BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 16, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Heather Curtiss read the Small School Environment Board Goal.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the agenda with a date change on item G under New Business to January 18, 2021. Motion carried 6/0.

Denise McBride welcomed Erin Ludwig, Becky Block and Veena Cole.

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

There were no Board Business Presentations.

Motion by Heather Curtiss, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2020. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: Letter information for Cam Gatrell, written complaint from a previous staff member, ad staff agendas, flyer promoting care and support for teachers and staff, the postcard that is being mailed regarding the Aggie Express, the current Aggie Express newsletter, estoppel agreement with Isabella Wind, A letter from the Department of Ed stating that the Special Ed Complaint that was filed in November of 2018 is complete, HIPAA Agreement with the Central Michigan District Health Department, Annual Notices from Neola, the power announcement message that went out for a positive COVID test, School Equity Caucus newsletters, a letter from Jeff Galla and other magazines/mail that was received throughout the month.

Tom Gross reported for the DSIT. They reviewed the Return to Learn Plan. They were given a small budget update. They were given an ESIT and SSIT update along with a Title 1 update.

Bill Chilman reported for the Personnel Committee meetings. In the first meeting they discussed an employee complaint. They reviewed the budget cutting and recall process and discussed the non-union staff wage increases for the 2020-2021 school year. They discussed bus driver dual wages. They discussed the teacher and support staff COVID hazard pay that is being paid from the state to staff members who qualify for it. They discussed possible admin COVID hazard pay.

In the 2nd Personnel Committee they discussed the recall process for a staff member who was laid off. They discussed finalizing the employee complaint. They discussed the wage increase for support staff and the state hazard pay for staff as well as an admin COVID hazard pay.

Dan Boyer reported that they have guidelines in place for the Distance Teaching/Learning Plan. Dan reported on the SAT test results.

Jason Johnston reported on a complaint that was issued regarding mask wearing. He gave an update on the contact tracing that is happening in the elementary.

Rod Freeze reported that he is collecting applications from staff for the state paid COVID hazard pay. Financial software training is being rescheduled due to payroll software training being scheduled. The October student count is complete.

Ben Eggenberger reported on the chromebook availability. He also reported that he is starting to see some damage taking place on the chromebooks. He is inventorying replacement parts and is repairing the devices as time allows.

Jason McDonald reported that he recently sent in water samples for lead and copper testing. PFAS water testing will have to be done by February. We have been using a bus driver that works for Mt. Pleasant Public Schools to fill in on some bus routes while Mt. Pleasant Public Schools is closed. Jason Johnston and Jason McDonald thanked the secretaries for the help they are giving us when we have to keep kids back due to bus driver shortages. Melissa Hall, Diane Fussman and Josette Lorenz at St Joes have been awesome in helping with this.

Bill Chilman reported on the temporary partial school shutdown. Support staff will continue to work in order to be paid.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the October payments of bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $542,082.66, Payroll Account payments of $1,727.70, Hot Lunch payments $16,718.32. Student Activity Account payments of $1,976.10, Athletic Fund payments of $1,810.00, Arbiter Sports payments of $2,039.05, Debt Fund 2012 payments of $9,142.50, Debt 2004 payments of $4,940.00, Debt SBLF payments of $2,547.75, and Debt 2017 payments of $8,542.50. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill Chilman reported that there will be a quick Zoom meeting of the Building, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation committee on November 19th at 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the 1st set of bids for Phase 2 Bond Work. The bids are for surveying and boring work that needs to be completed. Motion carried 6/0.

There was nothing to report for BCEF.

Bill Chilman reported that we have a draft copy of the sewer project agreement.

Dan Boyer and Jason Johnston reported on their Extended COVID-19 Return to Learn Plans.

Bill Chilman thanked Heather Curtiss for her service on the Board. Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to accept Heather Curtiss’ resignation as a Board Member as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill Chilman congratulated Bob Pasch and Tom Gross on their election victory. They signed their Acceptance of Office affidavit after the meeting.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the hiring of Mary Kattreh as the ½ time Reading Interventionist as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Cam Gatrell – Boys Varsity Basketball, Teri Cramlet – Voluntary Assistant JV/V Girls Basketball, Erin Barz – Voluntary Assistant Competitive Cheer, Rebecca Hodges – Voluntary Assistant Competitive Cheer, Jamie Farrell – Voluntary Assistant JV Boys Basketball, Zach Hrymecki – Voluntary Assistant Boys Basketball.

The following coaches have been hired through PCMI: Brad Antcliff – Varsity Girls Basketball, Brad Antcliff – JV Girls Basketball, Todd Schafer – JV Boys Basketball, Kyle Gross – Freshman Basketball, William Chilman V – 7th Gr Boys Basketball, Kyle Gross – 8th Gr. Boys Basketball, Bailie Erway – Competitive Cheer.

Bill Chilman reported that we will hopefully be able to schedule a night where we can honor our Board Members during halftime of a home basketball game in January.

The January meeting schedule is as follows: DSIT – January 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., Organizational Meeting – January 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and the Regular Board Meeting – January 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Ron Neyer to adjourn at 8:23 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