

MINUTES
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 19, 2023

Members Present: Christopherson, Burns, Leonard, Massaway

Members Absent: Baltensperger, Fay, Foltz

Also Present: Administrators Hill, Klein, Filpus, Scullion, Sanregret,
Marcotte; Garrett Neese, Jason Evans, Colette Patchin

The public hearing regarding the budget began at 5:45 p.m.. Mrs. Marcotte reviewed the 2022-2023 revised budget and the 2023-2024 proposed budget. There being no further business, Mrs. Massaway closed the public hearing at 5:54 p.m.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Massaway called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Public Comment

The Board received public comment.

3. Presentation

Mr. Hill recognized retiring teachers.

4. Consent Agenda

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 regular Board meeting, the May 23, 2023 Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting, the June 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting, and the June financial statements and bills in the amount of \$302,077.23. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Scullion, Ms. Filpus and Mr. Klein reported on events occurring in their buildings. Mr. Sanregret gave a report on the athletics department. Mr. Hill gave a report on events occurring in the district.

6. CCASB, MASA & MASB Reports

There were no MASB, MASA or CCASB reports.

7. Discussion/Action Items

1) Resolution Certifying Millage to be Spread

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Leonard moved that the Board approve a resolution to levy and collect taxes during the 2023-2024 school year, equivalent to 17.2832 operating mills and 9.64 mills for debt retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Resolution to Amend the 2022-2023 Budget

Mr. Leonard with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve a resolution to amend the 2022-2023 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Resolution to Approve the 2023-2024 Budget

Mr. Burns with support from Mr. Leonard moved that the Board approve the 2023-2024 operating budget. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Resolution to Repeal the Neola Policies and Replace with Thrun Policies

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Leonard moved that the Board repeal the NEOLA policy manual and adopt the Thrun policy manual. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Michigan High School Athletic Association ("MHSAA") Membership Resolution

Mr. Leonard with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association ("MHSAA") Membership Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Resolution to Approve the Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Leonard moved that the Board approve the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Resolution to Approve 2 Year Renewal Custodian Contract with U.P. Janitorial

Mr. Burns with support from Mr. Leonard moved that the Board approve a 2-year renewal custodian contract with U.P. Janitorial. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Resolution to Hire New Personnel

Mr. Leonard with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board approve the hiring of:

Amy Forsell - Out of School Coordinator
Patrick Aldrich - Assistant Elementary
Principal
Janel Summers - Behavioral Health
Coordinator
Tim Driscoll - Varsity Football Coach
Nikki Lishinski - Elementary School Teacher
Steve Lishinski - Middle School Teacher
Emily Viola - Elementary School Teacher

Motion carried unanimously.

9) Resolution to Approve Work on Baseball/Softball Fence Up to \$30,000.00

Mr. Leonard with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve work on Baseball/Softball fence up to \$30,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Round Table/Discussion

8. Executive Session

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations. Through a roll call vote, the motion passed with voting as follows: Ayes: Massaway, Christopherson, Leonard, Burns; Nays: none. The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:32 p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 6:40 p.m.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Christopherson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Massaway adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Patchin, Acting Secretary

Brent Burns, Board Secretary