BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 19, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Tom Gross, Curt Gottschalk, Rod Cole, Bob Pasch and Ron Neyer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Erin Ludwig read the District Mission Statement.

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

Denise McBride welcomed Veena Cole.

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

There was no Board Business Presentations.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: School Equity Caucus newsletters, the MHSAA newsletter, the April Aggie Express, some mail and educational magazines.

Rod Cole reported for the Building, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation Committee. They discussed the Sewer Project, the sale of bonds for Phase 2 of the Bond Project, and reviewed the bids for the Bond Project. They also discussed moving the driveway and sale options for the land across the road.

Tom Gross reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They were given a quick school budget update. They were given an SSIT and ESIT update. Dan and Jake gave their Return to Learn update. Julie discussed Title Room COVID protocol. They discussed Sex Ed Curriculum for grades 5th, 7th and 9th.

Denise McBride reported for the Personnel Committee. They discussed hourly employee wage increases, Administration hazard pay, future insurance ideas including Cash in Lieu and the Superintendent’s evaluation.

Jason McDonald gave a sewer project update. He also reported that the bus inspector was here Friday and Monday and will come back to re-inspect some of the buses that were tagged.

Ben Eggenberger reported that we are getting a great response to the Aggie Express email sign up. He showed the Board one of the new lap tops that we recently received.

Rod Freeze gave a Bond Issue update. He has been working with Bakertilly on the Sale of the Bonds. He gave an update on the ESSER money. He also updated the Board on the Accounting Software.

Jason Johnston reported that MSTEP testing for the 5th grade will take place tomorrow. He gave his update on the COVID 19 Return to Learn Plan. He also gave a Wellness Committee update.

Dan Boyer reported that PSAT testing is complete and SAT testing will begin next week. He gave an update on the COVID 19 Return to Learn Plan. He reported that there are 3 seniors that are not presently on track to graduate. He is working on a grant that will allow us to hire a long term 3rd Counselor.

Bill Chilman commended the Administration Team, the Professional Staff and the Support Staff for all the work they are doing to keep the school open and running throughout this pandemic.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the March payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $680,102.95, Payroll Account payments of $1,506.43, Hot Lunch payments $14,920.98. Student Activity Account payments of $7,504.88, Custodial Fund payments of $492.25, Athletic Fund payments of $5,435.89 and Arbiter Sports payments of $4,027.17.

The Bond Issue – Phase 2 was discussed during the Building, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation Committee report.

Rod Freeze reported on the SAT Study Sessions. The BCEF Scholarship applications are due this Friday. He has a couple people lined up to review them.

The principals updated the Board on their COVID 19 Return to Learn Plan during their report.

Denise informed the Board Members on how the Superintendent Evaluation process will proceed.

Motion by Ron Neyer, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the Nottawa Township Sewer Project agreement as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Bond Bid Acceptance including the Bus Bids as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Resolution for the Sale of the Bonds as presented. Motion carried 6/0. Erin Ludwig abstained.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the following probationary teacher recommendations as presented: Secondary: Alsatia Lohr – will complete 4th year and approved for 5th year, James Tice – will complete 3rd year and approved for 4th year, and Griffin Bohannon – will complete 2nd year and approved for 3rd year. Elementary: Amanda Schmidt – will complete 3rd year and approved for 4th year and Shelby Weber – will complete 3rd year and approved for 4th year. There were no tenure teacher recommendations.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the COVID Hazard Pay for the Administrators as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

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 Curt Gottschalk to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Dan Martin – Varsity Baseball Voluntary Assistant and Kevin Wilson – Varsity Baseball Voluntary Assistant.

Bill Chilman reported on Brad Antcliff’s PCMI resignation as Varsity Girls Basketball Coach.

Bill Chilman reported on the spring list of Tribal Grants.

The Board discussed having a Staff Appreciation cook out on June 8th.

Bill reminded the Board of Graduation on May 27th at 7:00 p.m. He asked that they be here at the school by 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to go into Executive Session – Open Meetings Act Article 8a Personnel at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 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