

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
CITY OF HAZEL PARK
COUNTY OF OAKLAND AND STATE OF MICHIGAN
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Hazel Park Board of Education was held at the Ford School Administration Office on August 18, 2014, and was called to order by President Nagy at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Nagy, Polowski, C. Hemple, Hammonds, Cook
Members Absent: S. Hemple, LaForme
Others Present: André, Barlow, Berger, Meisinger, Stefanski, Watripont, Paterson

The Invocation was delivered by Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Polowski, that the Agenda be approved with the following addition:

Discussion
None

Roll Call Vote
Yeas: C. Hemple, Polowski, Hammonds, Cook, Nagy
Nays: None

AUDIT OF THE BILLS

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mr. Cook, that the Bills dated August 12, 2014, be approved as follows: Capital Projects Funds – \$423,117.98; Special Revenue Funds – \$36,714.61; General Fund – \$1,947,706.66; Total Expenditures – \$2,407,539.25.

Discussion
None

Roll Call Vote
Yeas: C. Hemple, Cook, Polowski, Hammonds, Nagy
Nays: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – to be approved as written
 - a) July 14, 2014, Regular Meeting and Closed Session
 - b) July 30, 2014, Special Meeting

2. Notes of Appreciation – to be received and filed
 - a) The Family of Pamela Reese - Gratefully acknowledges the expression of sympathy from the Board of Education at the time of her mother's death (Marjorie Ayotte).

3. Resignations/Retirements – to be received and filed
 - a) Ann Ayers Paraprofessional - Informs the Board of Education her intention to resign effective August 5, 2014.

 - b) Katherine March Teacher - Informs the Board of Education her intention to resign effective August 8, 2014.

4. Conference Reports – to be received and filed
 - a) **Corri Nastasi**, Teacher at Hoover Elementary School, attended the “A Comprehensive Study of the Leveled Literacy Intervention K–2” conference on July 28 – 29, 2014, in Atlanta. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

 - b) **Pamela Sparks**, Teacher at Hazel Park High School, attended the “ Multicultural Youth Leadership Conference MYLC 2014” on August 1, 2014, at Camp Tuhsmehta. (Conference report submitted - Title 2, Part A funds)

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mr. Cook, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: C. Hemple, Cook, Polowski, Hammonds, Nagy

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - (Limited to items listed under “Unfinished Business” and “New Business”)

No participants

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Non-Homestead Millage Update

Mr. Steven Watripont, Director of Business Services, thanked the Hazel Park District residence for supporting Hazel Park Schools and passing the Non-Homestead Millage. Mr. Watripont recommended to the Board President and Board Secretary to sign the L-4029 form as it was discussed during the June 10, 2014 Budget Hearing, with the only change on the form being the time of the collection. Mr. Watripont stated that no further action is necessary since there was previous Board action.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resignation of Laura LaForme, Board Trustee, from the Hazel Park Board of Education

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, stated Board of Education Member, Laura LaForme resigned from her position on the Hazel Park Board of Education effective today, August 18, 2014.

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mr. Hemple, that the Board of Education will receive and file the resignation of Laura LaForme, Board Trustee, from the Hazel Park Board of Education as presented.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Polowski, C. Hemple, Hammonds, Cook, Nagy

Nays: None

Mr. Ricky Nagy, Board President, appointed a committee to fill the board vacancy. He appointed Sherrie Polowski, Board Vice President, to be the Chairperson of the committee, and Mrs. Hammonds and Mr. Cook to also serve on the committee.

2. Promise Zone Update

Mr. Michael Barlow, Director of Curriculum, informed the Board of Education that he is substituting for Ms. Kayla Roney since she is currently out of the country. Mr. Barlow reported that scholarship payments would be paid directly to the educational institution in early to mid September. Sutar Sutaruk Meyer Foundation granted the Hazel Park Promise Zone \$50,000 for scholarships, and an additional \$20,000 for the Hazel Park Junior High School's after school tutoring program, which is designed to mirror the high school after school tutoring program.

3. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund

Mr. Steven Watripont, Director of Business Services, requested authorization from the Board of Education to continue to participate in the Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund.

School Bond Qualification and Loan Program
 School Loan Revolving Fund
 Bureau of Bond Finance
 Michigan Department of Treasury
 430 W. Allegan
 Lansing, MI 48922

ANNUAL LOAN/REPAYMENT ACTIVITY APPLICATION
 For Participation in the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program

Legal Name of School District Hazel Park City School District	District Code No. 63-130	County Oakland County
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CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Education, do certify hereby that the following constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of this School District, at a [regular] meeting held on the 18th day of August, 2014, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976 (Open Meetings Act).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of August 2014.

Charles E. Hemple
 Charles E. Hemple, Board Secretary

(Signed) Charles E. Hemple
 (Signature of Secretary)

Rose Mary Hammonds
 Rose Mary Hammonds, Board Treasurer

(Signed) James D. Meisinger
 (Signature of Superintendent of Schools)

RESOLUTION

A meeting was called to order by Mr. Nagy, President.

