BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 20, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Curt Gottschalk, Bob Pasch, Heather Curtiss, Ron Neyer, Rod Cole and Tom Gross.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Bill Chilman read the Board Mission Statement.

Motion by Ron Neyer, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 7/0.

The Chilman family was present on Zoom.

There was no originally scheduled Student Staff Spotlight due to not having school on President's Day and because of the Pandemic School Closure.

There was no Board Business Presentations.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2020 as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill presented the following correspondence to the Board: The COVID correspondents, the School Equity Caucus newsletters, mail from MEEMIC, the Michigan Tax System and Budget Poster, the letter of understanding from the GRIESD on the Literacy Coach for the 2020-2021 school year, the Fall count audit, The CTE Voc. Ed. update, Professional Development Certification validation, an article that was included in the Aggie Express regarding the security grant, letter from the CMDHD regarding immunizations.

There was no DSIT meeting this month due to the Pandemic School Closure.

The information discussed at the Building Maintenance Grounds and Transportation Committee will be discussed later in the meeting. Bill, Bob Pasch and Rod Cole gave a short update and talked about the walk through they went on after the meeting with the Architect.

Dan Boyer reported on the technology survey results. Ben gave an update on how the website will be updated including wanting to make changes to the calendar on the website.

Bill would like to schedule a Personnel Committee Meeting to discuss the Memo of Understanding with the BCEA and the fact that there will not be any evaluations done for Admin., teachers and staff this school year due to the Pandemic School Closure.

Aarron Butkovich reported that he is lighting up the football field tonight to honor the seniors. The MHSAA has reported that there are no changes for next year’s sport classifications. They are looking into changing the format for football playoffs. They want to get to pre-determined divisions before the season starts.

Jason Johnston reported that the Google Classroom is up and running. The staff has done an amazing job. There were approximately 22 students who picked up work packets to do at home.

Jason McDonald gave a small gym roof project update. They are pretty well caught up on work orders. Now working on bus cleaning and repairs.

Dan Boyer reported on the ideas being talked about for graduation. He would like to wait until July and do a ceremony on the football field. He also has two back up plans. He discussed the credit/no credit grades.

Marci Faber gave an update on feeding families. She informed the Board on the money we should receive for each meal. The MDE is recommending that the families fill out the free/reduced applications now for the fall. They could also qualify for EBT cards.

Ben Eggenberger reported that Chromebooks have been given to students who have requested them. Bill updated the Board that in order to comply with law, we are using no cost filtering software that we are able to get for the Chromebooks.

Rod Freeze reported that he has been working a lot with Marci to keep up on the regulations on feeding families. He and Bill have put together a memo to hourly staff regarding keeping track of their hours while at work. Rod gave an update on the new software.

Bill Chilman showed a map for the Aggie Fitness Trail that is in the works. This is a path that walkers can use while walking in the building with different stations to stop at for different activities that they can do. Bill spoke about the Continuity of Learning Response Plan.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Heather Curtiss to approve the February payments of bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $542,565.88, Payroll Account payments of $3,194.68, Hot Lunch payments of $15,416.08, and Athletic Fund payments of $920.00. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Heather Curtiss to approve the March payments of bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $537,086.57, Payroll Account payments of $1,357.38, Hot Lunch payments of $17,929.50, Student Activity Account payments of $5,186.31, Athletic Fund payments of $4,385.97, and Arbiter Sports payments of $2,500.00. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill reported that there could be major cuts in next year’s funding from the state, which would cause us to have to make adjustments in our budget.

Bill Chilman showed the building map that was used for discussion during the Building, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation Committee meeting. The did a walk through with the group after the meeting. More walk throughs and discussions will need to be had before decisions are made.

Heather Curtiss and Bill Chilman gave an update on the Nottawa Township Sewer Project.

Rod Freeze reported that the BCEF received a statement from the Mount Pleasant Area Community Foundation. The BCEF fund balance is $130,000.00. Rod also reported that they have not had very many scholarship applicants.

Bill would like to discuss the Superintendent’s Evaluation during a Personnel Committee Meeting being all school district employee evaluations have been ceased due to the Pandemic School Closure.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the 1st reading of the Neola Spring Policies as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the 19.3909 renewal Mills Non-Homestead Wording for the November ballot as presented but with the renewal period of 8 years.  Motion carried 7/0

Andy Reihl has resigned through PCMI as an Assistant Football Coach and Shannon Burke has resigned through PCMI as the JH Boys Track coach.

Bill Chilman reported that there will not be a Staff Appreciation Breakfast. They are looking at other ways they can thank and honor the staff for all the hard work they’ve put into this school year.

Main options for graduations are being discussed.

Bill reminded the Board of the election coming up in November. Tom and Bob’s seats are up for election this year. Heather Curtiss will be running for Township Clerk.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Roll call. Motion carried 7/0.

Recording Secretary

Carrie Bleise

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary