BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Erin Ludwig read the Board’s Goals #3 on Facilities for School District Sustainability.

Motion by Ron Neyer seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the agenda as is. Motion carried 7/0.

Recognition of guests/public participation: Stacie Pratt, Veena Cole, and Band Members

This month’s student spotlight presentation was the Beal City Marching Band. Meti Leaper and Rosie Tovar, the two drum majors, both spoke about the band’s progress and goals for the year. Emily Socola the band director stated they have about 30 students in the band this year, and additionally have recruited 5 eighth graders. They are looking forward to a great year.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August, 2022. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: Aggie Express, School Equity Caucus, GIRESD Open Position, Student Issues, Ad Staff Agenda, and Educational Magazines. All correspondence can be found in his update.

DSIT and ESIT are strongly encouraging more people to join. No budget update this month. There may be some safety money available. They will keep us posted. For SSIT Trapper Keepers are not the same as backpacks. They have been going over testing out options and ideas. ESIT has been busy with NWEA testing. They have been discussing textbooks. Journeys will need to be discussed in the future. The trails program is up and running for the 6th and 9th grades. Carrie Smith will be starting on October 4th. Veena Cole started math interventions today (September 19).

Dan Boyer stated that he has been very impressed with his Middle School’s leadership class. Michigan Virtual reached out to us and asked how it went. Ms. Gillis has been a great mentor. Year 2, this year is going great. The kids say how Great Miss Gillis is. The 8th graders are off to a great start. They have had live sessions with MVU Live Zoom. They have about 12 kids in the program.

Rod Freeze reported on the Title One Audit- state said we have been selected for the Audit. Just title money will be audited in this. We did have one finding in the most recent audit. We had a teacher that let her certification lapse. Rod has been working very hard on the audit and trying to find reports needed in Munis. Again, Munis has proven to be difficult in gathering information. Tom Gross inquired about the sewer hookup. Rod stated we have received our first monthly and it is in line with what we had budgeted.

Bill Chilman stated that everything was in his update, however he wanted to inform the board that the Homecoming parade will be at 4:00. Please be there by 3:30. Bill will be gone this week Sept 20-26 at the MASA Conference. He will be in communication with Mac and Rod daily. Please reach out with questions.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the August 2022 payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $607,997.99, Payroll Account payments of $0, Hot Lunch payments of $10,088.75, Student Activity Account payments of $6,276.03, Athletic Fund payments of $14,457.22, Arbiter Sports payments of $2,495.00, Capital Projects payments of $4,940.90, and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of $85,189.57. Motion carried 7/0.

Rod Freeze reported that the BCEF is busy planning the Halloween Bash. Denise has been helping plan the whole thing. They will be sending out flyers very soon for sponsorships. They have a committee meeting on September 29th if anyone wants to join. Rod will bring tickets to the next board meeting so everyone can help sell.

Bill reminded the Board that Erin’s, Rod’s and Ron’s seats are up for election this fall. Stated that we are all set for the election.

The board again discussed the opportunity to explore a bond or a sinking fund. In summary, the board is requesting a visual on a 3 mil sinking fund over 10 years from Baker Tilly. Erin Ludwig wanted to ask Baker Tilly if we could bring a hybrid option to the 2023 election in one vote. The board will be having upcoming committee meetings to further discuss the options. In conclusion, Tom Gross stated that nobody was interested in sinking fund. Everyone was either interested in going for a straight bond, or do the hybrid options when we go back to the tax payers in two years asking for another increase. Maintaining the 6.5 mils is most beneficial to the district.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the closure of the Payroll Account. Motion carried 7/0.

The Board discussed the employment of Brad Antcliff for Varsity Baseball Coach. Comments were given that we need to monitor participation. As a district we also need to continue to monitor concerns. Parents coaching has become a large concern in a nearby school. We want the sports to be about the kids. We want our teams to be successful but we also want our kids to participate and have a good experience.

The Board discussed the resignations of Brad Antcliff and Easton Yuncker. Brad will be reigning from Varsity Softball position and Easton will be resigning from 7th grade.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Recording Secretary

Sarah Block

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary