

# **HARPER CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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## **BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

Monday, August 21, 2023

5:00 PM – Special Board of Education Meeting

Harper Creek Administration Building

7454 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014

- I. Call to Order at 5:00 PM by President Bess
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- III. Comments from the Audience Related to the Agenda - None
- IV. Information and Discussion
  - A. Bloomz Communication – Mr. Ridgeway discussed the Bloomz Communication tool. He stated that it used to be free. Many of our district staff have used the service as a form of two-way, safe communication with parents and families. Mr. Ridgeway recommends moving forward with the annual subscription at a cost of \$11,887.50 with a 5% variance.
  - B. Handbook Correction – Mr. Ridgeway stated that an error was discovered in the 2023-2024 Student Handbook. He recommended that the Board update the Student Handbook with the correction as follows.

From: Electives 13 credits (Class of 2025 and after 11 credits)  
Class of 2024 Total Credits to graduate to 33  
Class of 2025 to Graduate 31  
To: Social Studies 4 credits + 20 service hours senior year.  
Electives 11 credits (Class of 2025 and after 13 credits)  
Class of 2024 Total credits to graduate 31  
Class of 2025 Total credits to graduate 33
  - C. Transportation Contract Ratification – Mr. Ridgeway discussed the transportation contract including the reduction in the probationary period from 60 days to 45 days and the addition of paid 1 snow day to equal a total of 3 days to be in alignment with district staff and emergency trip from \$10.00 to \$20.00 late call stipend. Mr. Ridgeway recommends ratifying the Transportation one-year contract. The driver rate will move from \$19.50 to \$22.50 per hour.
- V. Action
  - A. Bloomz Communication -

Motion by Mr. Smith, and supported by Mrs. Wallace  
That the Harper Creek Board of Education approves the contract for Bloomz Communication at the cost of \$11,887.50 with a 5% variance as discussed and reviewed.  
Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Allwardt Y, Mr. Bess Y, Mr. Halverson A, Mrs. Waterson A, Mrs. Wallace Y, Dr. Borders A, Mr. Smith Y.  
Motion carries: 4-0
  - B. Handbook Correction  
Motion by Mrs. Wallace, supported by Mr. Smith,  
That the Harper Creek Board of Education approves the following corrections to the 2023/2024 Student Handbook as discussed and reviewed.  
From: Electives 13 credits (Class of 2025 and after 11 credits)  
Class of 2024 Total Credits to graduate to 33  
Class of 2025 to Graduate 31

To: Social Studies 4 credits + 20 service hours senior year.  
Electives 11 credits (Class of 2025 and after 13 credits)  
Class of 2024 Total credits to graduate 31  
Class of 2025 Total credits to graduate 33  
Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Wallace Y, Mr. Smith Y, Mr. Halverson A, Mrs. Waterson A, Mrs. Alwardt Y, Mr. Bess Y, Dr. Borders A.  
Motion Carries: 4-0

C. Transportation Contract Ratification

Motion by Mr. Smith, supported by Mrs. Wallace,  
That the Harper Creek Board of Education approves the ratifies the Transportation Contract as discussed and reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. Borders A, Mr. Smith Y, Mrs. Wallace Y, Mr. Halverson A, Mrs. Allwardt Y, Mrs. Waterson A, Mr. Bess Y.

Motion Carries: 4-0

VI. Comments from the Audience – Strategic Planning dates

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.