

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

**Approved 11/1/23**  
**October 4, 2023**

**Regular Meeting**

On October 4, 2023, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

-The Pledge was led by Desmond Gordy, CES student.

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

President Smith asked for a review of the agenda.

-It was moved by Grodi supported by Stieben to approve the agenda as presented  
Motion carried 6 -0

**Special Presentation**

**September Staff Member of the Month**

-Mr. Allen Rosenberger, MCS Senior High School Industrial Technology teacher, was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by his colleagues as the September Staff Member of the Month.

**Superintendent's Report**

- **Celebrations**
  - National Principals' Month: The Board recognized the dedication of Ben Russow, Deb McCain, Brandon Bates and Dustin Pollard.
  - Deputy Rollins was an integral part of a summer engagement program aimed at supporting youth by remaining connected and participating in activities, events, and mentoring.
  - Spring Assessment Scores were shared by the principals. All three MCS buildings showed notable growth. Staff was commended for their commitment to teaching and learning and noted highlights and accolades were given to the Middle School for scoring the highest in 6 of 8 middle school areas, Central for scoring in many of the top proficiency ranges in 5 of 8 areas and the High School outperforming all State and County averages in all areas.
- **Personnel and Leadership**
  - New Teacher Academy: Welcome and classroom management session took place September 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Openings: World Language
- **Academics and Programs**
  - Brad Hurtig was here Monday, October 2, for an assembly for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students with his message "Find a Way". Brad overcame adversity and he challenged students to do the same through determination and support.

- Central Elementary is starting a robotics team. Under the mentorship of Jason Burt and Terrance Davison, students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have the opportunity to explore this wonderful STEM activity.
- Operations
  - Pool update: The pool is back open. We will address some tile areas that need to be smoothed over or replaced due to the trenching.
  - Boiler: Quotes are being collected to address the tubing of the HS boiler that failed inspection.
- Enrollment
  - October 4<sup>th</sup> was Count Day. We do not have an audit count, yet we have decreased enrollment from the previous month. This is due to the transient community we have, as well as schools just getting requests for records.
- Donations to the District
  - Pat Larrow: \$100 Monetary Donation to Mason Middle School Youth in Government

### **Administrative Reports**

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

### **Public Comment**

-Tara Stubleski shared her concerns about G.P.A, academics and higher-level education.

### **Monthly Items**

Check Register

- President Smith presented, no comments or questions

Board Financial Report

-President Smith presented, no comments or questions

The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held, on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library.

### **Action**

Recommendation to award Herkimer Radio Service contract for mobile and handheld unit replacement at a cost of \$40,664.79.

-Motion by Stieben, support by Otting Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve Middle School Youth in Government trip to Lansing, MI November 19- 21, 2023.

-Motion by Smith, support by Grodi Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to hire Amanda Fitz for the Deli position at \$14.21 per hour pending favorable criminal history and background checks.

-Motion by Otting, support by Stieben Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to rehire Linda Mold as an MCS Driver at \$18.50 per hour.

-Motion by Otting, support by Stieben Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve optional revision to Policy 4216: Personal Communication Devices

-Motion by Smith, support by Grodi Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to adopt 4200 Employee Conduct and Ethics: Policy 4228 No Expectation of Privacy

-Motion by Otting, support by Fowler Motion carried 6-0

**Consent Agenda.**

Approve minutes from the September 6, 2023, Board of Education Meeting  
Approve the September 2023 Check Register  
Approve CES Schedule B, PLC Leader, Mentor positions  
Approve MMS Schedule B, PLC Leader, Mentor positions  
Approve MSHS Schedule B, PLC Leader, Mentor positions  
Approve Angie Gerber to attend the SHAPE Physical Education Conference November 2-4, 2023 in Lansing, MI.

-It was motioned by Otting, supported by Stieben to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0

**Board Reports/Comments**

Skaggs: Very grateful for the Principals and know that you have loved it and the kids for such a long time. It brings me great joy and comfort. Kudos for Homecoming. It was festive and a big deal and super energy.

Otting: Good job guys. Really good work. The sophomore float should have won. All the floats were really nice this year. The energy was nice. Trunk or treat is coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup> in the high school parking lot. We have some new kinds of stuff going on. It is 6:00-7:30. If you have a trunk and want to participate in all the events, Luna Pier has a trunk or treat on the 18<sup>th</sup> in the plaza that they always do.

Larrow: Absent

Fowler: Congratulations to the principals. You have been amazing in your dedication to our District. You lead the charge so if you are not into it, things don't happen, so it is a big thing. Homecoming was great, I attended and there were so many people, and everyone seemed to be having a good time. It is good for our community. I see people there that don't have kids here. I am impressed with learning about the food that we serve here, it is wholesome food. I look at it now with a different perspective. It is good for our kids. I understand where Tara is coming from. I was able to participate in a nursing program when I was here, but there was nothing for my daughter when she was here. I had to work to send my daughter to the program in Monroe. For me, I realized I didn't want to be a nurse. I wouldn't have known that if I hadn't done that program. We are getting so much better and I appreciate that.

Smith: As usual, thank you principals. Thank you to our leaders in general. You are the visible faces to the students. I am very grateful that as a team, all of our leaders work well together. In regard to the comments of Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Stubleski, it can be hard to find opportunities as a parent. We are getting better about making more opportunities available. We have to have a starting point and we have that. We can grow from there. I appreciate the work that has gone into that. We appreciate the concerns of the parents. I am happy about our scores as well.

Stieben: So proud to be working with you all for this amount of time. Continue the push on the expectation of excellence. We are here to support you on the journey 100%. Scores, thrilled with the scores and Deputy Rollins. I didn't realize all this could happen by having an SRO available.

Grodi: Homecoming was a great job. Joe Robison was at Homecoming and made some comments on how to move the Osprey nest. I have been working at the township for the past few months. We had a contractor come in and ask questions about the community and it was so easy to say great things about this place. Great job to the principals. My kids are the only Board members kids that have attended the Middle College and there are a lot of reasons for that and I will not apologize for that. It is an opportunity for kids to attend college that may not otherwise get to attend college.

**Adjournment**

At 7:34 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Stieben to adjourn the October 4, 2023, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0

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Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary