

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Harrison Board of Education**

**Held May 10, 2010**

**Denise Haskin, Secretary**

President Joel Hardy called the regular meeting of the Harrison Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at 224 W. Main Street.

Members present: Joel Hardy, Doug Cobb, Denise Haskin, Marie Roth, Therese Haley, Floyd Dennis and Connie Cauchi.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Tom House, Jacob Sullivan, Business Manager and Tammy Harcourt, Recorder.

President Hardy led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board approved the following additions/deletions to the agenda: Section III. Action Items  
Letter a will become a-1: Retirement of Linda Schettenhelm and Letter a-2 will be: Retirement of Russ Fimbinger. Letter c will become c-1: Resolution/Three high school students writing awards; Letter c-2: Resolution/Sean Dudley-Chartwells National Poster Winner.

Motion by Cauchi and supported by Haskin to approve the minutes of April 12, 2010 as presented. Yeas: Dennis, Cauchi, Haley, Roth, Haskin, Cobb and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Vice President Roth asked about two checks. One was written to James Gee and the other was written to Clare County Treasurers Office. Business Manager Sullivan explained that the one written to James Gee was for maintenance done for us and the one to the Clare County Treasurer's Office is for tax changes. Motion by Haskin and supported by Cobb to approve the general fund checks as listed for the period April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 as presented. Yeas: Haley, Roth, Cobb, Dennis, Cauchi, Haskin and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Dennis to approve the financial statements for the General Fund, 1998 and 2009 Debt Retirement Funds, Athletic Fund and Food Service Fund as presented. Yeas: Cauchi, Haley, Roth, Dennis, Haskin, Cobb and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reports of Standing Committees. There was a Building & Grounds Committee Meeting as well as a Policy/Planning/Finance/Personnel/Labor Relations/Legal and Retirement Committee Meeting. The outcome of these meetings will be discussed later in the agenda.

No one asked to address the board.

Superintendent House reported to the board that Jim Gee of GRBS presented a \$400 scholarship to one of our students at the Senior Honors Night. There was also information enclosed regarding the MESSA Insurance information and Mr. Sullivan told the Board the rate increase for us would be 11.4% for 2010-2011. Mike Kenney from SET-SEG was here to present a check to Mrs. Jayne Palmer on behalf of the student council in the amount of \$400 to send a student to a Summer Leadership Training. Superintendent House noted that STIX Bar & Grill have made a very generous offer to donate 25% of the proceeds from their Thursday night food sales to Harrison Community Schools. Superintendent House explained that the moneys would be distributed to each building equally. The board responded that in these economic times, it was nice to have a business do something this generous. Superintendent House recognized one of our students who won a national poster contest with Chartwell's. He will be identified in the Action Items for a Resolution of Congratulations. Mr. Foote explained to the Board the reason behind the change in the graduation ceremony this year. With only 10 graduates they decided to make it a little more personal and have light refreshments and have it held in the Media Center. Superintendent House wanted to remind the Board that they signed a Non Competition Resolution for Enrollment with the other schools in the RESD and to inform them that some districts may, however, choose to market and promote their program. Superintendent House went over the possible budget cuts; deficit spending and potential for concessions from the HEA. Superintendent House updated the Board on Amble School and the response

he has received from Mr. Borgondy, and that he received a call from the contact in Lansing. He expects to receive some written notice from the DNR soon which may give the district permission to sell the property.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Haskin, to accept with deep regret, the retirement of LINDA SCHETTENHELM, High School Secretary, effective August 27, 2010. Yeas: Cauchi, Cobb, Haley, Roth, Haskin, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Roth and supported by Haley, to accept with deep regret, the retirement of RUSSELL FIMBINGER, High School Assistant Principal, effective June 30, 2010. Yeas: Cobb, Haley, Roth, Haskin, Dennis, Cauchi and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Cauchi to adopt the CGRESD Budget as presented. The Resolution is attached and a part of these minutes, for the 2010-2011 school year. Yeas: Dennis, Cauchi, Cobb, Haley, Roth, Haskin and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haley and supported by Roth to adopt a resolution for three students who has been awarded the 2010 Certificate of Merit Award for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Creative Writing Competition. Yeas: Cauchi, Cobb, Haley, Roth, Haskin, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried. The three students are Michael Hammel-Nelson; Ruestasia Walker and Ally Young. The board extended congratulations to the students and Mrs. Terry Petrongelli, High School English Teacher on a job well done.