Present: Members Nagy, Polowski, C. Hemple, Hammonds, Cook

Absent: Members S. Hemple

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Mr. Hemple and supported by Member Mrs. Hammonds.

WHEREAS:

1. Act 92 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 2005, enacted pursuant to Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, provides the procedure, terms and conditions for obtaining a loan from the Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund.
2. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 1993-19, the state activities related to bond qualification and state borrowing functions for the provision of loans by the State of Michigan to school districts were transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of Treasury. The State Treasurer is responsible for prescribing the forms and procedures regarding the application for loan from the School Loan Revolving Fund.
3. This district has taken all necessary actions to comply with all legal and procedural requirements for borrowing from the School Loan Revolving Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The district approves the estimated amount to be borrowed from or repaid to the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program and certifies the amount of qualified debt millage to be levied in accordance with the following:

Qualified bond debt millage (Tax Year 2014)	7.0	
Combined beginning balance owed to the SBLF and/or SLRF 06/30/2014		17,390,395.94
Estimated amount to borrow from or repay to the SBLF and/or SLRF		841,136.00
Estimated accrued interest		869,520.00
Estimated combined ending balance owed the SBLF and/or SLRF 06/30/2015		19,101,051.94

2. The district agrees to levy the debt millage tax as indicated above in the current tax year and to levy the debt millage tax required by law on the taxable valuation of the district for each subsequent year until all loans are repaid in full to the State of Michigan.
3. The district agrees to take actions and to refrain from taking any actions as necessary to maintain the tax exempt status of tax exempt bonds or notes issued by the State or the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority for the purpose of financing loans to school districts.
4. The district agrees to file a draw request with the State Treasurer not less than 30 days prior to the time when disbursement proceeds will be necessary in order to pay maturing principal or interest or both and to provide any other pertinent facts which may be required to be included in the request.
5. The (title of authorized officer) Director of Business Services is authorized and directed to file with the Department of Treasury the Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application and any draw request documents necessary for borrowing from the SLRF.
6. In the event that the district fails to perform any actions as identified in this application or required by law, the district will submit to the State Treasurer a board approved resolution which indicates the actions taken and procedures implemented to assure future compliance.

7. The district board members have read this application, approved all statements and representations contained herein as true to the best knowledge and belief of said board, and authorized the Secretary of the Board of Education to sign this application and submit same to the State Treasurer for his review and approval.

Ayes: Members C. Hemple, Hammonds, Polowski, Cook, Nagy

Nays: Members None

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Hammonds, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund, as recommended.

Discussion

Mr. Charles Hemple, Board Secretary, inquired about the interest rate for this loan. Mr. Watripont stated that the interest rate is estimated at 5%.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: C. Hemple, Hammonds, Polowski, Cook, Nagy

Nays: None

4. Traumatic Event Crisis Intervention Plan

Dr. Judy Berger, Director of Special Education, reviewed the Traumatic Event Crisis Intervention Plan that was included in the Board of Education packet. Dr. Berger said that this group of special services staff is called the "Flight Team." This plan will begin in the fall and be available for students since the District has had two traumatic events recently, the loss of a high school student and teacher.

5. Michigan Department of Education Scorecards, Top to Bottom Rankings and Reward Schools

Mr. Michael Barlow, Director of Curriculum, informed the Board of Education that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) issues Scorecards on every school in the state. Each color on the Scorecards represent a rating, 1.5% of the schools received a dark green rating (highest rating), 30% of the schools received a lime green rating (second highest rating), 47% of the schools received a yellow rating (average rating); this is the rating Hazel Park Schools received, 6% of the schools received an orange rating (second lowest rating), and 14% of the schools received a red rating (lowest rating). Hazel Park elementary ratings averaged 64%, the junior high rating averaged 70.97%, and the high school rating averaged 80.65%. The District wide Scorecard rating averaged 68%, without Adult Education. The Top to Bottom ratings for the state Hazel Park elementary schools remain the same as last year at 16th percentile. The junior high rated 28th percentile, which is up from the 20th percentile rating last year. The high school rated 85th percentile, which is an increase from 48th percentile rating last year. These scores represent a great deal of hard work by administration, teachers and students. Hazel Park High School has been named a by the MDE as a Reward School, this represents the outstanding progress that has been made by the high school during this school year. One

percent of the schools in the State of Michigan were designated as a Reward School out of the 3361 schools in the State of Michigan. What a stunning achievement for Hazel Park High School. The State of Michigan conducts a test called Beating the Odds; this test looks at the District's demographic and economic challenges. Hazel Park High School has passed this test two years in a row. Only forty schools in the state have passed the Beating the Odds test two years in a row, and Hazel Park Schools are among those schools.

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, commented that the Adult Education and Alternative Education Programs have also done very well and are no longer on the Priority Schools list.

