notice of Non Renewal – Deleted

E. Election of Representative from the SHPS Board of Education to the VBISD
Motion by Joe DeGrandchamp supported by Corey Davis to elect Teresa Cunningham to represent the South Haven Schools to the Van Buren ISD. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Contracting with Four Seasons Driving for Driver Training Instruction
Motion by Corey Davis supported by Annie Brown to contract with Four Seasons Driver Education LLC to provide Driver Education. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

a. Vendor List – It was requested that the National Explorer Magazine be bought through the Baseline magazine fundraiser.

b. Policy Section 7000 -Mr. Black provided the Board with a copy of how the policy 7000 will read. A sentence needs to be changed and Mr. Black will bring the policy back for vote at the next meeting.

c. ISD Budget – The Board will need to vote on the ISD Budget at the next meeting. Questions were asked regarding areas of the budget being cut and areas where they have increased.

d. Girls Basketball Program Report – Next meeting

e. Athletic Budget cuts – Dave Gumpert went over the cuts that could be made for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Gumpert also stated that the tennis courts and track field have to be addressed; they are in very bad shape.

f. Mr. Black went over the budget proposal for 2010-2011 explaining the budget targets and informing the Board of a deficit in the fall of $1,247,000. Mr. Black

also discussed with the Board the reductions he has proposed for each department and staff reductions and came up with a total saving of $1,102,690.

After discussing the budget the Board asked the community for comments and input.

g. Questions were asked about the non renewal notices to the assistant middle school and high school principals. Mr. Black has recommended that both Dr. Taylor and Mr. Gumpert keep their positions and have included this in the proposed budget.

Announcements:

Teresa Cunningham announced that on May 1, SHaYd will be having a Kentucky Derby Party at the Harborside Bistro from 3:30 – 6:30.

The Board gave their condolences to Carol Wessling, teacher at North Shore, whose husband passed away.

May 2nd kicks off Teacher Appreciation week and the Board thanked the teachers for all they do.

Mr. Black has become a grandfather to a little girl, Madison Elizabeth.

April 27th at 4:15 there will be a District School Improvement meeting in the high school media center.

The Board took a five minute break before going into a closed session at 9:15 p.m. Motion by Joe DeGrandchamp supported by Corey Davis to go into a closed session regarding Attorney/Client Communication, Negotiations Update and Superintendent Evaluation. Roll call vote; Corey Davis-yes, Joe DeGrandchamp-yes, Bryan Lewis-yes, Charlie Dotson-yes, Annie Brown-yes, Teresa Cunningham – no vote. The motion passed.

Bryan Lewis brought the Board out of closed session at 9:45 p.m.

Motion by Corey Davis supported by Joe DeGrandchamp to adjourn at 9:45 p.m . The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully,

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