



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020
7:00 PM, **VIRTUAL FORMAT**
517-339-8242

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

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

Board Correspondence:

Secretary Wheeler acknowledged correspondence from: Judith Barry, Alicia Dashevskiy, Jason Kildea, Paul/Jenelle Rawlins, Patty McPhee, and Michael Church. The correspondence received from these individuals centered around the district's options for returning to school in August 2020.

Comments from the Public:

The following individuals presented a public comment: Emily Stivers, Alicia Dashevskiy, Jeff Smith, Anthony Graybosch, Dave/Beth Betten, Kenya Sekoni, Stacey Camp, Kristin Kildea, Michelle Harden, Todd Krajniak, Jeff Ackermann, Michelle White, Nichole Waters, Melissa Rosenberg, Danielle Torres, Chip Taunt, Kelli Oldham, Rachel Sestak, Sergey Dashevskiy, Lisa Garcia, Tricia Zeman, Rachel Hansen, Chris Waters, Jennifer, Sonia Lerch, Eric Brolin, Trisha Bird, Janet MacFarlane, Nathaniel Holcomb, David, Rothstein, Jamie Prevo, Rhonda, Sarah Hundt, Laura Hunter.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Staff Retirement

Superintendent Cook acknowledged the retirement resignation of Myrtelisa Bunker-Schumacher (Kindergarten Teacher at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center), effective July 24, 2020. Mrs. Bunker-Schumacher served the district for 30 years. Myrtelisa was thanked for her years of service and wished well in her retirement.

The district offered a Voluntary Severance Plan for teachers. Currently, the district has received nine teacher retirements. All positions have been posted.

2. High School Graduation Plan

Superintendent Cook discussed formal plans for the upcoming High School Graduation scheduled for Sunday, August 9, 2020. Graduation will begin at 10:00 AM as a drive up/walk through at Jamie Gent Stadium. High School staff were acknowledged and thanked for their planning efforts to ensure a special event for the Class of 2020.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Responsive Return Plan Update

Superintendent Cook and Associate Superintendent Gillings updated the board on the most current reopening plan for the Fall of 2020. A current draft of protocols and considerations for both in-person and remote instruction were presented and discussed. The conversation

focused on the pros and cons of all options, while reviewing remaining gaps and pending details in the plan. Physical and emotional health and safety of students and staff were primary considerations, as well as the importance of supporting successful educational outcomes as we transition to deliver our curriculum online at least part of the time.

In order to follow the State's Return to School Roadmap, it was determined that there are too many barriers and unanswered questions to return all students to in-person learning five days per week by the first day of school. A Special Meeting was proposed in order to give administrators and the Board of Education additional time to review the options and was scheduled for the following Monday, August 3, 2020.

Superintendent Cook thanked the staff for their countless hours in helping to write and finalize this comprehensive plan. President Lemmer also thanked the administrative staff for their time and diligence.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

1. Policy/Personnel Committee

Chairperson Polverento indicated the Policy/Personnel Committee met on July 14, 2020 to discuss the Return to School Plan and parent survey results. The committee was also given a budget and Bond update, along with an update on construction work that is in progress throughout the district.

2. Finance/Facilities Committee

Chairperson East indicated the Finance/Facilities Committee met on July 15, 2020 to also discuss the Return to School Plan and parent survey results. The committee was given an update on the 2018 Bond and the latest budget news.

3. Haslett's Voices for Change

President Lemmer and Secretary Wheeler recently met with members of the group, Haslett's Voices for Change (HVFC – recent young alumni from Haslett Public Schools) and district administrators. The members of HVFC were thanked for sharing their concerns with the Haslett Board of Education. All participants are optimistic that working with HVFC to advance the efforts underway in developing a district equity plan to be used throughout the buildings, inclusivity and respect will be promoted. Board policy language has been proposed, which will be presented to the Policy/Personnel Committee at their next meeting. Representatives from HVFC will come before the board to present at an upcoming meeting.

4. Items from Board Members:

- President Lemmer reiterated a thank you to Haslett staff and administrators for their work on the district's Responsive Return Plan. She also extended a thank you to the Haslett community who joined tonight's meeting.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION BY EAST SECONDED BY WHEELER TO APPROVE:

1. THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2020, REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2020 POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING, AS PRESENTED.

3. THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2020 FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE BANK DEPOSITORY AND BANK SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS, AS PRESENTED.
5. THE APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL, AS PRESENTED.
6. THE DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS, AS PRESENTED.
7. THE PRELIMINARY LOAN APPLICATION SCHOOL BOND LOAN FUND, AS PRESENTED.
8. THE APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21, AS PRESENTED.
9. THE RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 5:30 PM TO A VIRTUAL FORMAT, BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM.

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

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting had been scheduled for August 3, 2020 at 8:00 AM in the Haslett Administration Building. This meeting will be rescheduled for an earlier date.
- A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting had been scheduled for August 6, 2020 at 8:00 AM in the Haslett Administration Building. This meeting will be rescheduled for an earlier date.
- A Special Board of Education Meeting has been scheduled for August 3, 2020 to complete the Return to School discussion and vote. This meeting will be held in a virtual format.
- A Regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting has been scheduled for August 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held in a virtual format.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MOREY SECONDED BY POLVERENTO TO ADJOURN AT 11:31 PM.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0

Date Approved_____

Board Secretary_____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)