



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
7:00 PM, **VIRTUAL FORMAT**
517-339-8242

Present: Lemmer/Bird/Collins/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. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Staff Retirement

Superintendent Cook announced the following staff retirement:

- Jean Minnema (Child Care Program Director) has submitted her retirement resignation, effective June 30, 2021. Best wishes to Jean, and we thank her for 33 years of service.

2. Parent/Guardian Survey

Superintendent Cook reported parents and guardians were sent a survey link in the February 19, 2021 district publication. This agenda item will be discussed in depth under the "Discussion" section below.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Responsive Return to School Plan Update

Superintendent Cook reported the elementary Hybrid Plan began on February 1 and secondary on February 8. All Haslett Public School employees who chose to receive the Pfizer vaccine should be 14 days past their second inoculation by March 19, 2021. The Ingham County Health Department has indicated that no quarantine is required 14 days after receiving the second inoculation. The District is currently developing a revised timeline for the next phase of the Responsive Return to Learning Plan, which could include additional half days or full days.

A new district survey was sent out to parents and guardians on Friday, February 19, with a closing date of February 26 and the possibility of an extension through March 1. This survey will provide an opportunity for parents to indicate a change in their learning choice (virtual or face-to-face) for their children. Updates are necessary for planning transportation schedules, food service for full-time options, safety protocols, and staffing for the next phase of the Return to School Learning Plan. Approximately 47% of our students are currently utilizing the online only learning mode, while 53% are hybrid. Trustee Collins clarified the new phase will still include a full-time online option.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently revised their community transmission thresholds, with the number of risk categories reduced from 5 to 4. The "Lowest" and "Lower" categories of risk have been combined into one "Low" category: 0-90 cases/million and <5% positivity rate. Current numbers have been lining up with the new "Low" transition threshold (40+ days declining).

All current safety protocols and mitigation procedures will remain in place, including mandatory mask wearing, daily cleaning procedures, frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing, and a commitment to social distancing.

The District will make every attempt to accommodate social distancing; however, depending on the number of students in each setting (classroom/lunchroom, etc.) this might not be possible at all times. Preliminary guidance from Ingham County Health Department Social Services has indicated that recommended distancing will most likely be reduced from six feet to three feet. Building principals have indicated students have been very cooperative with wearing masks in the school setting.

The District is interested in participating in a rapid testing pilot program and has been added to a list of school districts with the Ingham County Health Department who are also interested in the pilot. At this time, regular testing is only available to student athletes.

The next steps for the revised Return to School Learning Plan will include analyzing data from the parent/guardian survey, collaborating with the Administrative Team and staff to finalize and communicate new schedules, determining additional staffing needs, developing revised transportation schedules, developing food service schedules and protocols for lunch and curbside food distribution, considering if more safety protocols are necessary for in-person instruction, and communicating the revised district plan and timeline to parents and the community.

Superintendent Cook indicated a “Question and Answer” informational sheet will be developed to answer various questions, and he also encouraged parents to call or email with any additional questions.

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Board Correspondence

Secretary Wheeler shared correspondence from Derek and Christina Snyder and Jenna McLendon regarding the parent survey, Robin Eagleson regarding full-day in-person instruction, and Vongaishe Mutatu representing Haslett’s Voice for Change. Kelly Roe’s correspondence pertaining to the return to in-person learning was read aloud to the Board of Education members.

All correspondence received by the Haslett Board of Education is personally read, considered, and receives a response.

Comments from the Public

The following individuals presented a public comment: Brian Webster, Stacey Camp, Joshua Heethuis, Jason Kildea, Jeffrey Kessner, and Vaughn Thompson.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

1. Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

Chairperson Polverento reported the Policy/Personnel committee met on February 16, 2021 to discuss back to school updates, students returning to their classrooms, and plans moving forward with administrators and staff regarding measures to take when bringing students back to school (lunch and social distancing). Members also received an update from Director of Finance Jensen regarding the preliminary student count numbers and the changes to the State formula. The spring NEOLA policy update timeline was discussed, and Chairperson Polverento indicated she would be reviewing with Mr. Rob Dietzel (Thrun Law Firm) the points of confusion he identified within existing board policy and proposed new language.

2. Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting
Chairperson Bird reported the Finance/Facilities Committee met on February 18, 2021 with an agenda similar to the Policy/Personnel Committee. The committee discussed the Responsive Return to School, along with receiving an update on the return of students to their classrooms. Director of Finance Jensen also shared information on enrollment preliminary student count numbers and changes to the State formula.
3. Haslett's Voice for Change
Superintendent Cook indicated a meeting will be scheduled with members from Haslett Voices for Change and Board of Education members. Superintendent Cook is working on the staff/student/community Equity Plan and Survey with Dr. Terry Flennaugh. Last week, secondary staff attended a Professional Development opportunity facilitated by Dr. Terry Flennaugh.
4. Items from Board Members
 - Trustee Michaud shared the National Honor Society is conducting many fundraising efforts, including a Blanket and Bottle Drive. They are also supporting Haven House, Angel House, and the You Got This! Project.
 - Greg Bird and Cammy Wheeler indicated their appreciation for the exceptional work exhibited by the teachers and building staff as they transitioned into the Hybrid mode of instruction.
 - President Lemmer congratulated Haslett Bowling Team member Lincoln Brecheisen who bowled an almost perfect game of 298 against Eaton Rapids.
 - Vice President Polverento thanked Athletic Director Ferguson and district coaches for providing safe athletics for Haslett Public Schools.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY MOREY SECONDED BY POLVERENTO TO APPROVE:

1. THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021 FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE 2020-21 BUDGET AMENDMENT, AS INDICATED IN THE RESOLUTION OF ATTACHMENT A.

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

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting has been scheduled for March 2, 2021 at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held remotely in response to the Ingham County Health Department's restrictions for in-person gatherings.

- A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting has been scheduled for March 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held remotely in response to the Ingham County Health Department’s restrictions for in-person gatherings.
- A regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on March 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM. A Zoom link will be provided for remote public participation, as in-person school board meetings continue to be prohibited until at least March 30, 2021 under the Emergency Order issued by MDHHS on February 4, 2021.
- A regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on March 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM. A Zoom link will be provided for remote public participation, as in-person school board meetings continue to be prohibited until at least March 30, 2021 under the Emergency Order issued by MDHHS on February 4, 2021.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SECONDED BY MICHAUD TO ADJOURN AT 8:16 PM.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)