



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
7:00 PM, **VIRTUAL FORMAT**
517-339-8242

Present: Lemmer/Collins/East/Michaud/Morey/Polverento/Wheeler

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

*An attendance roll call was held.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Board Correspondence:

Secretary Wheeler acknowledged correspondence from Greg and Trisha Bird relating to the reassignment of elementary teachers.

Email correspondence was received from Joy Whitten regarding administering an additional survey prior to implementation of the Hybrid Plan and from Becky Beauregard and Melissa Spadafore regarding the timeline for teacher reassignments. Email correspondence was also received from Randy Watkins from the Lansing Branch of the NAACP regarding the investigation of an allegation received in May 2018.

Comments from the Public:

Jeff Kessner presented a public comment regarding returning the children back to the classrooms.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Haslett Ranks Near the Top

Haslett Public Schools has been ranked 31 out of 537 school districts by Niche.com in its 2021 Best School Districts in Michigan rankings. The rankings are based on data from the U.S. Department of Education, as well as reviews from students and parents. Ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, and public school district ratings.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2019-20 District Audit Presentation

Nick West from Maner Costerisan reviewed the 2019-20 District Audit and reported a designation of "unqualified opinion," which is the highest opinion that can be issued from the auditors. Mr. West previously met with the Finance/Facilities Committee on October 6, 2020 to review the audit in detail. The Finance staff and administration were commended for their diligence in managing district resources.

2. Recommendation to Purchase Chromebooks and Chrome Management Licenses

Director of Technology Cassin recommended the purchase of 200 HP 11 Chromebooks for use in the 2021-22 school year. Due to the fact there is currently a six-month backorder on Chromebooks, placing the order now will allow the Technology Department to review and prepare them this summer for distribution to students in the fall. The cost of each

Chromebook is \$215, and each Chrome Management License is \$23.50, for a total price of \$47,700 through Inacomp TSG. This item will be included on the agenda for approval at the December 28, 2020 board meeting.

3. COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan Monthly Reconfirmation
The Board of Education discussed the reconfirmation of the COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan. This plan must be submitted monthly to the Ingham Intermediate School District. Superintendent Cook reported there were essentially no changes to the plan submitted last month, with the exception of the Special Education Learning Lab pause that occurred during the month of November. This information is posted on the district website.
4. Responsive Return to School Attendance Data
The Return to Learn legislation (Public Acts 147, 148 and 149 of 2020) modified the attendance requirement from a measure of scheduled physical attendance over 180 calendar days to a measure of participation through two-way interaction. These communication results will be tabulated by building each week, are posted to the district website, and included in the monthly Extended Learning Plan required by the State of Michigan.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. NEOLA Resolution Regarding the Open Meetings Act
The Haslett Board of Education recently received a resolution recommendation from NEOLA regarding legislation that was passed in October (Public Act 228 of 2020). The State's Open Meetings Act was amended to allow bodies to conduct electronic "virtual" meetings with remote participation for any reason through the end of 2020, and in 2021 under specific circumstances. This resolution would authorize the Superintendent to create procedures to accommodate electronic participation by Board members who are absent due to a medical condition or due to a statewide or local state of emergency declared pursuant to law or charter by the governor or local official or local governing body after January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Haslett Board of Education approves the NEOLA resolution regarding the Open Meetings Act.

MOTION BY EAST, SECONDED BY POLVERENTO TO APPROVE THE NEOLA RESOLUTION REGARDING THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

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

VII. BOARD REPORTS

1. Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting
Chairperson East reported the Finance/Facilities Committee met on December 1, 2020. The committee had a conversation with Dr. Terry Flenbaugh of Michigan State University regarding his proposal for developing a district-wide equity plan, building principals shared assessment data, and Finance Director Jensen updated the committee on the status of the Food Service contract with Okemos Public Schools. The committee also received an update on Responsive Return to School planning and the development of cohorts and scheduling at the secondary buildings.
2. Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting
Chairperson Polverento reported the Policy/Personnel Committee met on December 2, 2020 with similar topics as the Finance/Facilities Committee. The committee also discussed Dr. Terry Flenbaugh's equity proposal, strategies to address areas of concern in fall assessment data, food service management plans, along with receiving an update on the Responsive Return to School planning.

3. Haslett's Voice for Change
Superintendent Cook reported Dr. Terry Flennaugh has been working with Haslett's Voice for Change to develop survey questions as part of the district equity plan. Very positive feedback has been received from building staff on the professional development led by Dr. Flennaugh.
4. Items from Board Members:
 - Treasurer East reflected on her six years of service to the Haslett Board of Education. During her tenure there were many unexpected events, including numerous staffing and curriculum changes, advances and improvements in Special Education, a successful bond proposal, and personally presenting three sons with their high school diplomas. Unexpected tragedies included the loss of students, a teacher and a principal; along with facing an unprecedented pandemic. However, through these challenges, she witnessed an incredible level of constructive, collaborative work by district administrators, teachers, students, and community. Ms. East reminded everyone to extend grace to one another and move forward in the collaborative manner that has always been the approach to building and maintaining an outstanding public school district.
 - President Lemmer thanked Treasurer East for her dedication and service to the Haslett Board of Education.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY WHEELER SECONDED BY MOREY TO APPROVE:

1. THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE DECEMBER 1, 2020 FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE DECEMBER 2, 2020 POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE ANNUAL SUMMER TAX COLLECTION NOTICE RESOLUTION INDICIATING HASLETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE COLLECTING 2020 SUMMER TAXES FROM MERIDIAN, BATH, AND WOODHULL TOWNSHIPS.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting has been scheduled for December 15, 2020 at 9:00 AM. A Zoom link will be provided for remote public participation in response to the Ingham County Health Department's restrictions for in-person gatherings.
- A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting has been scheduled for December 16, 2020 at 2:00 PM. A Zoom link will be provided for remote public participation in response to the Ingham County Health Department's restrictions for in-person gatherings.
- A Special Board of Education meeting will be held on December 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM. A Zoom link will be provided for remote public participation in response to the Ingham County Health Department's restrictions for in-person gatherings.

- X. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY POLVERENTO TO ADJOURN AT 7:54 PM.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)