



MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021  
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840  
6:00 PM, **VIRTUAL FORMAT**  
517-339-8242

Present: Lemmer/Bird/Collins/Morey/Polverento/Wheeler  
Absent with Notice: Michaud

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Tammy Lemmer, President.  
\*An attendance roll call was held.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Recommended Responsive Return to School Plan

The Haslett Board of Education voted on March 8, 2021 to support expanding increased in-person learning time to begin no later than March 29, 2021. This past week, the State Legislature passed House Bill 4049 mandating schools to return to increased in-person learning no later than March 22, 2021. The District and the Haslett Education Association have reached an agreement on schedules/timelines for increased in-person instruction. This new plan will continue for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, with pre-COVID schedules returning for the 2021-22 school year.

Elementary Learning will include combining the current Blue/Gold cohorts and increasing instruction to four full days per week (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday). Wednesdays will remain asynchronous learning days. Lunch, creative arts, and recess will be provided. Murphy/Ralya starting and ending times will be 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and the Wilkshire Early Childhood Center starting and ending times will be 8:26 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Secondary Learning will include combining the current Blue/Gold cohorts and increasing in-person instruction to four partial days (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday). Wednesdays will remain asynchronous learning days. Lunch will not be served; however, students will be allowed to bring a snack, or snacks will be provided. Starting and ending times for Haslett Middle School will be 7:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. (3-85-minute blocks, plus 30 minutes of Viking Time), and Haslett High School starting and ending times will be 7:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (3-85-minute blocks, plus 30 minutes for Advisory time).

President Lemmer asked for clarification on the 3-85-minute blocks of instruction. Superintendent Cook indicated most of the minutes in the block of time will be instructional with additional break-out sessions. It was also noted that students would be required to bring their Chromebooks on a daily basis.

Students who are receiving Virtual Learning may have minor adjustments in the afternoon for Science and Social Studies, which will be taught live. The Elementary Virtual teacher assignments should not change. Secondary virtual schedules will change to align with revised in-person schedules, and secondary students will remain with their current teachers (live instruction will be delivered concurrently to virtual students).

Classroom capacity will be determined based on the ability to social distance a minimum of three feet, considering the size and configuration of the individual classrooms. If the distance is three feet or less, all classroom tables will have plastic barriers between students. Lunch tables will have plastic barriers installed for students at the elementary level. All other safety and cleaning protocols will remain in place, including mandatory mask wearing, daily cleaning procedures, frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing, and student screening.

Vice President Polverento inquired about assigned seating for classrooms. Superintendent Cook indicated assigned seating would be observed in the classrooms.

Parents, guardians, and students will receive additional details and notification of cohort changes this week from their child's principal. Revised transportation schedules have been developed and are available on the district website, along with menu and lunch information. The new schedules for elementary and secondary levels will begin on March 22, 2021. The schedule will be changed to Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, with Thursday as an asynchronous day the week prior to Spring Break (March 29 – April 1). This schedule will change back after Spring Break, which is scheduled for April 2 – April 9, 2021.

Treasurer Bird made an inquiry as to the process parents should follow if they wish to change from virtual to the hybrid model. Superintendent Cook indicated the district will attempt to honor all changes; however, more parents have indicated their wish to make a change than the district has open slots available to accommodate these changes at this time. Parents are directed to contact their building principal to request a change of learning instruction.

Vice President Polverento questioned the impact on our Special Education program and was informed by Superintendent Cook the Director of Special Education has been working with Special Education teachers to make accommodations for all Special Education students.

President Lemmer questioned the impact on the Wilson Talent Center students and was informed by Superintendent Cook that High School Principal Butcher has been in contact with the Wilson Talent Center, and students will have the option to attend in-person instruction at Haslett High School.

Treasurer Bird requested an update on the teacher and staff vaccination process. Superintendent Cook indicated currently over 90% of all district staff are fully vaccinated.

President Lemmer asked for clarification on the decision to proceed with partial days at the secondary level. Superintendent Cook indicated the provision of lunch and having students gather at the same time for lunch was the biggest challenge. It is also important to make sure schedules are appropriate for both in-person and virtual learning, and whether students are in the classroom or at home, they receive the same learning opportunity.

#### IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

##### Board Correspondence

Secretary Wheeler shared correspondence from Lisa Kostaroff-Armstrong, Doug Kelly, Amy Webster, Christy Adams, and Brooke Parmalee regarding support of additional face-to-face instruction; Adrienne Watkins pertaining to safety protocols; Kellie Upton with questions regarding elementary and secondary schedules; Christina Beckwith regarding scheduling and snack time; Kellee Hansen regarding equity across the cohorts; Tamara Smith regarding students

refusing to wear masks; Bethany Balks regarding a slow and cautious transition to more in-person learning time; Amanda Luther regarding the Michigan House Bill as it relates to funding; Eric Trotochaud regarding the student wait list; Julie VanAcker regarding families who chose virtual and wish to change to hybrid; Lisa Kuhoth regarding the school day/class lengths and cleaning at the secondary level; and Jeff and Jenny Sweet on the return to school in-person plan. An email was also received via the Webmaster regarding Wilson Talent Center students.

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: Lindsay Pumfery, Brian Webster, Kellie Upton, Danielle Torres, Korine Wawrzynski, Tricia Zeman, Jeff Sweet, and Samara Morgan.

V. ACTION ITEM

1. Recommended Revised Return to School Plan

**MOTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY POLVERENTO TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED REVISED RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN.**

The Haslett Board of Education continued discussion surrounding the approval of the Recommended Revised Return to School Plan.

Treasurer Bird requested clarification regarding the district's revised plan falling within the boundaries of the Michigan Department of Education. Superintendent Cook verified the MDE has been contacted, and upon consultation, they indicated the district's plan complies with the legislation. Superintendent Cook indicated the wait list is a concern for the district, and leadership is currently working with the Haslett Education Association to expand options for students to accommodate moving from full virtual to hybrid instruction.

Treasurer Bird expressed an appreciation to district teachers and staff who have strived to do the best they can for students, from both a health and educational perspective.

Trustee Morey asked for clarification on additional options for students who wish to return to more in-person instruction. Superintendent Cook indicated the district is looking at options to potentially bring back additional teachers without disrupting the schedules of students who wish to remain virtual.

Trustee Collins requested an update from Superintendent Cook on students who are currently on the wait list to return to additional in-person learning. This update and ongoing plans will be shared at the next Board of Education Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2021. The Haslett Board of Education is committed to bringing back as many students as possible in a nondisruptive way.

Vice President Polverento thanked Superintendent Cook and the Administrative Team for their efforts in maintaining the same teachers for the students who wish to remain virtual.

Trustee Collins also wished to thank district teachers and recognizes the important role of the Administrators, as they have been responsible for communication, setting up cohorts, meeting with the Haslett Education Association, and working tirelessly on developing the return to school plan.

**Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0 (Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays)**

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on March 22, 2021 at 7:00PM. 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.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY MOREY, SECONDED BY BIRD TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:21PM, PER THE REQUEST OF SUPERINTENDENT COOK, TO REVIEW AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(h) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, MCL 15.268(h).

Roll Call: Yes: Lemmer/Bird/Collins/Morey/Polverento/Wheeler  
No: None                   **Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0**

MOTION BY WHEELER, SECONDED BY POLVERENTO TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:25PM.

Roll Call: Yes: Lemmer/Bird/Collins/Morey/Polverento/Wheeler  
No: None                   **Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY POLVERENTO TO ADJOURN AT 8:26PM.

**Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 6-0**

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)