



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020
7:00 PM, **VIRTUAL FORMAT**
517-339-8242

Present: Lemmer/Collins/East/Michaud/Morey/Polverento/Wheeler
*An attendance roll call was held

Staff: S. Cook/R. Jensen/M. Gustafson/B. Butcher/J. Cassin

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Tammy Lemmer, President.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No correspondence or comments from the public.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Construction Update

Superintendent Cook gave an update on the status of construction for the 2018 Bond. At this point in time, the district is planning to move forward as scheduled, with construction beginning this summer. If Governor Whitmer's current "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order is extended, alterations to this plan will be made. The final construction bids have been received from Clark Construction and are listed in the Consent Agenda for board approval.

2. Kindergarten Round-Up Activities

As a result of the extended "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order from Governor Whitmer, Kindergarten Round-Up activities scheduled for the month of April have been postponed. Superintendent Cook and WECC Principal Frias have met to discuss alternative plans. These plans will be shared with the community when finalized.

3. Outstanding Lunch Debt Payment

Frank Walsh (Meridian Township Supervisor) and his wife have graciously committed to paying all outstanding student lunch debt for both Okemos Public Schools and Haslett Public Schools. Superintendent Cook thanked Mr. and Mrs. Walsh for their generosity.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-35

On April 2, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued an Executive Order 2020-35 suspending in-person K-12 instruction for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Upon final approval of each district's Continuous Learning Plan, provisions of the Executive Order include:

- Waiving the requirement to report attendance days to the Department of Education for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year (school districts will not be required to make up in-person school days missed in the 2019-20 school year).
- Requiring districts to agree to continue to pay all school employees through the end of the school year to be eligible to receive state-aid. School district employees have been deemed by Governor Whitmer to be essential workers. (All Haslett employees who need to enter a school building are required to complete a screening procedure.)
- All student assessments to be suspended for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year (the SAT will be given in the Fall of 2020).
- Requiring Individual Learning Plans be completed for all Special Education students.
- Waiving the evaluation requirement for district teachers and administrators for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. President Lemmer, Vice President Polverento, and Treasurer East will meet to further discuss how to move forward with a potentially modified evaluation for Superintendent Cook.

A COVID-19 webpage has been added to the district website, which includes links to the Executive Order, correspondence to the community from Superintendent Cook, and helpful resources.

2. District Continuous Learning Plan

Haslett Administrators and teachers have completed the District's Continuous Learning Plan, as outlined in Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-35. The Haslett plan has been submitted to and approved by the Ingham Intermediate School District. The IISD will now be submitting our plan to the State of Michigan for final approval. Upon approval, the Continuous Learning Plan will be posted on the district website.

The district website has designated a webpage for Continuous Learning, which includes instructional plans for each building, along with parent resources and technical support. Students will be engaged in 1-2 hours of instruction per day, utilizing the Google and Seesaw learning platforms. Training videos for both platforms are available on the district website. Chromebooks have been provided to families who did not have access to electronic devices at home. Printed paper packets are also available for students and may be picked up outside of the individual school buildings. The district will give parents an opportunity to provide feedback at the end of the first week of instruction.

The district will also begin to look at various school activities that were originally scheduled through the end of the 2019-20 school year to pursue alternative dates.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

1. Finance/Facilities Committee
No Report.

2. Policy/Personnel Committee
No Report.

3. Items from Board Members:

- President Lemmer and the Haslett Board of Education members expressed their appreciation to the Haslett Administrative Team and teachers who worked tirelessly to plan, prepare, and promote the district's Continuous Learning Plan. They also commended the Technology Department for their work over the last few years to maintain the exceptional strength of technology within our district, which positioned the district well for this shift to online learning.
- Treasurer East gave an update on two previously planned out-of-state student field trips. The Haslett High School trip to New York City (scheduled in May for Juniors and Seniors) has been cancelled, and choir student families will be refunded in full. The Choir Boosters are covering the cost of the trip insurance for all students.

The Haslett High School Galapagos Islands trip for Mrs. Wawro and Ms. Snook's Spanish/Ecology students scheduled for June 2020 has been postponed and rescheduled for the Summer of 2021. Students who originally signed up for this field trip were given the option of attending the field trip on the new dates, receiving a full voucher towards another trip, or cancelling the trip (with a refund – minus only trip insurance and miscellaneous costs).

Treasurer East reported all teachers involved in these field trips handled the trip changes professionally and considered what was in the best interest of their students and families.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY MOREY SECONDED BY POLVERENTO TO APPROVE:

1. THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE CONSTRUCTION BIDS RECEIVED FROM CLARK CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2018 BOND.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0 (Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting has been scheduled for April 20, 2020 at 7:30 AM. This meeting will be held in a virtual format.
- A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting has been scheduled for April 24, 2020 at 7:30 AM. This meeting will be held in a virtual format.
- A regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on April 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held in a virtual format.

- A regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on May 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Haslett Administration Building. *If circumstances warrant, this meeting may be held in a virtual format.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY WHEELER SECONDED BY MICHAUD TO ADJOURN AT 7:55 PM.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0 (Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays)

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)