

APPROVED
MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD
MEETING
1.11.2016

A regular meeting of the Essexville-Hampton Board of Education was held on Monday, January 11, 2016, in the Jaffe Administration Building, 303 Pine Street, Essexville, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE RECITED

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

- Members Present

John Martin, David Lovely, Charles Rochow, Jill Urban, Michael O'Neill, Joseph Pergande, Dean Verhaeghe and Student Representative Jessica Hurley

- Members Absent

None

ALSO PRESENT

Matt Cortez, Lori Flippin, Kate Gaiser, Barry Kenniston, Maria VanOchten, SK-2014 and guardian, Margaret Bilodeau, Shannon Flippin, Gary Brasseur, Nate Cholger, Bonnie Middleton, Mike Leppek, Nancy Reder, Marty Reder, Steve Barlow, and Jeanne Rezmer

ADDITIONAL ITEMS
FROM BOARD / SUPT.

Superintendent Cortez requested to add School Board Recognition Month to the agenda as item F1.

STATEMENTS FROM
THE AUDIENCE

None

MINUTES
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Moved by Rochow, supported by O'Neill, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held December 14, 2015 as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Martin, Lovely, Rochow, Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe

No: None

TREASURER'S
REPORT
ACCEPTED

Moved by Lovely, supported by Urban, to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Lovely, Rochow, Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Martin

No: None

EXPENDITURE
REVIEW
COMMITTEE
REPORT
APPROVED

Moved by Verhaeghe, supported by Lovely, to approve the Expenditure Review Committee report in the amount of \$1,535,838.48 for the month of December 2015 as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Martin, Lovely

No: None

CASH FLOW
STATEMENT
APPROVED

Moved by Pergande, supported by Rochow, to approve the Cash Flow Statement as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Martin, Lovely, Rochow

No: None

STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT

Student representative Jessica Hurley reported on the following:

1. Student Council had decorated the school in a winter theme before the holidays and they are now organizing the take down of the décor.
2. Teacher Luncheon went as planned and was a great way to start winter break.
3. Looking towards “A Walk Down Memory Lane” as the Sadie Hawkins theme that will feature pictures of every student who attended Garber. This is tentatively planned for February 20, 2016.
4. Senior Oscar planning has begun and Student Council is still working on the categories.
5. In the process of writing grants to apply for funds for the State Conference.

SCHOOL BOARD
RECOGNITION
MONTH

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Cortez presented each board member with a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a polo shirt embroidered with the new district logo on it. Superintendent Cortez stated each board members years of service and thanked them for their service, time, and endless dedication.

ELECTION OF
OFFICERS

Superintendent Cortez assumed the role of president in order to conduct the election for office of president.

-President

Pergande nominated Martin for the office of president. Supported by Lovely.

Moved by Rochow, supported by Urban, that nominations be closed and John Martin be elected president by unanimous ballot.

Roll Call: Yes: O’Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Martin, Lovely, Rochow, Urban

No: None

- Vice President

Rochow nominated Lovely for the office of vice president. Supported by Urban.

Moved by Urban, supported by Verhaeghe, that nominations be closed and Dave Lovely be elected vice president by unanimous ballot.

Roll Call: Yes: Pergande, Verhaeghe, Martin, Lovely, Rochow, Urban, O’Neill

No: None

- Treasurer

Lovely nominated Rochow for the office of treasurer. Supported by Verhaeghe.

Moved by Pergande, supported by Lovely, that nominations be closed and Charlie Rochow be elected treasurer by unanimous ballot.

Roll Call: Yes: Verhaeghe, Martin, Lovely, Rochow, Urban, O’Neill, Pergande

No: None

- Secretary

Rochow nominated Urban for the office of secretary. Supported by Verhaeghe.

Moved by Lovely, supported by Rochow, that nominations be closed and Jill Urban be elected secretary by unanimous ballot.

Roll Call: Yes: Martin, Lovely, Rochow, Urban, O’Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe

No: None

OUT-OF-STATE
TRAVEL REQUEST
CEDAR POINT TRIP

Jeanne Rezmer has submitted a request for approval for geometry, physics, and A.P. Calculus students to travel to Sandusky, Ohio to visit Cedar Point in May.

Moved by Rochow, supported by Urban, to approve the out-of-state travel request for Garber students to travel to Sandusky, Ohio to visit Cedar Point in May.

Roll Call: Yes: Lovely, Rochow, Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Martin

No: None

SUPERINTENDENT
CONTRACT
NOTIFICATION
FULFILLED

Superintendent Cortez is required by contract and law to provide the board with annual notification by January 15 of the board's responsibility to conduct his annual evaluation no later than March 31. The notification for evaluation was included in board members' packets. This notification fulfills Mr. Cortez's contract notification obligation for this year.

A special board meeting will be held March 14, 2016 to conduct the evaluation. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the Jaffe Administration Building.

SWIMMING POOL
DISCUSSION

Superintendent Cortez updated the board with his findings regarding the different options for the future of the swimming pool. He also requested permission to post the engineer's report on the district's website.

STATEMENTS
FROM BOARD/
ADMINISTRATION

None

STATEMENTS
FROM PUBLIC

Nate Cholger addressed the board.
Maria VanOchten addressed the board.
Eric Stone addressed the board.
Margaret Bilodeau addressed the board.
Steve Hebert addressed the board.
Jody Hebert addressed the board.
Gary Brasseur addressed the board.

PETITION
FOR
REINSTATEMENT
OF SK-2014

Superintendent Cortez reported at the December 14, 2015 Board of Education meeting that a Petition for Reinstatement for SK-2014 had been submitted. As required by the Revised School Code, the board convened a committee within 10 days to review the reinstatement petition, chaired by Assistant Superintendent Lori Flippin. The committee, comprised of the assistant superintendent, two board of education members, a teacher and parent of a pupil in the district, met and reviewed all pertinent information.

The guardian and student, SK-2014 were informed of their right to be present at the Board of Education meeting to review the petition for reinstatement. President Martin inquired if they would prefer an open or closed session. They indicated their preference for a closed session.

CLOSED
SESSION

President Martin requested that the board move into closed session for the purpose of a petition for reinstatement.

Moved by Lovely, supported by Rochow, that the Board of Education, and those persons recommended by Superintendent Cortez, namely Lori Flippin, move into closed session for the purpose of a petition for reinstatement at 8:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Martin, Lovely

No: None

ADJOURN CLOSED
SESSION AND
RECONVENE
OPEN MEETING

Moved by Rochow, supported by Lovely, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into open session.

Roll Call: Yes: Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Martin, Lovely, Rochow

No: None

The open session convened at 8:20 p.m

ACTION ON
PETITION FOR
REINSTATEMENT

Moved by Urban, supported by Martin, that the Petition for Reinstatement for SK-2014 be denied.

Roll Call: Yes: O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Martin, Lovely, Rochow, Urban

No: None

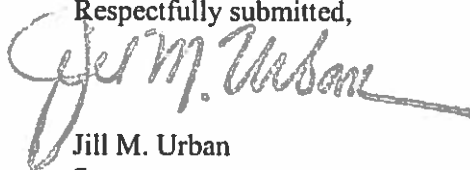
ADJOURN

Moved by Pergande, supported by all, to adjourn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill M. Urban". The signature is written in black ink and has a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jill M. Urban
Secretary