

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JULY 28, 2014  
6:30 P.M.

President Hazen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the media center.

Present: M.Hazen, G.Zelinski, D.Giannola, J.Moll, Dr. Hobart, P.Peterson, Jr.,  
G.Robinson, Jr., Administrator Peterson, Business Manager S.Robinson

Absent: None

Visitors: L.Kopsi, S.Klingman of LVD Education Department, T.Yellow from  
LVD Tribal Prosecutor, T.Holland, R.Pallin

Laurie Kopsi, Secretary and Sam Klingman, Chair, representing the Lac Vieux Desert Education Department were in attendance to request permission from the Board to work co-operatively with the School on a mentoring program. This will grant them access to students for a minimum amount of time (approx.1 hour per week) during the school day. In co-operation with the Guidance Department, permission was granted pending background research on individuals designated to be in the building and working with students.

Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Prosecutor, Tina Yellow was in attendance to present issues on truancy and what the Department is working on. The first project is revising LVD's truancy ordinance with the addition of a civil component. Ms. Yellow would like to respectfully request assistance from the school in receiving truancy documentation letters as soon as the violation occurs (3, 5 and 7 day school policy violations).

Motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by G.Zelinski to hold our meetings in the Media Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and approved the yearly schedule as presented with the appropriate changes when conflicts occur. Motion Carried.

On a motion by D.Giannola supported by G.Robinson, Jr. the Board designated Settlers' Cooperative Credit Union as the school depository for the Hot Lunch Fund with signatures of the Hot Lunch Director and Business Manager; the Athletic and Activity Fund with signatures of the Business Manager and Superintendent; the General Fund with signatures of Board Treasurer and Business Manager; the Payroll Fund, Debt Fund and Capital Projects Fund with signatures of Business Manager and Superintendent.. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by J.Moll supported by D.Giannola to designate the Direct Deposit of State Aid into the MILAF account and other surplus funds when available. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by G.Robinson, Jr. supported by P.Peterson, Jr. to authorize the Superintendent and/or Business Manager to utilize electronic transactions. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by G.Robinson, Jr. supported by Dr. Hobart to authorize signatures of the Superintendent and Treasurer for borrowing of funds for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Motion Carried.

On a motion by D.Giannola supported by J.Moll the Board designated the Superintendent and/or Business Manager to be fully authorized to sign all forms for Federal, State and other programs. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by G.Robinson, Jr. supported by Dr.Hobart to authorize the Board stipend to remain at \$30 per meeting. Motion Carried

There was a motion by J.Moll supported by D.Giannola to approve memberships in:

MASA: \$835 / NAFIS: \$649 / MASB: \$925 / MPAAA: \$55 / MIEM: \$210 / MSBO: \$132  
NIISA: \$300 Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote.

On a motion by G.Robinson, Jr. supported by P.Peterson, Jr. the Board retained the firm of Thrun Law as legal advisors for the 2014-15 school year. Motion Carried.

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There was a motion made by D.Giannola supported by J.Moll to adjourn to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

On a motion by G.Robinson, Jr. supported by J.Moll the June 30, 2014 regular and budget meeting minutes were approved as presented. Motion Carried.

On a motion by D.Giannola supported by G.Robinson, Jr. the July accounts payable were approved as presented. Motion Carried.

Administrative contract renewals were discussed. There was a motion by D.Giannola supported by Dr. Hobart to renew the contract for Business Manager, Sandra Robinson for 2 years 7/1/2015-6/30/2017. Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote, with G.Robinson, Jr. Abstaining.

On a motion by G.Zelinski supported by Dr. Hobart the contract for Administrator, George Peterson, III was renewed for 2 years 7/1/2015-6/30/2017. Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote with D.Giannola opposing.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member P.Peterson, Jr. and supported by Member Dr. Hobart:

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to the Michigan Election Law, the District's regular school election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even years.
2. It is necessary to conduct the District's regular election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, to fill one or more Board positions.

3. On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The regular school election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

2. The proposition to be voted on at the regular school election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit "A".

3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:

a. Utilize the Daily Globe ([www.yourdailyglobe.com](http://www.yourdailyglobe.com)), a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.

b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in the form as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.

4. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members M.Hazen, Sr., G.Zelinski, D.Giannola, J.Moll, Dr. Hobart,  
P.Peterson, Jr., G.Robinson, Jr.

Nays: Members None

Resolution declared adopted.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Watersmeet Township School District, Gogebic County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on July 28, 2014, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended)

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2014 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Watersmeet Township School District, Gogebic County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2015 to 2018, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2015 is approximately \$2,003,133 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2014 tax levy)?

**EXHIBIT "B"**

**SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE  
NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:**

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL  
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE  
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW  
18 MILLS FOR 4 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Watersmeet Township School District, 4720 N. Highway 45, Watersmeet, Michigan 49969, telephone: (906) 358-4504.

On a motion by D.Giannola supported by J.Moll, NEOLA update, Volume 28, #2 was adopted as presented. Motion Carried.

Due to our unfortunate circumstances regarding our former trash disposal arrangement and receiving no removal bids, discussion ensued.

There was a motion by D.Giannola supported by J.Moll to approve the 2% Gaming proposals as presented. Motion Carried.

Discussion took place regarding the State mandated lunch and breakfast pricing. On a motion by G.Robinson, Jr. supported by D.Giannola the program prices will be set (per State regulation) as follows:

<b>Breakfast:</b>	Students – Free	<b>Lunch:</b>	Elementary - \$2.40
	Adult - \$2.50		Middle/High School - \$2.90
	Extra Milk - \$0.50		Adult - \$4.25
			Reduced - \$0.40

Motion Carried.

There was a motion by G.Zelinski supported by G.Robinson, Jr. to solicit bids for Milk, Bread, and snowplowing for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion Carried with P.Peterson, Jr. abstaining.

There was a motion by J.Moll supported by G.Robinson, Jr. to continue offering student catastrophic accident insurance from First Agency. Motion Carried.

On a motion by G.Robinson, Jr. supported by Dr. Hobart the 2014-15 School of Choice Resolution was adopted as presented. Motion Carried.

The Gogebic County Community School Agreement was accepted as presented on a motion by P.Peterson, Jr. supported by Dr.Hobart. Motion Carried.

Discussion took place regarding the current Student Handbook policy language on Grades and the privilege of going on the Senior class trip. There was a motion by D.Giannola supported by Dr. Hobart that all students planning to go on the trip, **MUST** be in good standing their entire senior year or they will not be allowed to go. Motion Carried.

On a motion by D.Giannola supported by P.Peterson, Jr. the Board adjourned to executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss negotiations. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by D.Giannola supported by J.Moll to return to regular session at 8:30 pm. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by J.Moll supported by G.Robinson, Jr. to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

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President, Mike Hazen

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Secretary, Joan Moll