

APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING 2.8.2016	A regular meeting of the Essexville-Hampton Board of Education was held on Monday, February 8, 2016, in the Jaffe Administration Building, 303 Pine Street, Essexville, MI.
CALL TO ORDER	In the absence of President John Martin, the meeting was called to order by Vice President David Lovely at 7:00 p.m.
PLEDGE RECITED	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
ROLL CALL	
- Members Present	David Lovely, Charles Rochow, Jill Urban, Michael O'Neill, Joseph Pergande, Dean Verhaeghe and substitute student representative Melanie Thomas
- Members Absent	John Martin (Excused), Student Representative Jessica Hurley (Excused)
ALSO PRESENT	Matt Cortez, Lori Flippin, Kate Gaiser, Bonnie Middleton, Nancy Reder, Alicia Ball, Laura Schmidt, Jenny Jackson, Janel Blair, Amy Kulmacz, Maria VanOchten, Deanna Blundell, Margaret Bilodeau, and Jim Matherne.
ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM BOARD / SUPT.	Superintendent Cortez announced that Melanie Thomas will be filling in for our Student Representative, Jessica Hurley.
STATEMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE	None
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by Rochow, supported by Verhaeghe, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting and closed session held January 11, 2016 as presented. Roll Call: Yes: Lovely, Rochow, Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe No: None
TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED	Moved by Urban, supported by O'Neill, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Lovely No: None
EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT APPROVED	Moved by O'Neill, supported by Verhaeghe, to approve the Expenditure Review Committee report in the amount of \$1,380,597.82 for the month of January 2016 as presented. Roll Call: Yes: Urban, O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Lovely, Rochow No: None
CASH FLOW STATEMENT APPROVED	Moved by Pergande, supported by Verhaeghe, to approve the Cash Flow Statement as presented. Roll Call: Yes: O'Neill, Pergande, Verhaeghe, Lovely, Rochow, Urban No: None
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT	Substitute student representative Melanie Thomas reported on the following: 1. Mid- Michigan Arts Festival was hosted by Garber. 2. Winter decorations are all taken down.

3. Winter Blast will be held in place of Sadie Hawkins on 2/20.
4. A volleyball fundraiser for “Kids Against Hunger” will be held in the upcoming months. A date is still yet to be determined.

GARBER HIGH SCHOOL 2016/17 CURRICULUM GUIDE APPROVED

Moved by O’Neill, supported by Urban, to approve the Garber High School 2016/17 curriculum guide as presented.

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

No: None

BID PACK #4 APPROVED

Moved by Rochow, supported by Pergande, to accept the bid from Serenus Johnson for Bid Pack #4 and include alternate 3, 4, 5A, 5B and 10 for \$278,400.

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

No: None

REVIEW OF NEGOTIATION OPENER

Steve Lenar presented to the board the 2016/17 budget forecast that was presented at the negotiation opening meeting.

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE DISCUSSION

Schools of Choice was discussed amongst the board and the different options that are available for the district. Superintendent Cortez would like to do more research and bring a recommendation back to the board at the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING APPROVED

Moved by Pergande, supported by Verhaeghe, to approve the MOU with Superintendent Cortez.

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

No: None

STATEMENTS FROM BOARD/ ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Superintendent Lori Flippin wanted to mention how great the community support has been for our Robotics team and formally acknowledge the sponsors who have been supporting the team for the last three years which include: Dow Chemical, Bay Area Community Foundation, Morning Rotary Club, Larsen Graphics, and the State of Michigan. This year we have had many new sponsors step up and we are now approaching \$14,000 in donated funds.

Superintendent Cortez provided an update on the pool. A “Go Fund Me” page has been set up by a parent committee to help raise funds as well as a Facebook page to help increase awareness. Also, Cortez was interviewed today by NBC 25 and they are going to air the interview tonight.

STATEMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Maria VanOchten addressed the board.
Jim Matherne addressed the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Lovely requested that the board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations.

Moved by Pergande, supported by Urban, that the Board of Education and those persons recommended by Superintendent Cortez, namely Lori Flippin and Steve Lenar, move into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations at 8:22 p.m.

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

No: None

RECONVENE

Moved by Urban, supported by Verhaeghe, to reconvene the regular meeting.

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

No: None

Vice President Lovely called the meeting back into open session at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Moved by Pergande, supported by O'Neill, to adjourn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

Vice President Lovely adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill M. Urban
Secretary