

MINUTES
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 15, 2018

Members Present: Baltensperger, Christopherson, Crane, Foltz, Massaway
Verran, Wheeler

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Administrators Klingbeil, Filpus, Hill, Klein, Horsch;
Garrett Neese, Kristina Sundstrom, Colette Patchin,
Blaire Zenner, Ken Mills, Lynnette Boree, Sara Rutz, JR
Repp, Tony Schwaller, Carrie Karvakko, Ruth Ryynanen,
Kelly Steelman, Neeta Jacobson

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

Mr. Foltz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Presentations/Acknowledgments

October National Principal's Month
New Teaching Staff - Blaire Zenner and Ken Mills
MTSS- Anders Hill, Sara Rutz, JR Repp and Lynnette Boree

4. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Verran with support from Mrs. Massaway moved that the Board approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 regular Board meeting, and the September financial statements and bills in the amount of \$666,471.73. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Administrative Reports

Mr. Hill, Miss Filpus, and Mr. Klein reported on events occurring in their buildings. Mr. Horsch reported on athletics.

6. MASA/MASB/CCASB Reports

There was no MASB or MASA Report. Several Board Members who attended the Legislative Luncheon hosted by the CCASB provided a report.

7. Discussion Items

1) Enrollment - Mrs. Klingbeil provided an enrollment update.

8. Action Items

1. Resolution to Approve MEA Union Contract Agreement

Mr. Baltensperger with support from Mrs. Massaway moved that the Board of education of the Houghton-Portage Township Schools approve ratification of the entire Master Agreement, reached between the Board of Education of the Houghton-Portage Township Schools and the Houghton-Portage Township Schools Education Association, be effective upon the date of the execution of the written contract by signatures of officials of both parties empowered to enter into the Master Agreement are completed.

2. Resolution to Approve Professional Staff Contracts

Mr. Baltensperger with support from Mr. Crane moved that the professional staff be provided with raises comparable with those agreed to in the teacher contract. Motion carried unanimously

3. Approve Winter Coaches

Mr. Baltensperger with support from Mrs. Massaway moved that the Board approve the hiring of winter athletic coaches for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Executive Session

Mr. Crane with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations. Through a roll call vote, the motion passed with voting as follows: Ayes: Baltensperger, Christopherson, Crane, Foltz, Massaway, Verran, Wheeler; Nays: none. The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:34 p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 6:53 p.m.

9. Other Concerns or Public Comment

Ruth Ryyanen commented on steps being part of the teacher contract.

Tony Schwaller commented on communication between the teaching staff and the board.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Crane moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Foltz adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Patchin, Acting Secretary

Crystal Verran, Board Secretary