

**Honey Creek Community School
Board Minutes of January 16, 2008**

Call To Order: 6:23pm by President John Stahly

Recording Secretary: Karen Giltrow

Board Members Present: Carol Borgeson, Will Hathaway, Wayne Millette (arrived at 8:15pm), Orlando Simon, John Stahly, and Doug Stewart

Staff and Community Members Present: Shellee Almquist, Stephanie Boling, Karen Giltrow, Sue Huczek, Audrey Jenkins, and Al Waters

Minutes: William Hathaway moved, Doug Stewart supported the approval of the December 12, 2007 board minutes as written.

Board Spotlight: Honey Creek's Middle School Science Teacher, Jon Baek, gave a slide presentation on his student's "Simple Machines" projects. The students designed and built simple machines using wheel and axles, levers, pulleys, and planes.

Public Participation: None

Financial Report:

Gifts: Shellee Almquist reported Phoenix Rising Campaign money is trickling in and donations to the Arlene Saalbach Media Center continue to mount. Donation total for the media center is \$7,700.00 to date. Shellee Almquist noted that catalogue software has been ordered for the media center.

December 2007 Report: Written report in board packet. Shellee Almquist presented the report and a discussion followed on whether or not to change the current format of the reports from whole year to per month per year format. Will Hathaway moved, supported by Carol Borgeson to approve the December 2007 report. **Motion was passed by all board members present.** A discussion on Dearborn Speech and Sensory contracted services took place after Shellee Almquist presented the payment of the bills report. Orlando Simon moved to approve payment of the bills, Carol Borgeson supported. **Motion was passed by all board members present.**

Financial Committee: Written report in board packet. Carol Borgeson reported the financial committee met on January 14, 2008 to determine goals for the remaining 07-08 school year. Goals include job descriptions, salary and benefits, special education needs and long term budget plans.

Standing Reports:

Faculty Liaison: Stephanie Boling noted there was no faculty liaison feedback to report.

School-Age Programs: Written report in board packet. Carol Borgeson moved, supported by Will Hathaway to approve the 2008 Summer Camp rates as submitted by the School Age Advisory Committee at the December 2007 Board Meeting. **Motion was approved by all board members present.** Sue Huczek reported that Honey Creek will be represented at the Metro Parent Magazine Summer Camp Fair at Emerson School on February 9, 2008.

Academic Service-Learning: Honey Creek Community School was featured on the LEAGUE website for participating in the Thanksgiving Food and Clothing Drive. A discussion on the LEAGUE followed.

PTO Report: Report in board packet.

Director's Report: Written report in board packet. Al Waters noted the Media Center is open and classes are using the media center on a regular basis. It was announced that Honey Creek has a full staff with the addition of the recent hiring of art teacher Katherine Downie, and music/band teacher Angela Biedenbender. Also noted was the renewal of the School Improvement Plan. Salli Kropp will head up Language Arts, Cindy Wauer will have Math, and Sue Huczek will head up Culture Climate. Al Waters informed the board that an Ann Arbor News reporter and photographer visited a Honey Creek K-1 classroom today for an article they are doing on charter schools.

Old Business:

Policy Update: Orlando Simon reported that the policy meeting on January 15, 2007 was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Director's Goals: The final draft of the 2007-2008 Director's Goals was handed out by John Stahly. Carol Borgeson moved, supported by Doug Stewart to approve the 2007-2008 Director's goals. **The motion was passed by all board members present.**

New Business:

Strategic Planning: Al Waters presented his plans for the Strategic Planning process. A diagram outlining the process was handed out. A discussion on the process followed and the board directed Al Waters to move forward on the process and create a timeline.

Other Business by Consensus of the Board: None

Kudos To:

**Everyone involved in making the grand opening of the Arlene Saalbach Media Center a huge success
Barbara Naess and her K-1 class for a doing a fine job putting on the December "Respecting Different Cultures" Assembly
Jon Baek for his slide presentation on Simple Machines**

Preparation for Board Communication: Will Hathaway will provide a board summary for the Honey Creek newsletter and Al Waters will update the board at the February meeting on the newsletter website.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment: Wayne Millette moved to adjourn the board meeting at 8:15pm.