Honey Creek Community School Minutes of March 24, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting

Call To Order: 6:22p.m. by President John Stahly

Recording Secretary: Karen Giltrow

Board Members Present: Carol Borgeson, Simona Goldin, Scott Mahler (arrived at 6:25p.m.), Wayne Millette, Jeff Prenevost, John Stahly, and Libby Sheldon.

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

Board Spotlight: Al Waters presented the 2009 MEAP results to the board and a written report was distributed. Notable points included the following:

- Honey Creek students scoring proficient or advanced on the MEAP exceeded Michigan AYP objectives by 15%, and exceeded state averages in thirteen out of fifteen categories.
- Honey Creek students scoring proficient or advanced on the MEAP exceeded Ann Arbor averages in eight of fifteen categories.
- 100% of Honey Creek students scored proficient or advanced in five of fifteen categories on the MEAP, and more than 90% of students scored advanced or proficient on ten of fifteen categories on the test.
- 94% of students in grades three through eight scored proficient or advanced on the reading portion of the MEAP.
- 91% of students in grades three through eight scored proficient or advanced on the math portion of the MEAP.

Consent Agenda: Libby Sheldon moved, supported by Jeff Prenevost to approve the consent agenda. Motion was approved by all board members present.

Public Participation: None

Financial Committee Report: Jeff Prenevost reported the committee did not meet today.

Faculty Liaison: No report.

School Age Programs: Written report in board packet. Sue Hofbauer shared the new 2010 Summer Camp brochure with the board that was created by after school staff member Alicia Meza-Wilson.

Academic Service-Learning: Written report in board packet.

PTO Report: No report.

Director's Report: Written report distributed to the board. Al Waters presented his report to the board and the following items were discussed:

- Several Strategic Planning Requests for Proposals have been sent out. Two have responded back to date: the Michigan Association of School Boards, and Frenza and Associates LLC. Director Waters will forward all proposals to the board as they arrive.
- Compensation Review Panel has completed a draft for full-time teachers, and are
 in the process of extending the policy to part-time teachers, and full and part time
 employees.
- Honey Creek received the Michigan Department of Education report on the Special Education complaint that was filed. The first three allegations filed by the parent were dismissed. Four additional allegations were filed by the MDE, which are procedural in nature.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning

Simona Goldin reported Al Waters and John Stahly met with Karen Cross and Olga Holden of the Michigan Association of School Boards, and Al Waters and Simona Goldin met with James Frenza of Frenza & Associates LLC. Both organizations will submit proposals. John Stahly, Simona Goldin, Al Waters and Scott Mahler committed to review the proposals and make the final decision.

New Business:

Board Elections

The Honey Creek Board of Trustees is seeking nominations for new board candidates to fill three upcoming openings. The election will take place during the Spring Performance on May 19, 2010. Carol Borgeson and Libby Sheldon will work on revising the Board Member Qualifications, and will request feedback from the board. A discussion followed on: 1) the board's role as mentors to the new board members, 2) moving effective boardmanship up to the July board meeting, 3) hiring a consultant to speak or run a workshop, 4) adding an additional Board Retreat in early Spring, 5) sending a board member(s) to a charter school conference to gain more information from other schools and 6) obtaining exit interviews from board members. Al Waters will ask Karen Cross to speak at the July Board Meeting.

Board Role in Fundraising

Simona Goldin led a discussion on what role does the board have in regarding fundraising, and the need to have a board policy in place. A discussion followed. Al Waters recommended to consult an auditor for restrictions or regulations on fundraising.

Other Items of Business by Consensus of the Board: None

Board Kudos:

- To Johnny Thompson and her 4/5 class, and all the classes involved in AS-L projects to help Haiti and the homeless. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped with these projects.
- To Peter Knox and Joan Sitomer for all of their hard work on Honey Creek's Talentpalooza.
- Alicia Meza-Wilson for creating the colorful Honey Creek Summer Camp brochure.

Preparation for Board Communication: Libby Sheldon will provide a summary of the board meeting to the Honey Bunches of Notes Newsletter.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment: Carol Borgeson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Board Attendance:

Name	Present	<u>Absent</u>
C. Borgeson	8	1 (July 09)
S. Goldin	9	0
S. Mahler	9	0
W. Millette	7	2 (July 09, August 09)
J. Prenevost	7	2 (August 09, December 10)
L. Sheldon	8	1
J. Stahly	9	0