Motion by Roth and supported by Haskin to adopt a resolution for High School Art Student, Sean Dudley for his winning poster at the National level for Chartwell's. Yeas: Cobb, Haley, Roth, Haskin, Dennis, Cauchi and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Renee Hyduk, Chartwell's Food Service Director told the Board that Sean would be recognized at the district level at a later date. President Hardy asked if it would be possible to get the poster at the original size to put up in the High School. Ms. Hyduk said she would see what she could do to get that for the school.

Motion by Roth and supported by Cobb to renew the contract with Chartwell's for the 2010-2011 school year. Yeas: Haley, Roth, Haskin, Dennis, Cauchi, Cobb and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried. Board member Haskin asked to also commend Chartwell's for a job well done and increasing our food service fund by \$84,000.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Haskin to approve an easement to the city for the Storm Water Project pending board approval and legal counsel looking over the final easement. Yeas: Roth, Haskin, Dennis, Cobb, Haley and Hardy. Nays: None. Abstain: Cauchi. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis and supported by Cobb to authorize the School Board President and the Superintendent to sign the second application of the Race to the Top Memo of Understanding. Yeas: Haskin, Dennis, Cobb, Haley, Roth, Cauchi and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Superintendent asked the Board to change the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting from a workshop to a special meeting to discuss budget cuts, the board agreed with this.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Haskin to go into closed session to discuss negotiations at 8:55 p.m. Yeas: Dennis, Cobb, Haley, Roth, Cauchi, Haskin and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Roth to go back into open session at 10:25 p.m. Yeas: Cobb, Haley, Roth, Cauchi, Haskin, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis and supported by Roth to offer certified staff a windowed retirement incentive in the amount of \$7,500.00 in addition with what is already offered in the HEA contract. Yeas: Haley, Dennis, Roth, and Haskin. Nays: Cauchi, Cobb and Hardy. Motion carried.

Board member Haskin left the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Roth to deficit spend \$650,000 for the 2010-2011 school year. Yeas: Haley, Dennis, Roth, Cauchi and Cobb. Nays: Hardy. Motion carried.

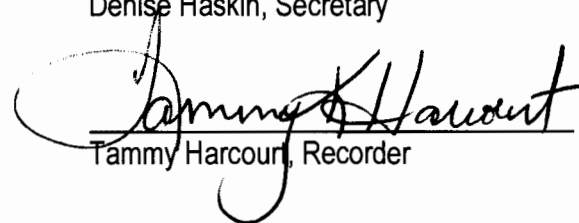
Motion by Cobb and supported by Dennis to make \$850,000 the goal to cut for the 2010-2011 school year. Yeas: Haley, Dennis, Cauchi, Cobb and Hardy. Nays: Roth. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis and supported by Roth to authorize the administration to open the HEA contract to either renegotiate or extend if necessary. Yeas: Dennis, Cauchi, Haley, Roth and Hardy. Nays: Cobb. Motion carried. Board member Haley stated she hoped they would keep in mind the class sizes and that they need to be reduced at Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades.

Motion by Dennis and supported by Roth to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Cauchi, Haley, Roth, Cobb, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Hardy adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

  
Denise Haskin, Secretary

  
Tammy Harcourt, Recorder

**ISD BUDGET RESOLUTION – Support for Budget**

Harrison, Michigan

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of **Harrison Community Schools**, Harrison, Michigan, was held in the Board Room, in the District, on the 10th day of May, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Joel Hardy, President.

Members Present: Joel Hardy, Denise Haskin, Floyd Dennis, Marie Roth, Doug Cobb, Connie Cauchi and Therese Haley

Members Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Cobb and supported by Member Cauchi:

**WHEREAS:**

1. Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, requires the Intermediate School District Board of Education to submit its proposed budget not later than May 1 of each year to the board of each constituent district for review; and

2. Not later than June 1 of each year, the board of each constituent district shall review the proposed Intermediate School District budget, shall adopt a resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed Intermediate School District budget, and shall submit to the Intermediate School Board any specific objections and proposed changes the constituent district board has to the budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Board of Education has received and reviewed the proposed Intermediate School District budget in accordance with Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, and by the adoption of this resolution, expresses its support for the proposed Intermediate School District budget.

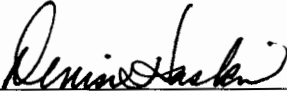
2. The Secretary of the Board of Education or his/her designee shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Intermediate School District Superintendent or Board no later than June 1, 2010.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

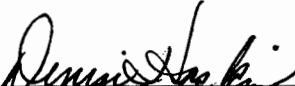
Ayes: Members Hardy, Haskin, Dennis, Roth, Cobb, Cauchi and Haley

Nays: Members None

Motion declared adopted.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Harrison Community Schools, Harrison, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on May 10th, 2010, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

  
Secretary, Board of Education