BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 15, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Tom Gross, Curt Gottschalk, Rod Cole and Ron Neyer. Bob Pasch was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Erin Ludwig read the District Mission Statement.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 6/0.

Denise McBride welcomed Melissa Hall, Scott Mertes, Tracy Kauppi, Becky Block, Lisa Robbins, Julie Christensen, Mary Claire Reynolds, Andrew Strzyzewski, and Veena Cole.

There was no scheduled Student & Staff Spotlight due to COVID.

Scott Mertes from Mid-Michigan College gave a presentation on the Mid-Michigan College Annexation.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2021 with a correction of Rod Freeze to Rod Cole in the Organizational minutes. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: Ad Staff agenda, the MMC power point presentation, the School Equity Caucus newsletters, the County Election Coordination Agreement, an anti-mask letter that was sent from a parent, Bill talked to that parent to let her know we were going to follow our Return to Learn Plan and continue to require masks, post vaccination information from the Health Department, and educational magazines.

Tom Gross reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They were given a quick school budget update. Dan gave an SSIT update and discussed a change to the testing out policy with the COVID Return to Learn Plan. Jake gave an ESIT update and reported on the extended COVID Return to Learn Plan. They discussed the Reading Now Network and the Therapy Dog Program.

The Building, Maintenance, Grounds & Transportation Committee met and their agenda will be discussed later in the meeting.

The Personnel Committee met and discussed the superintendent’s evaluation, a staff member discipline issue, bus driver compensation changes, support staff wage increases for next year and admin. hazard pay.

Dan Boyer reported that we are now playing contact sports and everything is going fine. He gave a Return to Learn Plan update and reported that he hopes this is the last semester with Educere. He spoke about the COVID academic relief plan that will be discussed in their next SSIT meeting.

Jason Johnston gave a Return to Learn Plan update and reported that they added one new student to online learning at the beginning of this semester and it’s been a much stronger start. Jake also reported that mid-year testing is now complete. They have completed NWEA and DRA2 testing.

Rod Freeze reported that he was able to supply the Board with their monthly financials. He is now able to pull more reports from Munis. He just recently paid the yearly fee to Time Clock Plus but is negotiating with them on a reimbursement in hopes that we will go live on July 1, 2021 with Executime. Rod has Munis Payroll training February 24 – 26th.

Bill Chilman reported that he also hopes this is the last semester with Educere. He reviewed some of our COVID statics. He has also turned over the staff discipline issue to Thrun Law.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the January payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $597,541.00, Payroll Account payments of $7,821.49, Hot Lunch payments $8,232.11. Student Activity Account payments of $1,793.13, and Athletic Fund payments of $2,885.42. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill Chilman reported that Denise had a great idea of taking a field trip around the complex to show what work will be done during Phase 2 of the Bond Project. We are getting close to having final drawings going out to bid in the beginning of March.

Rod Freeze reported that the BCEF has scheduled SAT Study Sessions. They will begin this Sunday.

Bill received an email late this afternoon from Thrun Law regarding the Sewer Project Agreement. They have not heard from the Township on a decision. Bill contacted a member of the Township Board but has not gotten a call back.

The principals gave their update on the Extended COVID-19 Return to Learn Plan during their report and in their update.

The Superintendent Evaluation will be discussed during executive session.

Tracy Kauppi reported that Dr. Pol has agreed to provide vet services for the Therapy Dog. They are collecting donations to help cover other expenses.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Therapy Dog Program as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Cam Gatrell – Boys Elementary Basketball, Griffin Bohannon – Co-Ed Varsity Track, Kristin Schafer – JV Softball, and Dan Beckwith – Voluntary Assistant Girls Basketball. Motion carried 6/0.

The following coaches have been hired through PCMI: Shawn Licari – 7th Gr. Girls Basketball, Kendra Licari – 8th Gr. Girls Basketball, Brad Antcliff – Girls Elementary Coordinator, James Estell – Voluntary Assistant Girls Basketball, Steve Pickens – Varsity Baseball, Brad Antcliff – Varsity Softball, Stefanie Locke – 50% Varsity Track Assistant and Jenny Davis – 50% Varsity Track Assistant.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to go into Executive Session – Open Meetings Act Article 8a Personnel at 8:10 p.m.. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Roll call. Motion carried 6/0.

Recording Secretary

Carrie Bleise

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary