

Honey Creek Community School
Minutes of May 26, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting
Call To Order: 6:22p.m. by Vice President Simona Goldin
Recording Secretary: Karen Giltrow

Board Members Present: Carol Borgeson, Simona Goldin, Scott Mahler (arrived at 5:25p.m.) Wayne Millette, and Jeff Prenevost.

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

Board Spotlight: None

Consent Agenda: Carol Borgeson moved, supported by Wayne Millette to approve the consent agenda as written. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Public Participation: None

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

Faculty Liaison: Liaison Stephanie Boling had no feedback to report.

School Age Programs: Written report in board packet. Sue Hofbauer noted the Summer Camp staff has been hired.

Academic Service-Learning: Written report in board packet. Sue Hofbauer invited the board to attend the 2008-2009 AS-L Awards Ceremony scheduled for June 11, 2010 from 9:00-9:30a.m.

PTO Report: No report.

Director's Report: Written report in board packet. Al Waters presented his report and a discussion followed on:

- Honey Creek's 2008-2009 Annual Report has been found in compliance by the Michigan Department of Education.
- Honey Creek's Charter Renewal Contract has been found in compliance following the state's review.
- Growing concern over the reliability of Scantron's Performance Series Adaptive Assessment used for our 3rd through 8th grade students. Discussions with Scantron and other assessment providers are underway. Director Waters will report on the discussions and an update on student academic growth will be given at the July board meeting.
- Status of the Special Education complaint.
- Parent and staff concerns over the scheduling of electives and lunch. Director Waters will review the present schedule and explore possible solutions.

- Title 1 Summer Program invitations were sent to qualifying students. Two sessions of Math and Language Arts will be offered to rising 2nd through 8th grade students. Session 1 begins on June 21st- July 9th, and Session 2 begins on July 19th-August 6th.
- Michigan Legislature introduced a joint resolution to trim state expenditures by cutting all public employees salaries by 5%. Director Waters encouraged everyone to write legislators to voice their opposition to the 5% salary cut.
- The board passed a prior resolution to purchase five years of MPSEs credit for Shellee Almquist. To date 3.919 years of credit have been purchased. The cost of the remaining 1.0881 years is currently \$12,865.93. We have budgeted for all but \$4,028. Due to the cost of these credits increasing with time and the large upcoming increase in MPSE contributions, Director Waters requested the board amend the present budget by \$4,028 to satisfy the commitment during the present budget year. Carol Borgeson moved, supported by Jeff Prenevost to amend the present budget and provide the \$4,028 to satisfy the commitment during the present budget year. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Old Business:

Approve/Adopt Next Year's Budget

Carol Borgeson moved, supported by Scott Mahler to approve next year's budget as presented. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Approve/Adopt Next Year's Calendar

Jeff Prenevost moved, supported by Wayne Millette to approve the next year's calendar as amended. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Strategic Planning

Simona Goldin reported on the meetings with SYN Associates and the Michigan Association of School Boards. John Stahly, Simona Goldin, Al Waters, and Scott Mahler attended the meetings and were impressed with the thoughtful, inclusive strategic plan of SYN Associates' proposal that would welcome community input and student voices. A discussion followed. Jeff Prenevost moved, supported by Wayne Millette to retain SYN Associates to facilitate Honey Creek Community School's strategic planning process. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

New Business:

Board Self Evaluations will be emailed to the board members.

Other Items of Business:

Wayne Millette led a discussion on using a 360 Assessment process for the director's evaluation. In a 360 assessment, feedback is sought from a number of different sources who work in different relationships with the person being assessed. Wayne Millette will email information on 360 Assessment Process to the board to be considered for approval at the June 23, 2010 board meeting.

Kudos:

- To Kelly Kempter for her many contributions to Honey Creek and for earning the “You Make A Difference” award.
- Shellee Almquist for the wonderful 5th Grade video.
- To the newly elected Honey Creek board members: Pat Conlin, Brian Hockley, and Linda Knox.
- To Jeannie Crayne for a successful after school Spring into Fashion Club.
- To Shannon Davis for donating his \$500 Basketball coaching stipend back to Honey Creek.
- To all the students, staff, and community members who helped make Earth Day, the STEM Fair, the Spring Festival, and the Staff Appreciation Luncheon absolutely fantastic!

Preparation of Board Communication:

Jeff Prenevost will provide a summary of the board meeting for the Honey Bunches of Notes Newsletter.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment: Wayne Millette moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m.

Board Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C. Borgeson	10	1 (July 09)
S. Goldin	11	0
S. Mahler	11	0
W. Millette	8	3 (July 09, August 09, April 10)
J. Prenevost	9	2 (August 09, December 09)
L. Sheldon	9	2 (May 10)
J. Stahly	10	1 (May 10)