6. Summer School 2014 Report

Mr. Michael Barlow, Director of Curriculum, reported on the District's 2014 elementary and junior high free summer school programs. Elementary summer school has had an average of 80 to 90 students each day, serving them breakfast and lunch each day. Mr. Barlow stated this year's summer school has been a very successful program, with no discipline issues. The elementary program will conclude on Thursday this week with a celebration for students and families to attend. The junior high summer school has had an average of 70 to 80 students each day, they also are served breakfast and lunch. This too has been a very successful summer program. The district is able to offer these summer programs at no cost to the District's educational needy students.

7. Schools of Choice Report

Mr. Michael Barlow, Director of Curriculum, stated with the permission of the Board of Education the District has been enrolling Schools of Choice (SOC) students, all counties, all grades. With the use of advertising and the Hazel Park Schools web site, the District has been able to pre-enroll students. The pre-enrollment process collects pertinent enrollment information, until the Schools of Choice enrollment window opened. The Hazel Park School District Schools of Choice, K – 12, window opened August 7 through September 5, 2014. To date, 212 students outside the District have pre-enrolled, and twenty-seven (27) new students moved into the District. There are seventeen (17) students that attended Hazel Park Schools last year, have moved outside the District and have applied for SOC to continue their education in our District. Mr. Barlow expressed that these numbers are pre-enrolled students; the contractual enrollment paperwork still needs to be submitted. There are many upcoming appointments for families, and each day we see many, many walk-ins interested in enrolling their students. To date the District has approximately 100 students contractually enrolled.

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, stated that there is reason to believe that there could be considerably more than 100 SOC students. Mr. Meisinger shared that tomorrow he has a meeting with his Administrative Council and they will be discussing contingency plans if the elementary enrollment numbers become higher than first anticipated. There is a possibility that the District may have to move kindergarten to the Webster building to allow the three elementary buildings with more room for first through fifth grade. Mr. Meisinger spoke about the strategies that he took to retain the eight grade students from leaving the District before entering the high school.

Mr. Barlow added that all the SOC students are being carefully screened for special education. The Michigan Department of Education law specifies that if a student is applying for SOC, outside Oakland County, the District and district of residence must have a written agreement regarding the payment of added costs of special education services. The agreement regarding the payment of the added special education services cost are specific to the individual student. The written agreement needs to be in place before approving the SOC student. Mr. Barlow stated that no district would agree on such an agreement. Mr. Barlow stated that each SOC application is also being carefully screened regarding expulsions and suspensions. Mr. Barlow noted that he has spoken with many fine, devoted parents who are truly interested their child's education. However, at this time the District does not have a count on how many families have moved out of the Hazel Park School district.

Mr. Ricky Nagy, Board President, asked if a SOC student is accepted then develops behavior issue could they be excluded from our District and return to their resident district. Mr. Meisinger stated that the District can't legally exclude them, however the District will transfer them to the alternative education program.

8. Closed Session – Motion to recess into closed session to consider strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party request a closed hearing which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meeting Act

Moved by Mr. Hemple, supported by Mr. Cook, that the Board of Education adjourn to a Closed Session.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: C. Hemple, Cook, Polowski, Hammonds, Nagy

Nays: None

The Board of Education adjourned to a Closed Session at 7:07 p.m. The meeting resumed as an open meeting at 7:45 p.m.

RECOGNITION/COMMENDATION

1. Curriculum Director, Michael Barlow would like to commend Hoover Elementary School Principal, **Leslie Baker**, for her outstanding leadership and efforts with the District Reading Committee. In addition to chairing a number of meetings and working out a summer work schedule in which committee members are working on lesson plans for each of the grade levels for next year, last week Leslie and the committee undertook another huge task. A number of pallets of supplemental reading materials (weighing well over 3,500 pounds) were opened up, sorted by grade and then by school and delivered to their destinations. This was no easy task--in fact it was a very complicated one. Leslie and the hard working teachers are to be lauded for their efforts.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No participants

BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

1. Steven Watripont
Director of Business - Mr. Steven Watripont, Director of Business Services, again thanked all the residents of the Hazel Park School District for passing the Non-Homestead Millage. Mr. Watripont stated that the elementary and junior high summer school programs were at no cost to families due to careful management of school funds.
2. Ryan Cook
Board Trustee - Mr. Ryan Cook, Board Trustee, thanked Mrs. Laura LaForme for her years of services and all her assistance to him as a new board member.
3. Sherrie Polowski
Board Vice President - Mrs. Sherrie Polowski, Board Vice President, thanked Mrs. Laura LaForme for her years of service and stated that she was a great asset to the Hazel Park Board of Education over the many years she served.
4. Ricky Nagy
Board President - Mr. Ricky Nagy, Board President, echoed Mrs. Polowski's comments and stated that Mrs. LaForme was the "rock" on the Board of Education for sometime and she will be missed. Mr. Nagy confirmed that a new board member will be appointed at the September Regular Board of Education meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Hemple
Secretary Hazel Park Board of Education