

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

**Approved 2/7/24**  
**January 3, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

On January 3, 2024, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. President Otting called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

-The Pledge was led by CES Student Council Member, Ava DeSloover.

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

President Otting asked for a review of the agenda and noted the changes needed.  
*Remove Middle School Student Council Report*

-It was moved by Otting supported by Larrow to approve the agenda with changes  
Motion carried 7-0

**Public Comment**

- Angie Gerber shared information about the need for middle school softball to be a school sport and distributed a proposal to the Board of Education.
- Chris McClain shared the history of middle school softball and the need for middle school softball to be a school sponsored sport.
- Kim Rector shared the history of middle school softball as submitted by Deana Vanderpool
- President Otting thanked all for sharing and indicated this information will be given to the Athletic Director.

**Student Council Reports**

Middle School

High School- HS Student Council President, Rayann DuRocher shared the various activities and events the HS student council members are planning and engaging in.

**Special Presentation**

December Staff Member of the Month

-Mrs. Kelsey Cole, 6<sup>th</sup> grade educator at Mason Middle School, was nominated by her peers and honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by Mason staff as the December Staff Member of the Month.

Staff Recognition

Superintendent Teller asked for recognition of Dean of Students/Athletic Director, Derrick Hayes for his significant impact with students and staff since starting in the district this fall. Words of praise were received and shared from Mrs. Kammy Krimmel and Principal Bates shared the undeniable impact Mr. Hayes has had on the school community.

FY23 Mason Consolidated Schools Audit

Sarah Rafko from Calkins Hehl and Rafko, CPAs PLLC, presented the audit.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Celebrations:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Madrigal was held December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. It certainly is heartwarming to see so many kiddos share their talents and humor at this show. A special thank you to Christina Swaile, Justin Johnson and the Mason Music Boosters for putting on such a great event for our families and community.

### BOE appreciation Month

January is Board Appreciation Month. All 7 members were recognized for their commitment to the students, staff and district of Mason Consolidated Schools.

### Board Member Recognition

Board Trustee, Bruce Stieben, was recognized for his 11 years of service. Superintendent Tuller shared words of praise for Mr. Stieben's commitment to growth at MCS.

### Operations

Masin roofing finished the roof above the pool area hallway entrance.

Lockout USA completed the critical incident maps and classroom maps for safety locations.

Lakeshore completed the flooring in room 16 where we had the sloping floor.

### Meeting Reminders

Board members were reminded of dates for upcoming municipality meetings and the interview date for a projected board vacancy.

## **Administrative Reports**

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

## **Monthly Items**

### Check Register

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

### Board Financial Report

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

### Sinking Fund Report

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

## **Consent Agenda.**

Approve minutes from the December 6, 2023, Board of Education Meeting

Approve the December 2023 Check Register

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

## **Action**

Approve the timeline for the May 2025 Bond Proposal.

-Motion by Grodi, support by Fowler to approve the timeline with the ability to adjust the election date based on election outcome data and election costs.

Roll call:

Stieben-Yes

Fowler-Yes

Otting-Yes

Skaggs-Yes

Grodi-Yes

Smith-Yes  
Larrow-Yes  
Add Motion carried 7-0

**Board Reports/Comments**

Grodi: Congratulated Jamie Otting for accepting the leadership position of president, thanked Angie Gerber for sharing about middle school softball and thanked Derrick Hayes.

Otting: Shared that JEBL starts Sunday and a recognition of Courtney Hammond for being so great to work with for their program.

Fowler: Echo of Mike and shared her appreciation of the proposal for future consideration.

Larrow: Shared a thank you to Bruce Stieben for his time with the Board. She stated that she got on the board to speak for the kids and that middle school softball is for kids.

Stieben: Shared that he is officially vacating his position. He thanked the Board for all of their years together and he feels he is leaving Mason better than when he entered. Thanked Pat Larrow for her years of support when he was the president.

Skaggs: Thanked Bruce for his service and Angie Gerber for sharing.

Smith: Thanked Bruce for the counsel and leadership. Thanked Derrick for the work he is doing at Mason as the Dean/AD.

**Adjournment**

At 7:41 p.m., it was moved by Larrow, supported by Stieben to adjourn the January 3, 2024, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0

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Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary