

**Huron Board of Education
Organizational Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2017**

Jack Richert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Members Present: Szawara, Whited, Cornwall, Richert, Ferguson, Roupe and Gill.

Members Absent:

Pledge to the Flag was given.

Judge Tina Brooks-Green, from the 34th District Court was in attendance and gave the Oath of Office to Board of Education members Scott Ferguson and Cory Roupe.

16/17-075. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Gill, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2016.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Public Concerns and Comments:

Ms. Alice Ferguson discussed the importance of keeping the Strategic Planning Committee going forward. She also wanted to give credit to Mr. Naughton and Debra Krause for helping to keep this committee going in full force and getting things done. She wished everyone a happy year. Mr. Richert assured Ms. Ferguson that they will be meeting with the consultant, and they are doing a full Strategic Plan when she returns from the Carolina's. They will be continuing with her vision.

Ms. Cathy Farrell discussed the upcoming Trivia fundraiser for Quiz Bowl and Link Crew at the Moose in Woodhaven that will be taking place on January 28, 2017.

Mr. John Graybeal, who is a parent, youth coach and community member. He was recently asked to sit on an interview panel, and wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to be a part of such an important process.

Communications:

Board Appreciation Month – Mr. Donovan Rowe thanked to Board for everything that they do for the kids and welcomed the two new Board members. Mr. Cory Pengelly appreciates all of the things that the School Board does behind the scenes. They are looking forward to working with the new Board members. Mrs. Carrie Fisher thanked the Board for all of the time that they volunteer. They wouldn't be as successful without he strong backbone of the School Board. Ms. Jean Robinson, welcomed the new Board members and appreciates all of the time that the Board dedicates outside of their workday and family time for our kids. Marty Salazar also thanked the Board for their support of the Athletic Department.

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Communications (continued)

Mr. John Graybeal commented about the financial crisis of 2008 and watching so many schools fail, he was amazed at our audit of 2015-2016. To see that we are in a superior grade for investments, he thanked the School Board and Mr. Naughton for all that they have done to achieve this.

Mr. Kurt Mrocko discussed the “Focus School” report. They are working on new initiatives with the NWEA. The 7th grade math has implemented different centers to strengthen certain areas. They do not have a lot of data, however they are hoping to provide more after then next trimester.

Debra Krauss discussed the Linking Content to Literacy with the Board and infusing Science content literacy with reading instruction at the elementary schools. She introduced her group; Toni Hall, English Language Arts consultant who has a passion for reading instruction; Shelly Antolak, Brown Intervention teacher, who will explain what “guided reading” is all about; Jill Calkins, Fourth grade teacher at Brown Elementary; Sara Jerore, Second grade teacher at Miller Elementary; Karissa Cook, First grade teacher at Miller Elementary; Chelsea Haugh, Fourth grade teacher at Miller Elementary. Sheryl Greggo, Second grade teacher from Brown Elementary is also a part of this group.

16/17-076. Moved by Richert, seconded by Szawara, to appoint Richard Naughton, Superintendent, as temporary chairman until the President of the Board is elected and Alice Whited as temporary Secretary, until the position of Secretary of the Board is elected.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

16/17-077. Moved by Whited, seconded by Gill, to nominate Jack Richert for President of the Board of Education, through January 2018.

There were no other nominations for president therefore; Jack Richert will serve as Board President until January 2018.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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- 16/17-078. Moved by Gill, seconded by Whited, to nominate Trena Szawara for Vice President of the Board of Education, through January 2018.

There were no other nominations for Vice President therefore; Trena Szawara will serve as Board Vice President until January 2018.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

- 16/17-079. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Cornwall, to nominate Alice Whited for Secretary of the Board of Education, through January 2018.

There were no other nominations for secretary therefore; Alice Whited will serve as secretary of the Board of Education until January 2018.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

- 16/17-080. Moved by Cornwall, seconded by Szawara, to nominate Mike Gill for Treasurer of the Board of Education, through January 2018.

There were no other nominations for treasurer therefore; Mike Gill will serve as treasurer of the Board of Education through January 2018.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

- 16/17-081. Moved by Cornwall, seconded by Whited, that the Board of Education adopt the schedule of Board meetings for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, through January 18, 2018, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

- 16/17-082. Moved by Gill, seconded by Szawara, that the Board of Education approve the Business Managers recommendation for banking and investment depositories for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year through January 15, 2018, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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16/17-083. Moved by Richert, seconded by Whited, that the Board of Education authorize the Secretary, Alice Whited and Treasurer, Mike Gill to sign checks for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year through January 15, 2018.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

16/17-084. Moved by Gill, seconded by Szawara, that the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Investment Authority for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year through January 15, 2018, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

16/17-085. Moved by Gill, seconded by Cornwall, to authorize the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board to invest funds of the school district for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year through January 15, 2018, as presented.

