



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023  
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840  
7:00 PM  
517-339-8242

Present: Bird/Collins/Del Castillo/Polverento/Wawrzynski

Absent: Clark/Wheeler

Staff: Cook/Lindbert/Jensen/Gustafson/Barker/Butcher/Cassin/Dobson/Ferguson/Hatch/Horwath/Newman  
North/Weaver

Guests: C. Nicholas/T. Nicholas

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY

Due to the absence of the Board Secretary, it was necessary to appoint an Acting Secretary.

MOTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY BIRD TO NOMINATE KORINE WAWRZYNSKI AS  
ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE AUGUST 14, 2023, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0

IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Five Minute Time Limit)

**Board Correspondence**

Acting Secretary Wawrzynski shared no correspondence was received. President Polverento indicated an email was sent to Secretary Wheeler the previous week relating to questions regarding school board elections.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. **Personnel Recommendations**

The following School Social Workers are being recommended for hire for the 2023-24 school year:

Laura Thompson as a School Social Worker at Haslett Middle School. She has a BS in Sociology and Psychology from Albion College and a Master of Social Work from Michigan State University. Laura was previously employed as a Behavior Technician at the Early Learning Institute in East Lansing.

Desiree Waters as a School Social Worker at Ralya Elementary School. She has a BA in Social Work with minors in Human Behavior/Social Services and Leadership and a Master of Social Work from Michigan State University. Desiree was previously employed as a Mental Health Therapist at Community Mental Health and just recently finished her internship at Murphy Elementary School.

2. **Staff Resignations**

Superintendent Cook is in receipt of the following teacher resignations:

Michelle Jennings (Business and Technology Teacher at Haslett High School), effective August 18, 2023. Michelle has served the district for eight years. Best wishes to Michelle in her future endeavors.

Nicole Barrett (Grade 1 Teacher at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center), effective August 14, 2023. Nicole has served the district for seven years. Best wishes to Nicole in her future endeavors.

3. **Welcome Back Meeting**

The Welcome Back Meeting for all staff is scheduled for August 21, 2023. This meeting will be held in the Performing Arts Center and will begin with a continental breakfast sponsored by MESSA at 7:30 AM. Board members are welcome to attend.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **2023-24 District Administrative Goals**

The board discussed the 2023-24 Administrative Goals with the district administrators. The Administrative Goals are divided into five focus areas:

- Provide an A+ Learning Community that Promotes Excellence for All Students
- Enhance the A+ Learning Experience through Effective Use of Technology
- Be a Fiscally Responsible A+ District
- Provide Effective A+ Communication
- Provide a Safe, Respectful, and Disciplined A+ Environment

Board members asked administrators about the goals presented, how the district goals are carried out in individual schools, how we plan to measure the success of the goals during the school year, and how this year's goals build off of past efforts and success. Board members encouraged the Administrative Team to provide ongoing updates to the Board on progress towards the goals and acknowledged the time and work necessary by all staff to achieve these goals.

Superintendent Cook thanked Associate Superintendent Lindbert and the building administrators for their support in preparing the District Administrative Goals for the 2023-24 school year.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

1. **Finance/Facilities Committee**

Finance/Facilities Committee Chairperson Collins shared the committee met on August 8, 2023, to review the summer audit and to receive a budget update. The committee also discussed safety and security summer updates, the hiring of the new School Resource Officer, first week of school activities, and district professional development that will be offered throughout the upcoming school year.

2. **Policy/Personnel Committee**

Policy/Personnel Committee Chairperson Bird shared the committee met on August 10, 2023, with a similar agenda as the Finance/Facilities Committee. Superintendent Cook reviewed staffing and open positions. The Committee also discussed district safety and security, the newly hired School Resource Officer, and district professional development.

3. **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion**

Stephanie Livingston (District DEI Coordinator) has been working with administrators to develop a timeline, schedule upcoming committee dates, and updating the district website. Mrs. Livingston will give a DEI presentation at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

4. **Items from Board Members**

Trustee Del Castillo shared she will be resigning from the Board of Education, effective September 3, 2023. She indicated it has been a privilege and an honor to be entrusted by the people of Haslett to co-facilitate student-centered initiatives that have positively impacted students and the district.

President Polverento thanked Trustee Del Castillo for her service. She indicated a timeline and process for filling Ms. Del Castillo's seat will be shared with the Board of Education in the upcoming weeks.

President Polverento indicated she is attending an MASB "Back to School Legal Workshop" on August 17, 2023. She will provide a report to the Board of Education following the workshop.

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED BY DEL CASTILLO TO APPROVE:

1. THE JULY 24, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE AUGUST 8, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE AUGUST 10, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE HIRING OF LAURA THOMPSON AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER AT HASLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL.
5. THE HIRING OF DESIREE WATERS AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER AT RALYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on August 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY DEL CASTILLO TO ADJOURN AT 8:09 PM.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0

Date Approved\_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)