

STANTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Regular Meeting

March 21, 2016

E.B. Holman School

- I. President Jill Efraimson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Also present were Brad Pennala, Tina Hatman, and Sarah Anderson. Members of the staff in attendance included James Rautiola, Jeannie Dunstan, Janine Wales and Steven Fitzgerald.
- II. On a motion by Brad, seconded by Jill, with all in favor, the agenda was approved as amended adding c. Approval of well pump installation by Keranen Well and Pump under New Business.
- III. Superintendent/Principal James Rautiola led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Minutes of the February 11, 2016 regular and closed session meetings were approved on a motion by Brad, seconded by Jill, with all in favor.
- V. Public to address the Board – Steven Fitzgerald would like to attach two antennae onto the tower by the bus garage to provide internet service to more of the community. The request was referred to the Technology committee.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - Finance – Met on 3/21 to discuss amendments to the 2015-2016 budget
 - Building – Met 2/12, 2/17, 2/25, and 3/2; worked on building project plans. There will be a pre-bid walk through on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 4:00
 - Strategic Planning – Did not meet
 - Technology & Grant – Did not meet.
 - Athletics – Did not meet
 - Policy & Personnel – Did not meet.
 - CCASB – Did not meet. The school tour will be held at Dollar Bay Schools on Wednesday, March 23rd at 5:30/dinner at 6:00 p.m. Nominations for CCASB awards for in school and community awards are due April 8
- VII. Athletic Director's Report
 - a. Elementary Basketball – The last game will be played at Jeffers on April 5th
 - b. Middle School Volleyball – The 7th grade team is undefeated and the 8th grade team is 8-3. They will be playing at Chassell on Tuesday, March 22nd.
 - c. We received a \$500.00 grant for the purchase of an A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator). We will upgrade the purchase with a ten year warranty which will be paid for out of Special Activities Funds.
- VIII. Principal/Superintendent Report
 - a. March Reading Month is titled Launch into a good book
 - b. PTO is currently doing a Penny War fundraiser which will end on March 24. Winners will participate in a “pie in the face” throwing contest.
 - c. Copper Dog 150 – Students in grades K-5 participated in a field trip to the Rosza Center. Students opting out of the program were involved in activities at school.

d. Logo – students participated in a logo contest. Of the over 200 entries, it was narrowed down to the top 21 and then the top 10 which the students voted to narrow it down to 4.

e. Science Fair – Students participated in the MTU Science Fair held on Thursday, March 17. Nine students received awards.

f. Curriculum/School Improvement – Teachers are currently looking at Michigan’s new “Science Standards. They will be more online/project based. Teachers will have 2 inservice days in the summer to work on guidelines for these standards.

Based on our current math scores, it has been decided to stay with our current “Everyday Math” but to update to the latest version.

Kindergarten registration has been set for April 13. We received a new fourth grade student bringing our current enrollment to 174. Decoding/Encoding workshop will begin in May. The paraprofessionals and teachers who have not been trained or want to be retrained will participate. School Improvement team will have their last in-service day at the ISD on April 7th.

g. Forestry lesson – Justin Miller of GTFC (Green Timber Forestry Consultants) is organizing a field trip for the LSSI team to go to Potlatch, a wood processing center in Gwinn.

h. LSSI have 6 two hour meetings scheduled for Professional Learning Community to discuss such items as beekeeping, gardening, rock walkway and landscaping which began in March and will continue in April.

i. Technology/M-Step – We will be purchasing additional Chromebooks and replacing iPads. Currently working with the CCISD and NMU to upgrade our tower. Grades 3-8 will begin the M-Step testing on April 11th.

j. Building-Maintenance – Trees took down power lines by our well causing school closure on Friday, March 18.

IX. Items for Discussion/Action – Old Business

a. On a motion by Sarah, seconded by Brad, a change order from Keranen Well and Pump from \$10,300.00 to \$9,582.00 was approved on a roll call vote.

X. Items for Discussion/Action – New Business:

a. Tower lease option with ShoreWaves – referred to Technology Committee

b. Network wiring – We received two bids for our Network Wiring, Bay Electric came in at \$26,121.00 and Keweenaw Power and Lite came in at \$20,375.00. On a motion by Sarah, seconded by Brad, all in favor by a roll call vote, the board accepted the bid from Keweenaw Power and Lite

c. On a motion by Sarah, seconded by Brad, all in favor on a roll call vote, the board approved the well pump installation by Keranen Well and Pump in the amount of \$3,050.00.

XI. Financial Update – A finance update was given.

XII. The bills in the amount of \$163,043.48 were approved for payment on a motion by Tina, seconded by Brad, with all in favor.

XIII. The Board went into closed session at 6:35 p.m. on a motion by Jill to discuss Negotiations and the evaluation of Superintendent/Principal James Rautiola. The regular meeting resumed at 8:16 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on a motion by Jill

Respectfully Submitted,