Ayes - 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

16/17-086. Moved by Gill, seconded by Cornwall, that the Board of Education use the Monroe Evening News as the district’s official publication for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year through January 15, 2018 as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

16/17-087. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Cornwall, that the Board of Education approve Foley & Robinette, P.C. as general counsel for Huron School District for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year through January 15, 2018.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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16/17-088. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Cornwall, to approve Thrun Law Firm to handle elections and any future Durant Litigations for the Huron School District for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, through January 15, 2018, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

16/17-089. Moved by Gill, seconded by Szawara, to approve Collins, Blaha, and Slatkin as bond and general counsel for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year through January 15, 2018, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

16/17-090. Moved by Gill, seconded by Szawara, to approve the hiring of Timothy Spiess as the Positive Pathways Coordinator, effective February 1, 2017, as presented.

Ayes - 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

16/17-091. Moved by Gill, seconded by Cornwall, to approve Margaret Collins as a Bus Aide, effective January 11, 2017, as presented.

Ayes - 7 Nays - 0

Motion carried.

16/17-092. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Cornwall, to approve the hiring of Timothy Spiess as the Varsity Football Head Coach for the 2017-2018 season, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

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16/17-093. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Gill that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Science informational leveled books for Miller and Brown Elementary, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

16/17-094. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Whited, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$1,939,489.45.

Roll Call Vote: Richert, Szawara, Ferguson, Roupe, Whited
Gill and Cornwall. ----- AYES.

Motion carried.

Investment Report: Note and File

Auditorium Usage Report: Note and File

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures: Note and File

There was a brief discussion of Board Members serving on subcommittees. The members agreed to serve on the following subcommittees for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year through January 15, 2018:

16/17-095. Moved by Whited, seconded by Szawara to approve Mr. Donovan Rowe to sit on the LDFA committee, in place of a Board member.

Discussion: Cornwall to suggest a Board member to sit with the Curriculum committee. Tabled for further discussion.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Policy:	*Cornwall and Ferguson
Finance:	*Gill, Whited, Richert
LDFA:	*Cornwall, Rowe
Facilities:	*Szawara, Ferguson, Roupe
Strategic Planning Committee:	*Szawara, Ferguson, Roupe

*Chair

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Finance Committee: Mike Gill stated that they will schedule a meeting now that the committee has been established and they will meet before the next Board meeting.

Policy Committee: Nate Cornwall stated that the Policy Committee will meet before the next Board meeting. Laura DiMambro has been working diligently on getting the old policies updated and we will be bringing an abundance of policies at the next School Board meeting.

LDFA: Jack Richert explained that they have not had enough members for a quorum due to political changeovers in the township. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

Facilities: Jack Richert stated that there is nothing new to report other than Joe Nickell is working on his "wish list". The Jr. High is working on the STEM lab space issues.

Comments from the Board of Education members:

Scott Ferguson talked about how he is a life-long resident and started at Miller Elementary. He introduced his family and is excited to be on the Board. He is looking forward to giving back to the community.

Cory Roupe came to Huron when he was in fifth grade. He is a proud Huron graduate, as well as his wife. He started the New Boston running club with Mr. Pengelly and he also coaches the Jr. High Cross Country team. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to be on the Board and give back to the community.

Trena Szawara thanked everyone for all of the gifts and expressed her appreciation for everyone. She is excited about the new reading program. She welcomed the new Board members and would like to do a Board Workshop to help welcome them. She also welcomed all of the new hires.

Alice Whited wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed all of the new Board members. She is excited about Mr. Spiess bringing his experience to the Positive Pathways program. She thanked Mrs. Krauss for her in-depth presentation. She currently sits on the Planning Commission and stated that there are some changes coming to Huron and to be on the look-out for them.

Nathan Cornwall thanked Kurt for his report on the Jr. High Focus School. He also thanked Mrs. Krauss for her presentation. He is excited about getting this started at the elementary level is wonderful. He congratulated the new Board members and welcomed them to this exciting new adventure.

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Comments for the Board of Education Members (continued):

Mike Gill welcomed the new Board members, wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Renton Jr. High for their presentation. He liked how their presentation led directly into the literacy presentation. He is happy to hear about the informational reading program, because you have to be able to read to learn. He welcomed Mr. Spiess into his new positions.

Jack Richert welcomed everyone and thank Kurt Mrocko and Debbie Krauss for their presentations. He discussed the Leader in Me program at Brown Elementary and that their PTO was able to raise funds to send teachers to additional training. Jack feels that Mr. Spiess will make a significant improvement to the structure of our school. Jack recongnized John Graybeal, who agreed with Mr. Richert that Mr. Spiess will be an asset to the district. Jack also recognized that the leadership of Donovan Rowe and Steven Hudock has been amazing. With the addition of Mr. Speiss and the leadership of Donovan and Steven, it will make Huron a valiant school. The also thanked everyone for all of the gifts.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Naughton welcomed Cory and Scott to the Board and agreed with Trena on having a Board workshop. He welcomed Tim & LeAnn Spiess along with their three boys. He also thanked everyone that contributed to the reading presentation and to Kurt & Carrie for their presentation.

16/17-096. Moved by Gill , seconded by Cornwall, that the meeting adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Motion carried.