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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, June 24, 2024

5:00 PM – Budget Hearing

HC Administration Building

7454 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Bess at 5:00 PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Bess led the Pledge followed by a moment of silence.
- III. Roll Call: Mrs. Allwardt called the roll. Present members: Mr. Halverson, Mrs. Wallace, Dr. Borders, Mr. Bess, Mrs. Allwardt
Absent: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Waterson
- IV. Modification to the agenda
 - A. Addition to Information and Discussion Item B – Ratification of Transportation Contract
 - B. Addition to Action Item B – Ratification of Transportation Contract
Motion by Mrs. Wallace, supported by Dr. Borders
That the Harper Creek Board of Education approves the addition of information and discussion item B – Ratification of the Transportation Contract and action item B – Ratification of the Transportation Contract as discussed and reviewed.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Smith ABSENT, Mrs. Wallace Y, Dr. Borders Y, Mrs. Allwardt Y, Mr. Halverson Y, Mr. Bess Y, Mrs. Waterson ABSENT.
Motion Carried: 5-0
- V. Information and Discussion
 - A. Non-Union Pay Scale: Mr. Ridgeway discussed the Office of Retirement Services law addressing the salary schedule for non-union District job classifications. Mrs. Obermyer and Mr. Ridgeway issued a schedule to employees in non-union jobs to ensure compensation increases for employees in these roles. The increases are governed by individual employment agreements.
 - B. Ratification of Transportation Contract: Mr. Ridgeway and Ms. Obermyer meet with the Harper Creek Transportation Association to discuss the contract. There were no changes made from the discussion at the June 10, 2024, Board of Education meeting. Mr. Ridgeway recommends ratifying the Harper Creek Transportation Association contract. This is a three-year agreement.

VI. Public Budget Presentation

- A. 2023-2024 Budget Amendment: Ms. Obermyer reviewed the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment, including food service fund balance and student group funds.
- B. 2024-2025 Budget: Ms. Obermyer reviewed the 2024-2025 budgets including projected revenues and expenditures, General Fund, Food Service, Student Activity Fund, and Capital Projects budgets in accordance with the attached resolution which complies with Public Act 621, Uniform School Budgeting Act.

VII. ACTION

A. Non-Union Pay Scale

Motion by Mrs. Wallace, supported by Mr. Halverson.

That the Harper Creek Board of Education approves the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Non-Union Pay Scale as discussed and reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. Borders Y, Mr. Smith ABSENT, Mrs. Allwardt Y, Mrs. Wallace Y, Mr. Bess Y, Mr. Halverson Y, Mrs. Waterson ABSENT.

Motion Carries: 5-0.

B. Ratification of Transportation Contract

Motion by Mrs. Wallace, supported by Dr. Borders.

That the Harper Creek Board of Education approves the Transportation Contract Ratification as discussed and reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. Borders Y, Mrs. Waterson ABSENT, Mr. Smith ABSENT, Mrs. Allwardt Y, Mrs. Wallace Y, Mr. Bess Y, Mr. Halverson Y.

Motion Carries: 5-0.

C. 2023-2024 Budget Amendment

Motion by Dr. Borders, supported by Mrs. Wallace.

That the Harper Creek Board of Education adopt the budget amendment for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for the General Fund and the Capital Projects budgets in accordance with the attached resolution which complies with Public Act 621, Uniform School Budgeting Act as discussed and reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Smith ABSENT, Mrs. Allwardt Y, Mrs. Waterson ABSENT, Mrs. Wallace Y, Mr. Bess Y, Mr. Halverson Y, Dr. Borders Y.

Motion Carries: 5-0.

D. 2024-2025 Budget

Motion by D. Borders, supported by Mr. Halverson.

That the Harper Creek Board of Education adopts the attached budget for the 2024-2025 General Fund with revenues in the amount of \$47,321,445.00 and expenses in the amount of \$42,842,548.00, the 2024-2025 Food Service Fund Budget with revenues in the amount of \$2,900,000.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$2,740,000.00, the 2024-2025 Capital Projects Funds with revenues in the amount of \$2,196,845.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$2,196,845.00, and the 2024-2025

Student Activity Fund with revenues in the amount of \$934,000.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$934,000.00 in accordance with the attached resolution which complies with Public Act 621, Uniform School Budgeting Act as recommended by Central Administration.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Waterson ABSENT, Mr. Halverson Y, Mrs. Allwardt Y, Dr. Borders Y, Mrs. Wallace Y, Mr. Smith ABSENT, Mr. Bess Y.

Motion Carries: 5-0.

VIII. Comments From the Audience: No comments from the audience.

IX. Items for the Next Meeting: There will be no Budget Committee Meeting in July.

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

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