

M I N U T E S
Mason Consolidated Schools
Meeting of the Board of Education

Approved 4/5/23
March 1, 2023

Regular Meeting

On March 1, 2023, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. President Stieben called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Stieben, Smith, Otting, Fowler, Grodi, Larrow, and Larrow
Absent: Grodi and Skaggs
Also Present: Bates, Burt, Nieuwkoop, Russow, Tuller, McCain and Valentine

Pledge of Allegiance

-Led by Central Elementary School Student-Madeline Kolbe

Review/Approval of Agenda

President Stieben asked for a review of the agenda.
-It was moved by Smith, supported by Larrow to approve the agenda.
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Grodi and Skaggs)

Student Council Report

Mason Senior High School- Student Council representative, Maddison Moore reported that February is a slow month after Winterfest. They are working on spring fundraisers. Winterfest had a good turnout.

Mason Middle School-no report

Special Presentations

February Staff Member of the Month

-Mrs. Stacy Morrow, MCS Senior High School Math Teacher, was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the February Staff Member of the Month.

Public Comment

-No public comment

Superintendent's Report

Communication and Community Engagement:

-Jessica drafted an informational flyer that basic and easy to understand regarding our Non-Homestead Millage coming up. That will be out in backpacks and to everyone else soon. There will be a link on it to the ballot so it can be viewed ahead of time. It will also contain information to get an absentee ballot. A video will also be available.
-There are still some openings on the signup sheet for some of the upcoming township meetings and would like some Board members to sign up for these.

Academics and Programs:

-Whiteford reached out about a motivational speaker on October 2. He has been a nationwide, sought after individual. The speaker is an amputee that went on to be an All Stater and tells how he overcame his adversity. A lot of our kids have adversity in their homes, and this will deliver an important message. It will be for 6-12th grade.

Operations:

-The Board will go into closed session to talk about safety. There are some things we are proud of that are already in the works. We are moving in the right direction. Today, two stop signs were put up at the middle school crosswalk and the lines were repainted.

Donations:

-We received a \$1,000 check from Bobbi's Staff. A letter was received from someone from Sault Saint Marie who had seen the article about Bobbie's Staff in the Monroe News. They enclosed a check for \$25 towards the project as well.

-The District also received a \$500 anonymous donation from an individual who asked that it be used for the football field or the natatorium. The money will be earmarked for the natatorium and the scoreboard.

BOE Reminders:

-Mason Consolidated Schools Board Workshop Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m. Potluck Breakfast.

Pool Update:

-We received a sketch from our architect today along with the cost of the architect fee for drawings. This will need to be reviewed but is something we will need to do to move forward. We are still looking at if we can get away without digging.

Administrative Reports

-March administrative reports can be found on the District's website under the District Tab for the Board of Education.

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the February 1, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no comments or questions

Presentation of the minutes from the February 15, 2023 Board of Education Special Call Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no comments/questions

Presentation of the Closed Session minutes from the February 15, 2023 Special Call Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no comments/questions

Goal Reporting

-Ms. Tuller reported that this is a requirement of districts. The MTSS team decided to shift to NWAA testing twice a year instead of three times a year. The midyear testing seemed unnecessary. This reporting is K-8. Mr. Russow shared that they will give this a try this year and adjust from there.

Monthly Items

Check Register

-President Stieben presented; Ms. Tuller shared Mrs. Larrow's surprise about the cost of trash pick up for the district. This is being reviewed to see if pickups can be minimized.

Board Financial Report

-President Stieben presented; no comments/questions

New Business

The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held, Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library.

Recommendation to contract with Kuehnlein Concrete, Waterproofing and Epoxy for district sidewalk repairs at a cost of \$27,130.

-Motion by Larrow, support by Otting

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Grodi and Skaggs)

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the February 1, 2023, Board of Education Meeting

Approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023, Board of Education Special Call Meeting.

Approve the minutes from the closed session of the February 15, 2023 Special Call Board of Education Meeting.

Approve the February 2023 Check Register

Approve the High School YIG Members, along with YIG Adviser Terrance Davison, to attend the Spring Youth n Government Conference, March 16-19, 2023, in Lansing, Michigan.

Approve Sara Krohn, Jordyn Rimmer, and Madilyn Hafner attendance at the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, April 19-20, 2023.

Approve CTE purchase of 55 Dell Monitors and 6ft cables at \$18, 576.26 to be paid from 61a grant funds.

-It was motioned by Smith, supported by Fowler to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Grodi and Skaggs)

Board Reports/Comments

Larrow: Thank you Mike for getting on top of the sidewalk situation. It has been needed for a long time. Really happy with the way the community meetings are going. It really opened my eyes to get out there with the community and support the administrators and be able to answer questions. I am more than willing to go to whatever meetings we need to get this done. Thank you to everybody for what you do. Really appreciate it. Thank you for starting the after-school group class that Mr. Travis is starting.

Stieben: Same thing on the sidewalks and that report on the boilers and that we are getting closer. The CTE program is cool. That is a neat room. I have a special place in my heart for youth and government. Here's hoping for the pool that things go well.

Skaggs: Absent

Smith: Thank you for all the effort. I appreciate all the reports. We don't always focus on what you guys send us, but I spend time reading through it.

Grodi: Absent

Otting: Nothing

Fowler: Ditto, but I do agree with Ben about the updates from the administrators. It is nice to see what goes on in the district. Thank you for the motivational speaker. Kids need that positive vibe and good energy. It would be great to find someone to speak about social media as well. More of that positive vibe will help.

Closed Session

Section 8 (k): For a school board to consider security planning to address existing threats or prevent potential threats to the safety of the students and staff.

-Motion by Smith, supported by Otting.

Roll Call:

Fowler: Aye

Grodi: Absent

Larrow: Aye

Otting: Aye

Skaggs: Absent

Smith: Aye

Stieben: Aye

Motion carried: 5-0

Time In: 6:54 p.m.

Time Out: 7:51 pm.

Section 8 (b): To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of a student if the public body is part of the school district, intermediate school district, or institution of higher education that the student is attending, and if the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

-Motion by Smith, supported by Otting

Roll Call:

Fowler: Aye

Grodi: Absent

Larrow: Aye

Otting: Aye

Skaggs: Absent

Smith: Aye

Stieben: Aye

Motion carried: 5-0

Time In: 8:04 p.m.

Time Out: 9:30 pm.

Student Discipline Resolution

The preamble and resolution for student discipline were offered by Larrow and supported by Fowler. President Stieben read the Board Resolution for Student Discipline.

Roll Call:

Fowler: Aye

Grodi: Absent

Larrow: Aye

Otting: Aye

Skaggs: Absent

Smith: Aye

Stieben: Aye

Motion carried: 5-0

Resolution Adopted 5-0

Adjournment

At 9:35 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Smith to adjourn the March 1, 2023, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Grodi and Skaggs)

Jamie Otting, Board Secretary