

**HAZEN UNION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2009
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APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance: Hannah Bellavance, Suellen Bottiggi, Elizabeth Cate, Finn Galloway-Kane, Edwin Karp, Jim Lovinsky, Jamon Renaud, Hannah Schwartz, and Monty Shatney

Administration: Principal Elaine Laine, Associate Principal Tom Pound, and Superintendent Mark Andrews

Guests: Tom Gardner, Hardwick Gazette

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairperson Jim Lovinsky at 5:31 PM.
2. Chairperson Lovinsky welcomed Finn Galloway-Kane returning as student representative for another year.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:**
 - Accounts Payable \$ 286,531.19
 - Payroll \$ 172,691.23
 - Minutes October 13th, 2009Monty Shatney moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Hannah Bellavance seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Board Policy Monitoring** – Introduction by Chairperson Lovinsky.
 - **GP4: Code of Conduct for School Board Members**Discussion. Examples provided: #2 conflict of interest situations; #4 Executive Session/confidentiality; #5 preparation by chairperson and Superintendent; #6 “speaking as of one mind”, the importance of maintaining the integrity of the Board.
When adhering to this policy, what does Board behavior look like?
How do we as a board hold ourselves accountable to the standards set forth in this policy?
Consensus that in the future each Board member be responsible to provide evidence of compliance. Also each Member is responsible to prepare for each meeting by reading and addressing materials prior to the meeting. Members must act and conduct themselves ethically and have confidence that fellow members do too.
Consensus that the Board is compliant.
5. Monty Shatney moved, Suellen Bottiggi seconded, all aye to go into Executive Session at 5:55PM. Out of Executive Session at 6:35PM. Suellen Bottiggi moved, and Monty Shatney seconded, to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation on November 5th for a student matter.
6. Principal Laine announced that there will be a meeting on **Vision 2020: Nov. 11th and 17th**, 7-9PM. Bill Romond will be leading both focus groups, each having the identical agenda. All Board members, community stakeholders, parents, teachers and students are encouraged to attend one of the meetings.
7. **Superintendent Policy Monitoring.**
 - **Ends Monitoring**Steve and Kathy Light, music teachers at Hazen, unable to attend this meeting. Superintendent Andrews led a review of the monitoring report. Discussion about process, format, indicators, methods of assessment, evidence that ends are being met.
How is the Hazen Music Program helping students meet specific outcomes identified in the School Board’s Ends Policies? Further work needs to be done on the reporting format and process.

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- **EL 2: Treatment of Students.** Superintendent Andrews reviewed his monitoring report. Discussion and from the Board. Consensus that the format used by the Superintendent is both comprehensive and easy to understand.
Has the Superintendent reasonably interpreted this policy and was there enough data provided in the report to support his assertions? The data listed will be available; process of information dissemination is in development stage.
- **EL 3: Student Board Member.** Superintendent Andrews welcomed Finn Galloway-Kane returning as Student Board Member for another year.
- **EL 6: Financial Conditions and Activities, FY10 1st ¼ Report.** Superintendent Andrews reviewed the Expenditure Report giving explanation of overage/underage of expense and revenues.
- **EL 8: Communication and Support of the Board**
 1. **Building the OSSU Food Network:** Superintendent Andrews reviewed the steps he has taken thus far:
 - Has been in touch with Food Services Staff in the OSSU through Principals.
 - Will meet with them next week to discuss a wide range of topics including policy governance.
 - Contacted the VT Department of Education Nutrition Specialist; meeting in two weeks.
 - Has met with Sterling College staff discussing, among other things, the opportunity for partnership.
 - Met with Monty Fisher, Center for an Agricultural Economy, regarding developing (1) relationships with local growers for food, (2) opportunities for students, and (3) professional development for staff.
 - GMTCC program may play a role in this partnership, too.
 2. **Pillars Program:** Services to autistic children. Superintendent Andrews related examples of advances being seen: progress with the students. It is really working!

8. Debrief Meeting: Discussion about having a Carousel meeting at GMTCC. Good meeting. The Board is still doing very well working together. Future topic/report: the Independent Study Program. The Regional work that is being done is exciting. Managing challenges and following through, as Mark is doing with the Food Service Network, is both appreciated and exciting. Talking about community and “what we want Hazen to look like”. Liked the Superintendent’s monitoring report; format is easy to understand. “We need to come prepared to the meetings.” ”We appreciate Linda Romans, Hazen Nurse, and the volunteer work she’s been doing; also the many substitutes from the community” as the absentee rate rises due to sickness The Board is operating at a high level; better flow; it is continually impressive, is a game called ZON (immersion in the culture). Everyone is open to new things, changes.

9. Adjourn: Consensus to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 3rd, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Joannie Stinson, Scribe