

ISHPEMING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
ISHPEMING, MI 49849

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2012
7:00 P.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Audience Comments
- III. Communications
- IV. Consent Agenda
(Minutes/ Board Bills K-12)
- V. Approval of Treasurer's Cash Report
Revenue Report/Expenditure Report /Balance
Sheet
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Board Member Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Superintendent's Report
- XI. Audience Comments
- XII. Executive Session
- XIII. Adjournment

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Superintendent Stephen Piereson at 485-5501.

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: ROBERT NADEAU, BOARD PRESIDENT
STEPHEN PIERESON, SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: JANUARY 6, 2012

RE: AGENDA ITEMS VI, VII, IX, XI

Board President Warner and the Superintendent respectfully offer the following Agenda Items for the consideration of the Board.

I. AGENDA ITEM VI, Committee Reports.

- A. Nominating Committee. The Board Nominating Committee (Mr. Nadeau, Mr. Leverton) recently met to develop a slate of officer candidates for 2012. The Nominating Committee will report at this point on the Agenda.
- B. Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. Mr. Brad Austin, Landfill Supervisor for the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority, will address the Board on recycling options. Board Member comments and/or questions would be welcomed by Mr. Austin.
- C. Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee (Mr. Warner, Mr. Leverton, Mr. Olson) met on Monday, December 19, 2011, with Birchview School Principal Brian Veale and teachers Briana Sarvello, Anne Asplund, and Sara Munson and parent Katie DeLongchamp regarding parent requests for specific elementary teachers. The Committee will report at this point on the Agenda. Board Member comments and/or questions would be welcomed by the Committee.
- D. Building and Grounds Committee. The Building and Grounds Committee (Mr. Smith, Mr. Maino, Mr. Olson) met on Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in order to review potential sinking fund projects. The Committee will report to the Board at this point on the Agenda. Board Member comments and/or questions would be welcomed by the Committee.

II. AGENDA ITEM VII, Board Member Reports. Board Members will report on various activities and events that may be of interest to the Board.

III. AGENDA ITEM IX, New Business.

A. Organization Items. Several organization items require the attention of the Board.

- 1. Board Regular Meeting Schedule. Board Policy 0164.1 (Regular Meetings) specifies that regular meetings of the Board are to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

The 2012 dates that conform to Board Policy 0164.1 are as follows:

January 9, 2012	February 13, 2012	March 12, 2012
April 9, 2012	May 14, 2012	June 11, 2012
July 9, 2012	August 13, 2012	September 10, 2012
October 8, 2012	November 12, 2012	December 10, 2012
January 14, 2013		

It is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to approve the above dates and designate the Superintendent as the individual responsible for the proper meeting notices and postings for regular meetings and special meetings.

2. Depository of Funds. Pursuant to the Revised School Code [M.C.L.A. 380.1221] and Board Policy 6144 (Investments), it is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to designate the Range Bank, the Citizens Bank, the Ishpeming Community Federal Credit Union, the Peninsula Bank, and the Wells Fargo Bank as approved financial institutions for the depository of funds.
3. Legal Counsel. Pursuant to Board Policy 0172 (Legal Counsel), the Board must take specific action on an annual basis to designate legal counsel.
 - a. The firm of Kendricks, Bordeau, Adamini, Chilman, and Greenlee, P.C., has been retained by the Board for basic legal services. It is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to retain Kendricks, Bordeau, Adamini, Chilman, and Greenlee, P.C. for such purposes.
 - b. The Thrun Law Firm has been retained by the Board for specialized school law services, special education law services, personnel law services, election law services, financial law services, and as bond counsel. The Thrun Law Firm is the leading law firm in the state for these purposes. It is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to retain the Thrun Law Firm for such purposes.
 - c. Steven D. Lowe, P.C. The Board has utilized the firm of Steven D. Lowe, P.C. for highly specialized legal services dealing with the Internal Revenue Service code. It is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to retain the firm of Steven D. Lowe, P.C. for such purposes.
4. Signature. Pursuant to Board Policy 0154 (Motions) and the recommendation of MASB legal counsel, it is recommended that the Board take specific action to authorize the Superintendent to sign checks, contracts, agreements, and purchase orders on behalf of the district.

5. Bus Transportation. Ishpeming School District students are at times transported on buses operated by the Negaunee Public Schools, the NICE Community Schools, the Republic-Michigamme Schools, the Marquette Area Public Schools, and by Marq-Tran. It is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to authorize transportation of Ishpeming School District students on buses operated by the Negaunee Public Schools, the NICE Community Schools, the Republic-Michigamme Schools, the Marquette Area Public Schools, and Marq-Tran.
6. Electronic Transfer Officer. On a regular basis, district funds must be moved between financial institutions via electronic transfer. In addition State and Federal funds are received and claimed via electronic accounts. Pursuant to Board Policy 6144 (Investments), it is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to appoint Business Manager Anthony Bertucci as the district Electronic Transfer Officer.
7. Safe Deposit Box. Pursuant to Board Policy 0154 (Motions), it is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to designate Business Manager Anthony Bertucci as the individual authorized to open and maintain a district safe deposit box at a Board approved fund deposit financial institution.

Board Member comments and/or questions regarding the above organization items would be welcomed by the Superintendent.

B. Personnel. Two personnel items require the attention of the Board.

1. Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). Mr. Scott Ring, currently on layoff status, has been eligible for Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) (Public Law 99-272) group vision insurance coverage via the VSP3 group insurance. Mr. Ring is in arrears for his required COBRA payments for October, 2011; November 2011; and December 2011; and he has missed the January 1, 2012, payment date. Pursuant to the COBRA regulations, it is the Superintendent's respectful recommendation that the Board act to cancel Mr. Scott Ring's COBRA coverage effective February 28, 2011, and that Mr. Ring be provided with the COBRA 30 notification of cancelation for failure to provide the required premium payment.
2. Volunteer Coach. Mr. Nicholas Banaglio is being nominated as a volunteer coach with the Ishpeming High School boys' basketball program. It is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to approve Mr. Nicholas Banaglio as a volunteer coach with the Ishpeming High School boys' basketball program.

Board Member comments and/or questions regarding the above personnel items would be welcomed by the Superintendent.

C. 403(b) Plan Amendments. MEA Financial Services is the Third Party Administrator for the IEA/IESPA 403(b) retirement plans. The non-bargaining unit employee 403(b) plan is self-administered. As provided for in the Federal Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (H.R. 6081) and the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act

of 2008 (Public Law 110-458), amendments are required to the district 403(b) Plan Document for both bargaining unit and non-bargaining unit employees. It is the respectful recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board act to approve the 403(b) Plan Document amendments, as presented. Board Member comments and/or questions would be welcomed by the Superintendent.

IV. AGENDA ITEM X, Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent will report on several items that may be of interest to the Board.

V. AGENDA ITEM XI, Executive Session.

The Board will enter a closed Executive Session for the purpose of strategy and negotiation sessions connected to a collective bargaining unit agreement as permitted by Public Act 267 (MCL 15.261 – 275).