

**Harrison School Board – District #36
Regular Meeting – August 12, 2008**

President L. Amettis called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call –

Present: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis

Also Present: Dr. Gildea, Mrs. Huff, Mr. Heckel, Mr. Taylor, Miss Frankel, Miss Coy, Mrs. Mrs. Ruzicka, Mrs. Emmerich, Mrs. Calabrese.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Approval of Minutes

The Closed Session minutes from May 27th; Regular Meeting and Closed Session from July 15; have corrections that need to be made.

A motion to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole, Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes for June 10th; the Roundtable Committee, Committee of the Whole, Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes for June 24th; and the Special Meeting Minutes from August 5, 2008 was made by Mrs. Parks, seconded by Mr. Sell. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none. Motion carried.

5. Board of Education Correspondence

A blanket FOIA was received CBS referencing disciplinary records.

A fax from McHenry County Department of health offering residents reduced fee water testing.

6. Presentations from the Floor

Miss Frankel and Miss Coy gave a presentation on technology in the school – how the first phase of the technology plan is progressing and ideas for the next step for the plan . The Board asked for more information: other options, usefulness and accountability.

Mrs. Calabrese, PTO President, spoke on how the PTO is striving to make more money, more participation, more activities/events for Harrison School and students. The new PTO calendar has already made \$700 (from advertisements) prior to being put on the market. PTO will have a plaque that will travel from classroom to classroom to encourage parent involvement as well as teacher involvement. There will be a spaghetti dinner/silent auction in March. A few of the ways that the PTO uses the money it raises is School Spirit Day, Pride Day, needy families, All School Events, as well as a donation at the end of the school year.

7. Finance Reports

- **Agenda of Bills.** A motion was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mrs. Parks to approve invoices as presented in the following amounts: Education \$865,698.26; Building (\$320,443.97), Bonds & Interest \$0.00; Transportation \$20,817.21; IMRF \$3,527.17, Imprest \$0 for an overall expenditure of \$569,598.67. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Wood, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Payroll.** A motion was made by Mr. Sell, seconded by Mrs. Parks to approve the payroll requests for the month of July 2008 in the following amounts: Payroll for July 15, 2008: \$16,953.19; Payroll for July 30, 2008: \$18,887.44. For a total of \$35,840.63. In a roll call voice members voting aye: Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wood, Mr. Nothdorf, Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.

- **Budgetary Review.** Reviewed.
- **Treasurer's Report.** Reviewed a summary of revenues/expenditure and actual percent

8. Administrative Reports

- **Principal Perspective.** Mrs. Huff has been involved in many meetings/workshops over the past several weeks. PBIS has met three or four times, created the PBIS Behavior Matrix and will be meeting again on Monday. RTI has also been worked on over the summer, staff will be inserviced on RTI during the first week of school on Wednesday afternoon. She has also been working on curriculum mapping.
- **Superintendent Scribbles.** Dr. Gildea queried the Board members on how they would like their Board Policy updates – hard copy or via CD. CD's were the overwhelming option, with Mrs. Parks asking for a hard copy as well. It was pointed out that the Teacher's Union also should receive a copy of the updates.
 - Dr. Gildea also spoke on trying a different format for the second Board meeting of the month for those months that we have two meetings. We will try having an hour for Committee meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Once the Regular meeting gets through the roll call, Pledge, Correspondence, and any Presentations from the Floor, there would be time for the Committee of the Whole to give the Board time to dialogue on topics related to the committee recommendations. We would only have Action Items if necessary.
 - **Mrs. Amettis** announced Board Committees, as per Board Policy:
 - **Behavior Intervention:** Mr. Nothdorf, Mrs. Parks
 - **Building:** Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell
 - **Curriculum:** Mrs. Parks, Mr. Nothdorf
 - **Finance:** Mr. Woods, Mrs. Amettis
 - **Liaison:** Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Amettis
 - **New Growth:** Mr. Sell, Mr. Wood
 - **Policy:** Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Watkins
- A motion was made by Mrs. Parks, seconded by Mr. Sell to accept the resignation of Jennifer Lydigsen. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Sell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to accept the resignation of Sarah Wilcox. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Sell, seconded by Mrs. Parks to accept the resignation of Deanna Holtfreter. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Sell, seconded by Mrs. Parks to hire Nicole Shea as the year-round Front Office/Principal Secretary at Harrison School for the 2008-2009 school year at a salary of \$14.00 per hour. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mr. Sell, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Nothdorf, seconded by Mr. Sell to hire Kathleen Mitchell as the Music/Band/Choir teacher at Harrison School for the 2008-2009 school year at a level of BA (step 0). In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wood, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Nothdorf, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Parks, seconded by Mr. Nothdorf to hire Stefanie Johnson as the second grade teacher at Harrison School for the 2008-2009 school year at a level of BA (step

- 3). In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Sell, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Nothdorf, Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Sell, seconded by Mrs. Parks to hire Heidi Boyer as the sixth grade special education teacher at Harrison School for the 2008-2009 school year at a level of BA (step 0). In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
 - After a short break to check on classroom storage that has been put in classrooms. A motion was made by Mrs. Parks, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the purchase classroom countertops, closed storage, bookcase and wardrobe in the nine classrooms at a cost \$2,400 each (total cost of \$21,600.00) by Northwest Lamination, Inc. In a roll call voice, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Sell, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Amettis. Members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
 - An amended bid was submitted by Snowolf for the Snowplow bid. The Board decided to further investigate options, possibly with the village. The Snowolf bid was tabled.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mrs. Mayer to accept the Board Policy updates as presented. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none. Motion carried.
 - Dr. Gildea presented information on Virtual School Offerings. We have six students that qualified for algebra placement and will be taking this High School Level class online. The students will have Harrison teachers available for additional help if needed.
 - The Library Development Policy was presented to the Board.
 - Due to a Life/Safety concern, there is an area of concrete sidewalk on the west end of the building that has been repaired. After checking into costs, one of the vendors that is currently working on our construction, Stuckey Construction, proposed a cost of \$8,338 (more than \$6,000 less that the other proposals).

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

- With no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Mayer, and was seconded by Mr. Sell to adjourn the meeting. In an one voice vote, members voting aye: Mr. Nothdorf, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Sell, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Amettis; members voting nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Cathy Coffey
Secretary

Linda Amettis
President