

STANTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Regular Meeting
October 19, 2015
E.B. Holman School

- I. President Jill Efraimson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Also present were Brad Pennala, Tina Hatman, Sarah Anderson, and Paul Marttila. Members of the staff in attendance included James Rautiola, Jeannie Dunstan, and Janine Wales.
- II. Superintendent/Principal James Rautiola led the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. On a motion by Brad, seconded by Sarah, with all in favor, the agenda was approved as amended.
- IV. Minutes of the September 21, 2015 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Brad, seconded by Tina, with all in favor.
- V. Public to address the Board – Mrs. Dunstan reported from an Outdoor Education Conference that she recently attended in Sault Sainte Marie, MI with other teachers. Discussion followed about MI Dept. of Education Curriculum Standards and High School Entrance Exams.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - Finance – Did not meet.
 - Building – Did not meet.
 - Strategic Planning – Did not meet
 - Technology & Grant – Did not meet.
 - Athletics – Did not meet
 - Policy & Personnel – Did not meet. Needs to meet to review policy updates.
 - Marketing – Did not meet
 - CCASB – Did not meet.
- VII. Athletic Director's Report
 - a. Pancake Breakfast – Was well attended; about 370 served and \$1900 raised. Funds will be used for athletics and special student activities.
 - b. 7th/8th Grade Girl's Basketball – Both teams reached tournaments. The 8th grade played in Calumet today and the 7th grade plays in Houghton this week.
 - c. Boys Basketball – Season begins soon.
- VIII. Principal/Superintendent Report
 - a. Building/Maintenance Updates – The boiler is running, but have some on-going issues with controls and valves; will continue to monitor & work on. Some fuel oil has been delivered. The kitchen dishwasher needs a new heating element.
 - b. Technology Updates – VoIP phones have been installed in classrooms. Door security is programmed; some work to finish on both systems. The new web site is complete.
 - c. Marketing/Bond Update – Jim has conducted 6 Community Forum/Presentations so far, with 1 more scheduled. Two postcard/flyers have been mailed out to area households.
 - d. Count Day – 170 students, 100% perfect attendance for count day!
 - e. Jamboree – October 10th at Houghton High School; was well attended
 - f. Adopt-a-Beach: Held September 30th; the kids did a great job!

- g. Cooking with kids: Western UP Health Department has been coming on Fridays and giving food lessons to students.
- h. Fire Prevention: Stanton Fire Department did a presentation for students recently.
- i. Homeless Audit: Will be conducted at CCISD this week.
- j. SetSeg: Safety Awards received from insurance carrier.
- k. Legislative Update: A 3rd grade reading bill is expected, along with more legislation/direction regarding teacher/administrative evaluations/scoring and the handgun carry laws. The new State Superintendent of Schools will be in Marquette tomorrow.

IX. Items for Discussion/Action – Old Business: none

X. Items for Discussion/Action – New Business:

- a. The November Board meeting is rescheduled to 5:30 p.m., Monday, November 9th.
- b. Afternoon Bus Run: Mr. Rautiola mentioned that currently 14 students must get out of class approximately 20 minutes early for the bus runs to work. He would like to post an open position for 2-hour additional bus driver for the afternoon.

XI. Financial Update – A finance update was discussed. The current cash position is good. The 1st state aid payment of ~\$81k is expected tomorrow. The state foundation amount is \$7391 (up from last year's \$7126). A draft of the financial Audit has been received.

XII. The bills in the amount of \$99,479.06 were approved for payment on a motion by Brad, seconded by Tina, with all in favor.

XIII. Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. on a motion by Jill

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Marttila, Board Secretary