

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Meeting #4

The regular meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 in the Activity Room, Saranac Elementary School, 250 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

The meeting was called to order by Roy Hawkins, President at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Courtney, Doll, Elliott, Hawkins, Jackson, Price & VanKuiken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The second grade classes led in the Pledge of Allegiance and read a couple of patriotic poems. Thank you to the students and their teachers, Bridget Harder, Doris McPherson and Linette Reed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from regular meeting dated September 6th and Finance Committee minutes dated September 24th were approved as presented.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE: JSH Principal, Josh Leader reported next week a number of juniors and seniors will attend the annual Teen Drivers' Safety Conference in Grand Rapids. Thank you to Spencer Terpstra for organizing this event.

Congratulations to Drew Ward, who has been recognized by the national Merit Scholarship Committee as a Commended Student for his performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Drew is among the top 50,000 students out of 1.6 million test takers.

Congratulations to Homecoming King Drew Ward and Queen Sidney Klynstra, as they were crowned a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to Sue Frank, Becky Bowen, Diana Smith and the Saranac Spirit Club for organizing the week's events.

JSH staff will engage in professional development this Monday, October 8th, working again on content-area reading strategies, as well as positive school climate. Thank you to Amy Frias for her role in organizing and delivering the PD.

The annual Pink-Out Volleyball tournament is this Saturday. The event is organized by the Saranac Volleyball coaches and the Saranac Women's Group. Proceeds benefit Ionia County Relay for Life. Cross Country will host their annual Color Run next Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Varsity Football, Band, and Cheer will recognize seniors and hold the second annual Purple Game Friday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. (vs. Montabella).

Elementary Principal, Mike Catrell reported their annual fall fundraiser is kicking off tomorrow. This year instead of selling products we are asking for donations. The goal is for each student to raise \$25. Students who do this will earn a rubber duck and an entry in a drawing

for a chance to win a tablet. The fundraiser will conclude on October 18th with a walk/read-a-thon.

We are in the middle of our first HEART store rotation. Students have been earning tickets for showing HEART around the building. They now have the opportunity to spend these tickets on a variety of prizes.

The 6th grade band concert is coming up on October 30th at 7 p.m. in the JSH auditorium.

Our Fall Parent/Teacher conferences are October 22nd and 24th.

S.E.A. CONTRACT APPROVAL: Motion by Price, supported by Courtney and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve the S.E.A. 2018-2020 contract agreement as presented.

INVESTMENT OF BOND FUNDS MILAF AUTHORIZED USER: MILAF has requested that we have an authorized user on this account that was previously approved by the board. We need to show in our board minutes that we approved Jammie Sprank, Finance Director as the authorized user of the MILAF bond funding account.

Motion by Price, supported by VanKuiken and unanimously approved that the Saranac Board of Education approve Jammie Sprank, Finance Director as the authorized person to make transactions for the MILAF bond funding account as presented.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING – SICK LEAVE BANK: Superintendent, Jason Smith reported that we have a teacher that is in need of a possible sick leave bank. The teacher and S.E.A. has requested approval. This will be brought back for action at the next meeting.

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS: Superintendent, Jason Smith reported we have received two requests: The FFA attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 25, 2018 and the 8th grade Washington DC trip from June 6-11th, 2019. This will be brought back for action at the next meeting.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE: Superintendent, Jason Smith reported that the official student count was on Wednesday, October 3. This has fluctuated from day-to-day. As of right now our count stands at 922 students, which is 34 students above what was budgeted.

SUPERINTENDENT GOALS FOR 2018-19: Superintendent, Jason Smith provided his goals for the school year. The three goal areas he has selected are Student Achievement/Curriculum, Facilities, and Environment and Community Relations.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – NON AGENDA ITEMS: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent, Jason Smith reported that at the next meeting BHT&D will provide their audit findings for the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Smith will be starting his "Coffee with the Superintendent" events at Revival Café at the end of the month. At the three November meetings we will be presenting the NEOLA policy updates. We have posted the girls JV basketball position several times and haven't had any luck in finding a coach. Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Steve Tompkins has stepped up to coach both teams and will

have a couple of assistants to help him. Don't forget that the October 18th meeting has been changed to October 16th.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS: A board member asked about starting the process for evaluating and recommending a Science Curriculum.

A board member reported on the Promise Dinner. Over \$20,000 was raised and thanked Barb Sparks, Gloria Hubbard and Bruce Chadwick for all their hard work to make this a successful event.

A board member asked if they could have an update on the results of the M-Step.

A board member asked about the status of writing an article regarding the Consumers Energy project that was just completed.

COMMUNICATIONS: A card was sent on behalf of the board to a local business owner that has faithfully supported Saranac Community Schools.

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: The board approved the Executive Session Minutes dated September 6, 2018 as written.

CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATION PURPOSES: Motion by VanKuiken, supported by Courtney that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of negotiation planning, returning to open session at 7:51 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Courtney, Doll, Elliott, Hawkins, Jackson, Price & VanKuiken. Motion carried.

OTHER: None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Price
Secretary