

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

Approved 9/7/22
August 10, 2022

Regular Meeting

On August 10, 2022, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the IVN Room at Mason Senior High School. President Stieben called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Grodi, Larrow, Smith, and Stieben
Absent: Fowler, Otting, Skaggs (arrived 6:13 pm)
Also Present: Tuller and Nieuwkoop

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Agenda

Addition: Action Item G: Addition of Policy 1201 to list of policies.

-It was moved by Grodi, supported by Smith to approve to the revised agenda.
Motion carried 4-0; 3 absent (Fowler, Otting, Skaggs)

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the July 13, 2022, Board of Education Meeting
-Presented by President Stieben; no questions or comments

Presentation of Closed Session minutes from the July 13, 2022, Board of Education Meeting
-Presented by President Stieben; no questions or comments

Policy 1201 Mission Statement

-Superintendent Tuller shared the revisions to Policy 1201 to align with the District adopted Mission, Vision and Beliefs.

Superintendent's Report

Personnel and Leadership:

Interviews for band/choir teacher will take place Thursday, August 11th. Four candidates will be interviewed.

Interviews for the School Resource Officer position will take place Friday, August 12th. Five deputies have been selected for an interview. The District will have administrators, a board member, a teacher, and a student on the nine-panel committee.

Communication and Engagement:

The high school will hold a registration day for all 9th -12th grade students to complete housekeeping type tasks and get schedules.

Freshman Orientation is scheduled for August 30th. Mr. Don Traviss will get the incoming freshman acclimated with the building by completing scavenger hunts with above grade level peers and participating in fun activities.

District Open House will be held from 4-6 pm on September 1st.

Operations:

Natatorium Update: The pool is being prepped and is one of the maintenance department's top priorities.

Bleacher repair update: Despite the rain, this project remains on target for completion by August 19.

Policy 3109- Non-service animals: Thrun has changed this policy to be curricular animals. Policy 3109 indicates no animals on District property. The insurance company has been contacted to discuss liability if dogs are permitted on District property.

Enrollment- District School of Choice information was shared and resident district information will be shared at a future meeting once registration is complete.

Monthly Items

July 2022 Check Register

-President Stieben presented; no comments/questions

Board Financial Report

-Superintendent Tuller presented; no comments/questions

New Business

The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held, Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library.

Thrun Policy Updates

-Superintendent Tuller shared the annual policy updates as provided by Thrun Law Firm.

Motion to approve Policy 3303 Gifts and Donations without optional language by Smith, supported by Larrow

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Motion to approve revision to Policy 4109 Break Time for Nursing Mothers to include optional language by Stieben, supported by Grodi

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Motion to leave Policy 4227 False Medicaid Claims intentionally blank, by Stieben, supported by Smith

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Motion to approve revision to Policy 4301 Definition (Non-Exempt Staff) to include optional language by Smith, supported by Stieben

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Motion to approve revision to Policy 5101 Student Expression to include optional language by Grodi, supported by Larrow

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Motion to approve revision to Policy 5710 Student Suicide Prevention to include optional language (posting informational materials) by Smith, supported by Larrow

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Operating Millage Proposal

Recommendation of Non-Homestead Renewal Resolution was shared by Superintendent Tuller. It was reported that our Non-Homestead Millage expires this December. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, with a .5 mill increase to protect against future Headlee erosion. This would ensure we receive our full foundation allowance and avoid extra elections if the district were to have to vote a restoration each time an erosion occurs. Currently we collect 17.9532 mills of the allowable 18 mills. This proposal is for six (6) years, 2023 -2028, and will be on the November 8th, 2022 ballot.

Recommendation to hire, Alyssa Chontos, Assistant Head Cook, at \$14.00 per hour

-Recommendation was shared from Beth Johnson indicating Ms. Chontos's experience, skills, and fit for the position.

Recommendation to hire Andrea Basile, bus driver at \$18.50 per hour

-Recommendation was shared from Mike Valentine indicating Ms. Basile's experience, skills, and fit for the position.

Recommendation to hire Rebekah Anderson, High School Instructor, at Step 1-BA \$36,075

-Recommendation was shared from Brandon Bates indicating Ms. Anderson's experience, skills, and fit for the position.

Recommendation to hire Danielle Heck, Central Elementary School part-time secretary, at \$17.90 per hour

-Recommendation was shared from Deb McCain indicating Ms. Heck's experience, skills, and fit for the position.

Recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 individual contract of Madilyn Hafner, GSRP Lead Teacher

-Recommendation was shared by Superintendent Tuller to approve the continuing contract of Ms. Hafner.

Public Comment

-No public comment

Consent Agenda

Approve minutes from the July 13, 2022, Board of Education Meeting
Approve Closed Session minutes from the July 13, 2022, Board of Education Meeting
Approve July 2022 Check Register

-It was moved by Smith, supported by Larrow to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Action

Adopt Operating Millage Proposal Resolution
-Motion previously made by
Approve the hire of Rebekah Anderson, High School Instructor, at Step 1-BA \$36,075

-Motion by Grodi, support by Smith
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Approve the hire of Danielle Heck, Central Elementary School part-time secretary, at \$17.90 per hour

-Motion by Larrow, support by Stieben
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Approve the hire of Andrea Basile, bus driver, at \$18.50 per hour

-Motion by Larrow, support by Grodi
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Approve the hire of Alyssa Chontos, Assistant Head Cook, at \$14.00 per hour

-Motion by Skaggs, support by Stieben
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Approve the 2022-2023 individual contract of Madilyn Hafner, GSRP Lead Teacher

-Motion by Larrow, support by Smith
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Approve Policy Revisions 1201, 2501, 3301A, 3105, 3109, 3303, 4109, 4227, 4301, 5101, 5104, 5710

-Motion by Smith, support by Mike
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Approve removal of Policies 3409 and 4226

-Motion by Stieben, support by Grodi
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Board Reports/Comments

Larrow: What a wonderful job Mr. Pollard did with the parent meeting on Sunday. The kids knew exactly what was expected of them and I want to give him a tip of the hat. I would also like to report for the mole hunter, 15 is the count.

Skaggs: Welcome to Dawn and our new folks. Blessings to all as you prepare for startup.

Stieben: I am super happy with how the pool works. It looks like a brand new building in that portion of it. I am glad the bleachers are finally addressed. The new hires, I am tickled about that. We are going to have a lot of retirements here in the next ten years. It is going to be incumbent on Kelli and the Board to shape what the group of teachers look like. Pray that we do the right stuff to attract the right people and pray that we recognize the right people so that we can make this long term viable.

Grodi: Dawn congratulations and condolences all in one. I am going to go with Bruce, I am super stoked that the bleachers are done. The pool, I was just coming on the Board when that was happening. It is nice to see things getting done. Kudos to everyone here and not here for pushing rocks up the hill. To Mrs. Skaggs, the Headlee Amendment is hard to understand. That is why we hire professionals to understand this. I encourage everyone to start advocating this.

Smith: Welcome Dawn, it is good to have you on board. In regards to the rest, Ditto on everyone else's comments.

Fowler: Absent

Otting: Absent

Adjournment

At 7:36 p.m., it was moved by Smith, supported by Grodi to adjourn the August 10, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler, Otting)

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary