

**Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 21, 2014
(Approved Minutes)**

President Baur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Laker High School Room 211. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Dean Smith, Neal Eichler, Todd Tate, Duane Baur, Mary Frances Tait, and Student Representative Holly Tait.

Members Absent: Kathryn McGathy and Heath Krohn.

Approval of Regular Minutes: Tait moved with support from Tate to approve the minutes dated March 17, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Eichler. He reported bills to be paid for April as: General Fund bills totaling \$81,207.28, Food Service bills totaling \$6,141.01, Payroll/Liabilities (food service to general fund) totaling \$17,606.02, Debt 2005 payment totaling \$659,825.01 and a Technology Bond payment totaling \$187,035.00. Tait moved with support from Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Eichler moved with support from Tait to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Motion passed unanimously.

Anchored in Excellence: The Board of Education recognized HISD Superintendent Joe Murphy for his commitment to providing additional funding to all local Huron County school programs. His support for local programs helps the county to stay anchored in excellence.

Robotics Presentation: Scott Lebsack and his students of the Robotics Team demonstrated their robot and reported on their success at competition.

HISD Budget: HISD Superintendent Joe Murphy reported and outlined significant changes in the proposed budget for the HISD 2014-2015 school year. The proposed deficit budget was explained and all questions answered. Upon clarification of all questions, Smith moved with support from Tate to adopt the resolution of approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel: Notice of volleyball coach Scott Smith's resignation was announced. Smith moved with support from Eichler to approve Scott Smith's resignation with regret and best wishes. Motion passed unanimously. Athletic Director Yoder provided the Board with a list of fall coaches. After review and discussion, Eichler moved with support from Smith to approve the list of fall coaches as presented, noting the Board awaits a recommendation for a volleyball coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Science Lab Report: Keim reported on the continued planning taking place with the proposed science labs. Much discussion and frustration was related to the extended timeline goals delaying the ability of the secondary facility to meet student needs.

Proposed Retirement Incentives for Paraprofessionals: Superintendent Smith explained the district position related to the Health Care Act. He proposed a recommendation of a \$2,500 retirement incentive to Paraprofessionals willing to accept this option. Smith moved with support from Tate to accept this recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Time: Student Representative Tait reported the Science Club's recent trip to Lansing on a Bridge Proposal to Government Officials, success of the FFA's skills contest, and the upcoming Senior trip. She invited everyone to donate at the upcoming blood drive. Dickens highlighted the federal grant supporting discipline and mental health. Keim spoke on the continued effort towards bringing college credit courses in house. Klosowski talked about budget proposal 2014-2015 under state funding. Superintendent Smith promoted the new Blog and proposed a possible family time interaction program in the works.

With no further business before the Board, Tait moved with support from Smith to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Frances Tait, Board of Education Secretary