

Honey Creek Community School
Minutes of December 16, 2009 Board of Trustees Meeting
Call To Order: 6:25 by President John Stahly
Recording Secretary: Karen Giltrow

Board Members Present: Carol Borgeson, Simona Goldin, Scott Mahler (arrived at 6:45p.m.), Wayne Millette, John Stahly.

Staff and Community Members Present: Al Waters, Shellee Almquist, Sue Hofbauer, Stephanie Boling, Karen Giltrow Brian Hockley.

Board Spotlight: Al Waters gave an overview of the Federal Government's Race to the Top initiative grant program, that would improve education through data. It was noted the signed Memorandum of Understanding is due January 7, 2010. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding agreement is to establish a framework of collaboration and articulate specific roles and responsibilities in the implementation of an approved Race to the Top grant project. Honey Creek Community School would receive \$5,349.00 should the application be approved by the State. Simona Goldin moved, supported by Wayne Millette to approve the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. **Motion was approved by all board members present.** Board Vice President and Director Al Waters signed the Memorandum of Understanding.

Consent Agenda: Carol Borgeson moved, supported by Simona Goldin to approve the consent agenda. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Public Participation: None.

Financial Committee Report: Shellee Almquist reported the finance committee met prior to the board meeting and the first mini-grant of \$500.00 was approved for art classes.

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

School Age Programs: Written report in board packet.

Academic Service-Learning: Written report in board packet.

PTO Report: No report.

Director's Report: Written report in board packet. Al Waters updated the board on:

- Kristin Vespa accepted the PE/Swim Teacher position.
- Compensation Review Panel had an organizational meeting on December 15, 2009 and has a tentative plan to move forward.

Old Business:

2009-2010 Board Goals

Carol Borgeson moved, supported by Scott Mahler to adopt the Board 2009-2010 Board Goals:

- Continue careful budgeting work given the fiscal realities of the state.
- Support the Honey Creek Community School Director in achieving the Director's Goals for the 2009-2010 school year, which were designed specifically to maximize teaching and learning and further the successful functioning of the school.

Motion was approved by all board members present.

Director's Goals for 2009-2010

Simona Goldin moved, supported by Wayne Millette to adopt the Director's Goals for 2009-2010 as previously submitted. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Service Consolidation Plan

Written agreement in board packet. Al Waters updated the board on the following shared services that Honey Creek Community School already has in place; building, telephones, cafeteria, and lunch program. Currently looking at consolidating Special Education services with the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Simona Goldin moved, supported by Carol Borgeson to approve the Agreement to Develop a District Service Consolidation Plan.

Motion was approved by all board members present.

New Business:

Budget Projections

Shellee Almquist distributed a five-year budget projection to the board. A discussion followed on the different budget scenarios and the importance of safeguarding the budget to sustain the school. Al Waters recommended waiting for the state numbers to settle down before proceeding with any raises. The board charged Shellee Almquist to bring budget projections to the January 27, 2010 board meeting reflecting a 3% increase for this year, 1½% raise, and a 1½% bonus, and what it would take to make up the cost of increased health care costs.

Other Items by Consensus of the Board: Shellee Almquist reported on receiving a check from Good Search (search engine company funding 1 cent per search) for \$37.00 and the donation of classroom supplies from Honey Creek parent Tim Donahue.

Board Kudos:

- To our amazing Honey Creek students and teachers for a fantastic Curriculum Celebration.
- To everyone who donated clothes, food and money during The Drive. Special thanks to Johnny Thompson and Teresa Gonzalez who helped Sue Hofbauer and the Class Captains (Kate & Kristine Meader, Becca Greenberg, Grace Thomas,

Ana Morgan, Ben Simon, Charlie & Fin Seely, Xavier Mahler, Evan Fortson, Niki Ganjeizadeh, Alix Krawcke, Rita Barry Hathaway, Monica Bauman, Ella Steiger) organize the event; Kelly Krawcke for making the arrangements with Food Gatherers; and to everyone who helped deliver clothes, especially Shellee Almquist, Melissa Jordan, Alex Foulis, and Rola Kolailat.

Preparation for Board Communication: Scott Mahler will provide a summary of the board meeting for the Honey Bunches of Notes Newsletter.

Public Participation: Brian Hockley was recognized.

Adjournment: Carol Borgeson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m.

Board Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C. Borgeson	5	1 (July 09)
S. Goldin	6	0
S. Mahler	6	0
W. Millette	4	2 (July 09, August 09)
J. Prenevost	4	2 (August 09, December 10)
L. Sheldon	5	1
J. Stahly	6	0