

MINUTES  
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
June 17, 2019

Members Present: Christopherson, Foltz, Massaway, Verran, Wheeler

Members Absent: Baltensperger, Crane

Also Present: Administrators Klein, Filpus, Hill, Marcotte;  
Colette Patchin, Garrett Neese, Kristina  
Sundstrom, Mary Fran Desrocher, Kate Desrocher,  
Carrie Karvakko

The public hearing regarding the budget began at 5:46 p.m. Mrs. Marcotte reviewed the 2018-2019 revised budget and the 2019-2020 proposed budget. There being no further business, Mr. Foltz closed the public hearing at 5:53 p.m.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

Mr. Foltz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Kristina Sundstrom voiced concerns about limiting the number of Young 5 sections available and the size of the sections.

3. Presentation

Kate Desrochers, Houghton High School Student, gave a presentation on her 2019 Michigan History Day project.

4. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Massaway with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 regular meeting, the June 6, 2019 Finance Committee meeting, and the May financial statements and bills in the amount of \$301,353.70. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Reports

Mr. Klein, Miss Filpus, and Mr. Hill reported on events occurring in their buildings. Ms. Kramer gave an update on the district. There were no MASA, MASB or CCASB reports.

6. Discussion Items

- 1) Area Purchasing Agreement - Ms. Kramer led a discussion on an area purchasing agreement with MESSA regarding health insurance.
- 2) School Board Vacancy - Ms. Kramer led a discussion about the vacancy created by board member Daniel Crane leaving.

7. Action Items

- 1) Resolution Certifying Millage to be Spread - Mrs. Massaway with support from Mrs. Verran moved that the Board approve a resolution to levy and collect taxes during the 2019-2020

school year, equivalent to 17.5845 operating mills and 9.64 mills for debt retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Resolution to Borrow for Operations - Mr. Christopherson with support from Mrs. Verran moved that the Board approve a resolution to borrow \$300,000 for operational purposes for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Resolution to Amend the 2018-2019 Budget - Mrs. Massaway with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board approve a resolution to amend the 2018-2019 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Resolution to Approve the 2019-2020 Budget - Mrs. Massaway with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board approve the 2019-2020 operating budget. Motion carried unanimously with the exception of Mrs. Verran who abstained.
- 5) 2019 NEOLA Policy Updates - Mr. Wheeler with support from Mrs. Verran moved that the Board approve the 2019 NEOLA policy updates. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Letter of Agreement for Upper Peninsula Area Purchasing Agreement - Mr. Wheeler with support from Mrs. Massaway moved that the Board approve Letter of Agreement for Upper Peninsula Area Purchasing Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Approval of Hiring Athletic Director - Mrs. Verran with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board approve the hiring of John Sanregret as Houghton High School Athletic Director. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Executive Session

Mrs. Massaway with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations. Through a roll call vote, the motion passed with voting as follows: Ayes: Christopherson, Foltz, Massaway, Verran, Wheeler; Nays: none. The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:41 p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 7:12 p.m.

9. Other Concerns or Public Comment

None

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Wheeler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Foltz adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Patchin, Acting Secretary

Crystal Verran, Board Secretary