

The Huron Valley Schools Organizational Meeting was called to order by Senior Member Secretary Denise Pistana at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024 in the LGI at Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Rd. Highland, MI 48357. The meeting was also live streamed.

**Members Present:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Members Absent:** Trustee Cotter & Trustee Dimick

### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Organizational Items**

In accordance with Michigan law, it is necessary for the Board to select a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. After being selected, the newly- elected President will chair the meeting.

#### **President**

It was moved by Treasurer Grzymkowski and supported by Trustee Ryan that the Board elect Tom Wiseman as the **Board President** for the 2024/25 school year.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

#### **Vice President**

It was moved by Trustee Ryan and supported by Secretary Pistana that the Board elect Laura Dodd as the Board **Vice President** for the 2024/25 school year.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

#### **Secretary**

It was moved by Trustee Ryan and supported by Vice President Dodd that the Board elect Denise Pistana as the **Board Secretary** for the 2024/25 school year.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Treasurer**

It was moved by Secretary Pistana and supported by Vice President Dodd that the Board elect Amy Grzymkowski as the **Board Treasurer** for the 2024/25 school year.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Designation of Attorneys**

It was moved by Trustee Ryan and supported by Secretary Pistana that the following law firms be appointed for the 2024-25 school year

- Thrun Law Firm P.C., legal counsel for employee relations, Special Education issues, general and financial matters;
- Clark Hill, legal counsel for employee relations and general matters;
- Hanba & Lazar, legal counsel for workers compensation;
- Miller Johnson, legal counsel for employee relations, Special Education issues and general matters;
- Troutman Pepper, legal counsel for environmental matters
- Miller Canfield, PLC, legal counsel for general and financial matters.
- Varnum, legal counsel for general and financial matters.
- Collins & Blaha, legal counsel for general matters.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Designation of Auditors**

It was moved by Treasurer Grzymkowski and supported by Trustee Ryan that the Board of Education appoint Hungerford & Nichols as the district's auditors for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Designation of Insurance Agent**

It was moved by Vice President Dodd and supported by Trustee Ryan that Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. and MASB-SEG P/C Pool be appointed as the district's insurance agents of record and Creative Benefits Insurance Solutions, Inc. for Workers Comp for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Establishment of Bond for Employees of the School District**

The following are the current binding coverages for school district employees:

Employee Blanket Position Bond: \$1,000,000

It was moved by Trustee Ryan and supported by Treasurer Grzymkowski that the bonds on school employees through MASB-SEG P/C Pool be approved for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Designation of Depositories for Bank Accounts - Exhibit "A"**

It was moved by Trustee Ryan and supported by Treasurer Grzymkowski that the bank depositories for bank accounts and signatures for Huron Valley Schools for the 2024-2025 school year be approved as shown in Exhibit 'A'.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Designation of Official Newspapers**

It was moved by Trustee Ryan and supported by Secretary Pistana that the Milford Times and the Oakland Press be designated as official newspapers; and Public Notice Weekly (a digital platform) that may be used for posting legal notices for Huron Valley Schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Designation of School Board Associations**

It was moved by Secretary Pistana and supported by Vice President Dodd that the Board of Education secure 2024-2025 memberships in the following organizations: Oakland County School Board Association (OCSBA), Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), and the National School Board Association (NSBA) Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association (Michigan PTSA).

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Designation of Person Responsible for Implementing the Public Notice Requirements of the Open Meetings Act**

It was moved by Vice President Dodd and supported by Trustee Ryan that the Board of Education designate the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant as the person responsible for implementing the public notice requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan.

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Designation of Board Meeting Dates and Locations – Exhibit “B”**

It was moved by Secretary Pistana and supported by Vice President Dodd that the Board of Education accept the Board Meeting dates and locations for the 2024-2025 school year as shown in Exhibit ‘B’.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Trustee Ryan, Treasurer Grzymkowski & Secretary Pistana

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Designation of Financial Advisors**

It was moved by Treasurer Grzymkowski and supported by Trustee Ryan that the Board of Education appoint Stifel as the Bond Proceeds Investment Manager(s) for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Vice President Dodd, Trustee Ryan, Treasurer Grzymkowski & Secretary Pistana

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

The Huron Valley Schools Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Tom Wiseman at 6:13 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024 in the LGI at Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Rd. Highland, MI 48357. The meeting was also live streamed.

**Members Present:** President Wiseman, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, Trustee Ryan, and Trustee Dimick (arrived at 6:17pm)

**Members Absent:** Trustee Cotter & Vice President Dodd

It was moved by Treasurer Grzymkowski and supported by Trustee Ryan that the Board of Education approves the agenda as presented.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, & Trustee Ryan

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

### **Communications & Reports**

#### **Items from the Board President**

President Wiseman shared that numerous board members as well as the Huron Valley Board will be receiving awards at the upcoming June 19, 2024 Oakland County School Board Association Awards Banquet. He also noted the Board will be attending a study session on June 25, 2024. This is training by MASB on the new Superintendent Evaluation tool that goes into effect in 2025. He invited the community to attend the Huron Valley Educational Foundation (HVEF) golf outing June 27 at Mystic Creek Golf Course. All funds from the golf outing goes toward funding programs for our students.

#### **Recognitions**

##### **Huron Valley Hero**

None

##### **Huron Valley Highlights**

None

#### **School Presentations**

None

#### **Superintendent Communication**

Dr. Salah shared his deepest condolences to families involved in the shooting at Rochester Hills over the weekend. He invited Lieutenant Matt Snyder, Substation Commander at the Oakland County Sheriff's Highland Substation to provide an update on the ongoing police investigation related to the allegation of a guest teacher within the school district. Lieutenant Snyder reported the investigation began on April 16 when the initial complaint was received. As of May 6, a total of 11 reports have been filed. Early May, Lieutenant Snyder requested the extra resources of assistance from the Oakland County Sheriff's Special Investigations Unit. Interviews with children, parents & staff concluded on June 4, 2024. They have met with the Prosecutor's Office, who have requested all reports be submitted to them at one time. Once the reports are reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office the next steps will be determined.

#### **Student Leadership**

None

**Association Communication**

Jennifer Hollander, Association President, shared how she was grateful for her opportunity during the past school year to highlight so many important themes and to celebrate the diverse and extraordinary work of our dedicated educators.

**Board Correspondence****Secretary**

None

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Grzymkowski highlighted the many construction projects happening at buildings throughout the district during the summer months.

**Reports from Board Committees**

The Executive Committee has not met since the last board meeting.

The TLT Committee has not met since the last board meeting.

The Finance and Operations Committee has not met since the last board meeting.

The Marketing & Communications Committee met on June 11, 2024. Meeting minutes are attached.

**Public Comment:**

Lindsey Tobin spoke regarding her concern for additional support for students.

Billie Ragland spoke regarding support Care House of Oakland County provides.

Brandi Marsh spoke regarding her daughter's special accommodations required to be able to attend school.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the Minutes (Mgt. Issue) Exhibit "A-1"
- B. Approval of Summary of Expenditures and Check Register (Mgt. Issue) Exhibit "A-2"
- C. Approval of Personnel Report (Mgt. Issue) Exhibit "A-3"

It was moved by Secretary Pistana and supported by Trustee Dimick that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items A-1 - A-3 as presented.

Ayes: President Wiseman, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, Trustee Ryan, and Trustee Dimick

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Unfinished Business****Middle School Math Resource**

At the middle school level, the digital platform for the current math resource Big Ideas, copyright 2014, will no longer be supported by the provider starting with the 2024-25 school year. Therefore, during the second semester of 2023-24 school year, math teacher representatives from Muir, Oak Valley, and White Lake field tested the newest copyright of the math resource Big Ideas: Modeling Real Life, copyright

2022. Teachers spent time learning the updates to the program, piloting units and lessons, and utilizing the new digital platform with the students in their classrooms.

After field testing this program, the recommendation is to move forward with district-wide adoption of Big Ideas: Modeling Real Life for the 2024-25 school year. This would include student textbooks of Math 6, Math 6 Advanced, Math 7, Math 7 Advanced, and Math 8 for Muir, Oak Valley, and White Lake with individual student online licenses for each student in these courses for 6 years. Teacher editions, resources, and access to the digital platform as well as professional learning are included in the purchase.

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the purchase of Middle School Big Ideas: Modeling Real Life textbooks, online licenses, and teacher materials in the amount totalling \$194,205.00. It is also recommended a 10% contingency also be approved for quantity and shipping adjustments. It is further recommended, John Tavernier, Assistant Superintendent be authorized to sign any necessary contracts for this purchase. The funds for this are budgeted in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 Teaching, Learning, and Technology General Fund.

It was moved by Trustee Dimick and supported by Treasurer Grzymkowski that the Board of Education approves the Middle School Math Resource as presented.

**Ayes:** President Wiseman, Treasurer Grzymkowski, Secretary Pistana, Trustee Ryan, and Trustee Dimick

**Nays:** None

Motion Carried

#### **New Business**

None

#### **IV. Public Comments (if needed)**

None

#### **Good and Welfare**

President Wiseman requested board members to review the Standing Board Committee and Board Ambassador's for the 2024-25 school year and let him know if they would like to be on another committee or be an ambassador someplace else to please let him know.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Pistana, Secretary  
HVS Board of Education

## **Communications & Marketing Committee Minutes**

### **June 11, 2024**

Administration Office  
2390 S. Milford Road  
Highland, MI 48357

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Laura Dodd at 2:36 pm  
Members present: Laura Dodd, Lindsay Cotter, Barb Roethler, Paul Salah, Amy Grzymkowski
- II. Public Comment: There were no public comments
- III. Regular Agenda
  - A. Retirements: Communications committee talked about efforts this year to recognize retirees from social media posts and the HVEA recognition at the board meeting. The committee wants to continue to explore other ways to recognize our staff members who have served our school community.
  - B. JK Update: Barb Roethler went over numbers for Junior Kindergarten for the upcoming year and it is possible we will have at least one classroom of JK at each school. There are a couple of schools that still need a few more students enrolled. Barb discussed recent ways of getting the word out including boosted social media posts, reaching out to the community and finding events that would include key demos for JK
  - C. Safety and Security
    - a. Recon Management was completed and the communications committee went over the findings as discussed at the previous board meeting. Barb Roethler has completed the matrix on focuses and next steps to continue to ensure that safety and security remains a priority within HVS.
  - D. Legislative Communication
    - a. Dr Salah and Laura Dodd both talked about a few of the issues at the forefront of the legislature right now including funding for teacher pensions into MSPERS and bills that are designed to identify children who have dyslexia and give them the tools they need.
- IV. Adjournment
  - A. Committee meeting adjourned at 3:40pm, next meeting TBD. No meeting in July.