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

MAY 21, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Haven Public Schools of Van Buren and Allegan Counties, Michigan was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at L.C. Mohr High School Library.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 by Annie Brown.

Present: Bryan Lewis, Annie Brown, Corey Davis, Joe DeGrandchamp, Claudia O. Maddox, Kim Griffin

Absent: Kathy Gillett

Motion by Corey Davis supported by Bryan Lewis to approve the agenda with the following revisions.

- Add Action item L – Baseline trip to Washington D.C.
- Move Action Item D to Action Item A

The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

- Jim Yanna, principal from the VBISD Learning Center, presented a video to the Board to show the activities of the Learning Center for students with moderate to severe learning disabilities.
- Mr. Black received a letter from Jeff Mills, I.S.D. thanking LaTonya Gill for the tour of North Shore for the ISD Board of Education.
- Mr. Peters honored Jenna Hill, for being named COOP Student of the Year, and Cody Farrell, COOP Student of the Year runner-up.
- Mr. Black presented a Certificate of Award to Teresa Cunningham, South Haven Area Youth Development Corp. from the Michigan After School Partnership.
- Mr. Black gave the Board information on Workman's Compensation Insurance.
- Mr. Black went over ideas being discussed concerning State School Aid for next year.
- Mr. Black received information from a MASB survey. The survey showed for 2008-2009, 61% of the responding districts would have to lay off staff and 71% said layoffs would occur in position directly affecting students – teachers, counselors and classroom aids.

Community Comments were made.

Action Items

A. Motion by Corey Davis supported by Kim Griffin to approve the May 2009 Orchestra Trip. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Motion by Bryan Lewis supported by Corey Davis to **disapprove** the 2008-2009 Van Buren Intermediate Center General Fund Budget. Discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Motion by Joe DeGrandchamp supported by Bryan Lewis to approve the 2008-2009 Van Buren Intermediate Center Career and Technical Education Credit Recovery Resolution. Mr. Peters explained the program and ask that the board support this. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Motion by Corey Davis supported by Claudia Maddox to approve the 2008 Summer Tax Agreement with the City of South Haven. Discussion was held and it was noted that this is one half the cost of last year. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Motion by Claudia Maddox supported by Bryan Lewis to approve administrator contracts. Discussion was held. Claudia O. Maddox – yes, Joe DeGrandchamp–yes, Kim Griffin-yes, Corey Davis-yes, Annie Brown-no, Bryan Lewis-yes. The motion passed.

F. Motion by Bryan Lewis supported by Joe DeGrandchamp to approve the non union salary increases as presented. Discussion was held. Bryan Lewis-yes, Claudia O. Maddox-yes, Annie Brown- no, Corey Davis-yes, Kim Griffin-yes, Joe DeGrandchamp-yes. The motion passed.

G. Motion by Corey Davis supported by Kim Griffin to approve carpet bids for the middle school from Great Lakes Floor Covering at a cost not to exceed $33,793.00. Discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Motion by Claudia O. Maddox supported by Bryan Lewis to approve the purchase of two 2008 busses for $69,832 each. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Motion by Corey Davis supported by Bryan Lewis to approve the vendors as listed. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Motion by Bryan Lewis supported by Corey Davis to pay the bills in the amount of $369,189.79 for General Fund and to receive the financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Motion by Claudia O. Maddox supported by Bryan Lewis to approve the minutes from the following school board meeting:
   - May 7, 2008 Study Session

   The motion passed unanimously.

L. Motion by Bryan Lewis supported by Corey Davis to approve the Baseline Middle School Washington, DC trip for 3 days and 2 nights, June 8 -12, 2008. Discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Mr. Black would like to nominate Andrew Lersten, Sandra Tyrrell for the coverage in the newspapers and Joe Jason from COSY Radio for the MASB Media Honor Roll.

The Draft budget for 2008-2009 was passed out for the Board to review for the June approval meeting.

Mr. Black posted and hired staff for Summer School for this summer. Carrie McGuire and Steve Brehm will be the Co-Directors. Summer School will begin Monday, June 23 and finish on Monday, August 4. School will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:00 noon. The Migrant Summer School will be during the same time and dates but the Migrant Summer School day does not end until 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Weiss is conducting Summer School at Baseline and Mr. Peters will be conducting High School Summer School at the high school.

Mr. Black included in the Board packet dates for board committees.

Announcements

Mr. Peters invited the Board to the graduation festivities:

May 28 at 7:30 – Baccalaureate at the Greater Pentecostal Church of God in Christ
May 29 at 7:30 – Seniors Awards Night – Listiak Auditorium
June 1 at 2:00 - Graduation at Ratcliff Field

Robin Mock congratulated Lincoln School for receiving 100% on their pupil audit for attendance.

Robin Mock also announced that we didn't have any servers go down this year.

Mr. Black was requested by the AYSO to fix up the soccer fields across Aylworth. They will do the work.

Motion by Bryan Lewis supported by Joe DeGrandchamp to adjourn at 8:23 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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Claudia O. Maddox, Secretary	Ann Raue
Board of Education	Secretary to the Superintendent
South Haven, Michigan	South Haven, Michigan