

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Public School District Board of Education was held in the library of the Ishpeming High School on October 11, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Nadeau at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Lyle Warner, James Smith, Angela Kiviniemi, Robert Nadeau, David Leverton, Geno Maino and Jennifer Ruusi.

Also present were: Superintendent Stephen Piereson, Business Manager Anthony Bertucci and Principals Vicki Lempinen, Brian Veale and Charleen Willey.

Audience comments are filed in the Superintendent's Office located in the Ishpeming High School.

The Board, on a motion by Mrs. Kiviniemi, and supported by Mr. Smith, acted to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2010, regular meeting. All voted aye.

Financial Reports

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Smith, and supported by Mr. Leverton, acted to approve the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$102,766.17 and September payroll and benefits in the amount of \$527,154.24. All voted aye.

The Board, on a motion by Mrs. Kiviniemi, and supported by Mr. Maino, acted to approve the Treasurer's Cash Report and the Revenue, Expenditure and Balance Sheet Reports as presented. All voted aye.

ISHPEMING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S CASH REPORT As of September 30, 2010

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance, August 31, 2010 1,189,343.25

Receipts:

Alumni Secretary Wage Reimbursement	4,377.29
AT&T E-Rate Payment	12,774.27
Ishpeming Township - Taxes	646.44
MARESA - Medicaid	2,273.98
MARESA - Summer School	2,000.00
State of Michigan - ARRA Title II, Part D	3,357.00
State of Michigan - Title I, Part A	6,651.75
State of Michigan - Title II, Part A	1,571.76
State of Michigan - ARRA Title I, Part A	1,913.69
USDOE Technology Grant	59,997.81
Miscellaneous Receipts & Refunds	<u>1,626.10</u>

Total Receipts for September 2010 97,190.09

Interest:

Checking	40.76	
Money Market	<u>227.87</u>	
Total Interest for September 2010		268.63

Disbursements:

Bank Fees	(97.07)	
Prior/Current Check Adjustment	10,989.87	
Payroll and Benefits for September 2010	(501,203.70)	
Board Bills for September 2010	<u>(239,845.93)</u>	
Total Expenditures for September 2010		<u>(730,156.83)</u>

Cash Balance September 30, 2010**556,645.14****Reconciliation of Cash Balance**

Peninsula Bank - Money Market	5,277.94	
Peninsula Bank - Certificates of Deposit	100,000.00	
Citizens Bank - Money Market	400,195.67	
Citizens Bank - Checking	50,575.29	
Ishpeming Credit Union	<u>596.24</u>	

Balance of General Fund Bank Accounts September 30, 2010**556,645.14****AUDITORIUM FUND**

Bank Balance August 31, 2010	5,400.90	
Receipts	-	
Interest Earned	0.89	
Disbursements	<u>(16.80)</u>	
Balance September 30, 2010		5,384.99

BUILDING SINKING FUND

Bank Balance August 31, 2010	373,584.54	
Receipts - Taxes	2,414.58	
Interest Earned	122.02	
Disbursements	<u> </u>	
Bank Balance September 30, 2010		376,121.14

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Bank Balance August 31, 2010	133,143.87
Receipts - Taxes	3,931.97
Interest Earned	33.54
Disbursements	<u>(78,116.03)</u>
Bank Balance September 30, 2010	58,993.35

ENERGY CONSERVATION ACCOUNT

Bank Balance August 31, 2010	77,783.33
Interest Earned	19.18
Balance of accounts September 30, 2010	77,802.51

1.33 MILL ALLOCATION FUND

Bank Balance August 31, 2010	61,483.99
Interest Earned	15.16
Bank Balance September 30, 2010	61,499.15

/s/ Anthony Bertucci, Business Manager

Countersigned by:

/s/ Stephen L. Piereson, Superintendent

Committee Reports

Technology Class: Teacher Heather Swanson addressed the Board on the use of Moodle course management software for her 8th grade technology class at the C.L. Phelps School.

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Nadeau, and supported by Mr. Smith, acted to authorize Mrs. Swanson to utilize the Moodle course management software for her Media 8 class during the second semester. All voted aye.

Employee Relations: Mr. Leverton reported on the last two meetings of the Committee where they met to discuss the reduction of Greg Collick's work hours and reviewed bids for custodian services at the Birchview School and Ishpeming High School. The Committee recommended that the Board act to accept the low bid for custodial services from Hi-Tech Building Services.

Mr. Nadeau and Mr. Smith supplemented Mr. Leverton's comments and stressed the difficulty of the decision to contract for custodial services at the Birchview School and Ishpeming High School.

The Board, on a motion by Mrs. Kiviniemi, and supported by Mr. Leverton, directed the Superintendent to contract with Hi-Tech Building Services to provide custodial services to Birchview School and Ishpeming High School as soon as possible, but not later than January 1, 2011. All voted aye.

Mr. Nadeau asked that the letter from Daniel M. Hanrahan, Director of the Office of State Aid and School Finance, directing the Board to make difficult decisions regarding District finances, be placed in the minutes.

Athletic Committee: Mr. Warner reported on the October 5, 2010, meeting of the Committee where they reviewed applications for the position of Athletic Director.

The Board, on a motion by Ms. Ruusi, and supported by Mr. Leverton, acted to accept the resignation of Athletic Director, Jerry Racine, effective November 30, 2010, with regret. All voted aye.

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Warner, and supported by Mr. Maino, acted to appoint Mr. Terry Roberts to the position of Athletic Director at Ishpeming High School. All voted aye.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Maino: Attended several recent athletic events.

Mrs. Kiviniemi: Attended many athletic events as well as the Homecoming pep assembly.

Mr. Smith: Attended some athletic events and the Marquette-Alger Association of School Board Members meeting.

Mr. Nadeau: Attended several athletic events and wished to remind people of the upcoming Booster Club spaghetti dinner fundraiser to be held at St. Joseph's Church Hall.

New Business

The Board, on a motion by Ms. Ruusi, and supported by Mr. Warner, acted to approve Mr. Karl McMasters as a volunteer coach in the Ishpeming High School football program. All voted aye.

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Leverton, and supported by Ms. Ruusi, acted to approve the Birchview School/Central School class sections, the C.L. Phelps School class schedule, and the Ishpeming High School class schedule as presented. All voted aye.

The Superintendent reported on the final meeting of the Organization Advisory Committee charged with making recommendations on moving grades 5-8 to the Central School/Ishpeming High School.

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Maino, and supported by Ms. Ruusi, acted to close the C.L. Phelps School in December 2010. All voted aye.

The Superintendent also reported on several items of interest to the Board.

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Nadeau, and supported by Mr. Maino, acted to authorize the Superintendent to begin negotiations with Negaunee Public Schools to develop a contract for food service for the 2011-2012 school year. All voted aye.

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The Board, after a roll call vote of all the members, voted to enter a closed Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of strategy and negotiations connected with a collective bargaining agreement as permitted by Public Act 267 (MCL 15.261-15.275).

The Board, after a roll call vote of all the members, voted to exit the closed Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Leverton, and supported by Mr. Nadeau, acted to authorize the Superintendent to draft a letter to the IESPA outlining a possible contract extension. All voted aye.

The Board, on a motion by Mrs. Kiviniemi, and supported by Mr. Warner, acted to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. All voted aye.