

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

Approved 9/6/23
August 2, 2023

Regular Meeting

On August 2, 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 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Agenda

President Stieben asked for a review of the agenda.

Request to revise agenda to add resignation of Board Officer position. Insert as XII and move other agenda items down.

-It was moved by Grodi, supported by Otting to approve the agenda with proposed change.

Motion carried 7-0

New Staff Introductions

Several new teaching staff members were introduced to the Board. Staff members were asked to share a little about themselves and a word to describe how they are feeling about the upcoming year at MCS. The Board then gave each new teacher a word or phrase to ensure their success.

Superintendent's Report

Celebrations

Summer school is in the second of four weeks. 87 students are working on strengthening skills.

Personnel and Leadership

Current staff openings include Library Aide, Accounting Assistant, and Spanish Teacher.

Operations

Pool update: Copper wire has been installed. The inspector will be in on Thursday to review the work before it is covered up. The handicap lift is delayed in shipping. ADA does not allow us to have a portable lift, so we had to go with a permanently placed one.

The floor in room 16 at the middle school was removed and it was found that there is a significant settling issue that has caused the floor to crack and slope and cause gaps along the register units. This is being addressed.

One high school boiler did not pass inspection because of a leaking tube. This will have to be addressed. The other boiler was addressed in the summer of 2020.

Lockout USA was out July 28th to obtain measurements for our safety commitments with them including the boot, ballistic shields, placards, and critical incident and room mappings.

Monroe County School of Choice Enrollment

We will have an addition of 10 new students approved to enroll including an exchange student from Vietnam. 4 current students have been released to attend other Monroe County districts.

Administrative Reports

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

Public Comment

-none

Monthly Items

Check Register

- President Stieben presented; no comments or questions

Board Financial Report

- Dawn Nieuwkoop reviewed a new report indicating more specificity and ease of reading budget information for the Board; no comments or questions

Discussion

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

Action

Recommendation to approve Kelly Roberts for HS MAVIA position at step 1BA pending receipt of favorable criminal history, background checks, and required certification.

-Motion by Larrow, support by Smith Motion carried 7-0

Recommendation to hire Derrick Hayes as Dean of Students/Athletic Director at \$72,197

-Motion by Otting, support by Grodi Motion carried 7-0

Recommendation to hire Alyssa Chontos, CES IF Aide, at \$14 per hour.

-Motion by Otting, support by Grodi Motion carried 7-0

Recommendation to hire Stephanie Ashbeck, CES IF Aide, at \$14 per hour.

-Motion by Grodi, support by Smith Motion carried 7-0

Recommendation to approve an increase in athletic fees.

-Motion by Otting, support by Stieben

Roll Call Vote:

Stieben - yes

Smith - yes

Otting - yes

Larrow - yes

Grodi - yes

Skaggs- no

Fowler – yes

-Motion carried 6-1

Recommendation of additional G.P.A. scale for recognition of Advanced Placement Courses.

-Motion by Smith, support by Stieben Motion carried 7-0

Recommendation to hire Lisa Smagner, Deli Position, at \$14.21 per hour.

-Motion by Larrow, support by Otting Motion carried 7-0

Consent Agenda.

Approve minutes from the July 12, 2023, Board of Education Meeting
Approve the Closed Session minutes from the July 12, 2023 Board of Education Meeting.
Approve the July 2023 Check Register
Approve CES Student Code of Conduct
Approve MMS Student Code of Conduct
Approve MSHS/MAVA Student Code of Conduct
Approve GSRP Teacher Contract
Approve Jason Burt to attend 2023 MAEDS Conference in Traverse City, MI October 25-27, 2023.

-It was motioned by Grodi, supported by Otting to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0

Resignation of Board Officer Position

President Bruce Stieben announced his resignation as Board President citing the ability to give the amount of time necessary due to changing family circumstances. President Stieben indicated that Policy 2405 indicates that the vice-president will succeed the president for the remainder of the term. Therefore, Dr. Ben Smith is now the Board President.

Dr. Smith then asked for nominations for the vice-president position. Trustee Chandra Fowler nominated Jamie Otting, supported by Trustee Mike Grodi.

Roll call vote
Fowler-yes
Grodi-yes
Larrow-yes
Otting-abstain
Skaggs-yes
Smith-yes
Stieben-yes
Motion carried 6-0

Dr. Smith then exercised his authority as president to appoint Janie Skaggs as secretary for the remainder of the term.

Board Reports/Comments

Smith: Thank you for the privilege. I will try to do it justice. Thank you to past Board presidents and whoever may be in the future. Dawn, thanks for revamping our statements and making them easier to read and for the discussion of sports. It is a concern.

Grodi: Bruce, thank you for your service to the Board. Condolences to Ben, Jamie and Janice. Thank you to all of the staff. I think we have a great group of teachers. For those that don't know, I was appointed as Deputy Supervisor for Erie Township. Legal counsel said there is not a conflict of interest. We have a posted secretary job at the Township if anyone knows anyone interested.

Stieben: I agree with Mike, the teachers we had in here today are awesome. You should all take a ton of credit for that. We have been increasing the academic rigor of our school over the last ten years. Thrilled about the quality of people we are getting. I do like the new financials. I have been humbled and privileged to serve as the president for the last seven years and three years as vice president under Pat. I have seen so much growth here at Mason from an academic standpoint but also from a financial standpoint. It was touch and go financially when I

first came on the Board to where we are at today and financially stable. I am proud of who we have had in here and doing what they have. We have had wonderfully respectful people on the Board. Knowing that I am focusing on my move, I felt I should step down, but will remain on the Board until I move. A huge and heart thank you to all of you I have worked with. It has truly been an honor to say I am the President of the Board of Education for Erie Mason and look at what we have done.

Skaggs: The energy in this room with the new teachers is fantastic. Bruce, you've done great and you're going to be missed.

Otting: Congratulations to Ben. Bruce we will miss you. I am ready for school to start.

Larrow: Good luck on your new journey Bruce.

Fowler: Ditto

Adjournment

At 8:08 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Grodi to adjourn the August 2, 2023, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0

Jamie Otting, Vice President

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary