



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 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

No correspondence or comments from the public.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Transportation Department Awarded Meijer Grant

The Haslett Transportation Department was recently awarded a \$250 grant from the West Lansing Meijer. This grant will be used to purchase disinfecting wipes to sanitize the district's bus fleet.

2. Best Wishes to Treasurer Karen East

Superintendent Cook thanked Treasurer East for her six years of service and dedication to the Haslett Board of Education. Karen's expertise will be greatly missed.

3. Responsive Return to School Update

Superintendent Cook gave an update on the Responsive Return to School Plan. COVID-19 numbers have continued to show a downward trend since Thanksgiving. The Return to School Hybrid instruction plan will be implemented no sooner than January 19, 2021 for elementary students and no sooner than January 25, 2021 for secondary students. All students received letters regarding their cohort placements prior to the Winter Break. A calendar of events related to the transitions will be shared with the community after the first of the year. Treasurer East reported Michigan data does appear to show a flattening of the curve. She still advises the Board of Education to have further conversations with the Ingham County Health Department, as they will have valuable updates and information on contact tracing. Superintendent Cook noted Linda Vail (Ingham County Health Department/Health Official) is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis with area superintendents (the next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2021). Linda Vail is also available via phone, when needed. The district has been working with Director of Special Education Polasek to determine a reopening of the Learning Labs. Depending on COVID-19 numbers, Superintendent Cook is hopeful the Learning Labs will be reopened shortly after the first of the year.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Contract Recommendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Board approves the Superintendent's recommendation for contract amendments for bargaining units for the 2020-21 school year.

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SECONDED BY COLLINS TO APPROVE THE SUPERINENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR BARGAINING UNITS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.

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 15, 2020 to discuss Dr. Terry Flennaugh's Equity Plan Proposal, changes being made to the Food Service position, along with receiving updates on the Responsive Return to School Plan, negotiations, and staffing.

2. Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

Chairperson Polverento reported the Policy/Personnel Committee met on December 16, 2020 to review Dr. Terry Flennaugh's Equity Plan Proposal (timeline and survey content), along with receiving updates on the Responsive Return to School Plan, cohort letters, negotiations, and staffing (needs and changes given the implementation of the hybrid model). The committee also discussed the Food Service position, renovations at Haslett High School, and scheduling an extra Policy/Personnel committee meeting in January 2021.

3. Haslett's Voice for Change

Superintendent Cook reported Dr. Terry Flennaugh met with the board committees to discuss the Equity Plan Proposal and survey content. Dr. Flennaugh has been invited to future committee meetings to further discuss the aims of the proposal.

4. Items from Board Members:

- Trustee Morey indicated he will miss Treasurer East's expertise and extended a thank you for her service to the Haslett Board of Education.
- Secretary Wheeler also indicated she will miss Treasurer East's expertise, as her understanding of public health and data analysis has been extremely helpful.
- Vice President Polverento shared she has learned so much from Treasurer East, and that Karen has made her a better school board member.
- Trustee Collins thanked Treasurer East and let her know she is appreciated and respected.
- Trustee Michaud also thanked Treasurer East for her years of service and indicated she will be missed.
- President Lemmer commented that Treasurer East brings a little bit of everything to her role as a board member with her comfort and expertise with budgets, public policy, public health, and science. President Lemmer also indicated she will especially miss Karen's work "behind the scenes," along with her time and energy spent ensuring the board stays connected and on top of issues.
- Treasurer East thanked her fellow board members and offered her assistance with the Equity Plan Proposal.
- Secretary Wheeler acknowledged and thanked Haslett teachers.
- President Lemmer thanked all individuals who have been involved and engaged this past year as the district navigated around this unprecedented time. She wished everyone a Happy New Year, and indicated she is looking forward to 2021.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY EAST SECONDED BY MOREY TO APPROVE:

1. THE DECEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE DECEMBER 16, 2020 POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE PURCHASE OF 200 HP 11 CHROMEBOOKS AND CHROMEBOOK LICENSES, NOT TO EXCEED \$47,700.
5. THE 2019-20 DISTRICT AUDIT PREPARED BY MANER COSTERISAN AND PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER 14, 2020 BOARD MEETING.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM. This meeting may be held remotely depending on the current Ingham County Health Department's restrictions for in-person gatherings.
- A regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on January 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM. This meeting may be held remotely depending on the current Ingham County Health Department's restrictions for in-person gatherings.
- January Committee Meeting dates will be scheduled soon.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY EAST, SECONDED BY WHEELER TO ADJOURN AT 7:31 PM.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)