

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

Approved 2/2/22  
January 5, 2022

**Regular Meeting**

On January 5, 2022, 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 6:04 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Central Elementary Student Council member Coralee Goda.

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

President Stieben asked to remove agenda item Special Presentations A, due to the absence of the student council president.

-It was moved by Smith, supported by Otting to approve to the revised agenda.

Motion carried 7-0

**Election of Board Officers**

President, Vice-President, Treasurer, & Secretary

-Nomination for **PRESIDENT** Stieben by Smith

Roll call:

Grodi-Yes

Fowler-Yes

Otting-Yes

Skaggs-Yes

Smith-Yes

Stieben-abstained

Motion carried: 6-0; 1 abstained

-Nomination for **VICE-PRESIDENT** Smith by Fowler

Roll call:

Grodi-Yes

Fowler-Yes

Otting-Yes

Skaggs-Yes

Smith-abstained

Stieben-Yes

Motion carried: 6-0; 1 abstained

-Nomination for **SECRETARY** Skaggs by Stieben

Roll call:

Grodi-Yes

Fowler-Yes

Otting-Yes

Skaggs-abstained

Smith-YES

Stieben-Yes

Motion carried: 6-0; 1 abstained

-Nomination for **TREASURER** Fowler by Grodi

Roll call:

Grodi-Yes

Fowler-abstained

Otting-Yes

Skaggs-Yes

Smith-Yes

Stieben-Yes

Motion carried: 6-0; 1 abstained

### **Reading of the School Board Member Code of Ethics**

President Stieben read Policy 2302 Board Code of Ethics

### **Discussion**

Establishment of Board Committees - Assignment of Members to Committee

- Monroe County School Board Association/Representative to the ISD: (1 member) -Janice Skaggs
- Michigan Association of School Boards Delegation Representative: (1 member)-Bruce Stieben
- Reproductive Health/HIV: (2 members) Jamie Otting and Ben Smith
- Legislative Relations Network Representative: (1 member) -Bruce Stieben
- Policy Committee: (Committee of the Whole)
- Interview Committee: Board members will be called as needed on a rotation basis. If unavailable or unreachable, the next available member will be called.

Designation of 2022 Board of Education Meeting Dates and Locations

-Superintendent Tuller presented a draft schedule of Board of Education meeting dates. Trustee Larrow shared her concern about ensuring that special call meetings will be utilized to assist in big decisions.

Designation of Cooley, Hehl, Sabo & Calkins PLLC CPA as Auditors for 2022

-Annual approval of auditor presented by President Stieben.

### **Special Presentations**

~~Student Council Report-High School~~

Student Council Report- Middle School

- Middle School Student Council Officers honored the Board of Education with a reading of gratitude for their commitment to MCS students and staff. Board members were presented with a goodie bag.
- Miss Sepulveda shared activities and events led by the Middle School Student Council.

December Staff Member of the Month

- Mrs. JoAnna Lewis was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the December Staff Member of the Month.

### **Superintendent's Report**

School Board Recognition Month: January is School Board recognition month. A special thank you was made to all Board of Education members for their commitment to the students, staff and district of Mason Consolidated Schools.

ESSER III update: The ESSER funds are restricted funds available for use through September 2023. The district has entered allocations to use these funds in the following way: improving air quality, technology/CTE, improving student outcomes, mental health supports, PPE and cleaning products.

CTE Offerings: Superintendent Tuller is an active member of the Monroe County CTE Hub Committee tasked with offering and increasing CTE opportunities for students in Monroe County. The committee is looking to add an Electrical Technician program offering to students beginning next year to be held as a high school program on the campus of MCCC as well as Welding.

Radios: The Monroe County ISD has agreed to purchase one radio per school district which allows immediate communication with all local emergency personnel. These radios are approximately \$2500. The Monroe County Sheriff's Department will train district personnel on use of these radios.

COVID Update: Superintendent Tuller shared updates regarding current COVID-19 positivity numbers, county and local case numbers, and county vaccinations percentages. Information referenced may be found on the Monroe County Health Department website and the District website COVID-19 Dashboard.

### **Administrative Reports**

- January 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 December 1, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

- President Stieben presented, no comments or questions

Presentation of minutes from the December 11, 2021 Special Call Board of Education Meeting

- President Stieben presented, no comments/questions

### **Monthly Items**

Check Register

- President Stieben presented; no comments/questions

Board Financial Report

- President Stieben presented; no comments/questions

### **New Business**

Recommendation to hire Heather Spagnol for Middle School IF Aide at \$14 per hour.

-Mr. Russow provided a recommendation to (re)hire Heather Spagnol based on her skill set and previous experience in his building.

Recommendation to hire Lindsey Liford for stock/assistant cashier at \$14 per hour.

-President Stieben presented the recommendation from Food Service Director, Kadie Petrovic.

Recommendation to approve Career and Technical Education- System Administration Program

-Superintendent Tuller shared the vision for growth of career pathway CTE programs in the district. Technology Director, Jason Burt, provided specifics of the System Administration Program and opportunities for students to receive credentials for post-secondary endeavors.

Recommendation to approve the attendance of Superintendent Tuller at the MASA 2022 Midwinter Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan January 19-21, 2022

-Superintendent Tuller shared the value of networking at professional association conferences and requested approval of her attendance at the MASA Midwinter Conference.

### **Public Comment**

-Kim Cousino shared comments and concerns regarding Board Policy 5106: Transgender. Additionally, comments were shared regarding cleanliness of buildings.

### **Consent Agenda**

Approve the minutes from the December 1, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Approve the minutes from the December 11, 2021 Special Call Board of Education Meeting

Approve the December 2021 check register

Approve the designation of Cooley, Hehl, Sabo & Calkins PLLC CPA as auditors for 2022

Approve the attendance of Superintendent Tuller at the MASA 2022 Midwinter Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan January 19-21, 2022

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

Motion carried 7-0

### **Action**

Approve the establishment of Board Committees - Assignment of Members to Committees

Monroe County School Board Association/Representative to the ISD: (1 member)

Michigan Association of School Boards Delegation Representative: (1 member)

Reproductive Health/HIV: (2 members)

Legislative Relations Network Representative: (1 member)

-It was motioned by Smith, supported by Fowler

Motion carried 7-0

Approve the recommendation of designation of 2022 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

-It was motioned by Otting, supported by Larrow  
Motion carried 7-0

Approve the hiring of Heather Spagnol for Middle School IF Aide at \$14 per hour.

-It was motioned by Larrow, supported by Grodi  
Motion carried 7-0

Approve the hiring of Lindsey Liford for stock/assistant cashier at \$14 per hour.

-It was motioned by Otting, supported by Grodi  
Motion carried 7-0

Approve the Career and Technical Education System Administration Program

-It was motioned by Larrow, supported by Stieben  
Motion carried 7-0

**Board Reports/Comments**

Fowler- Congratulations to Mrs. Lewis, she is pretty great. Thank you to the administration for the push on mental health and the social wellbeing of our kids, it is huge. Keep your eyes and ears open for other things that we can be doing. CTE is huge. We could start looking at things to do with healthcare, we are moving in the right and I love it. Thank you for looking at the options for the kids and keeping us moving.

Grodi- Happy New Year. On Board ethics policy, I don't think anyone on our staff should be recommending any student for a medical procedure or an abortion. I agree with Kim, it is not the function of this Board depending on the age of the kid, to not provide information to a parent relative to the mental health or safety of their kid. We need to take a look at that.

Larrow- Congratulations to Mrs. Lewis for this month. That was a great nomination for sure. I am anxious to hear more about the Challenge Day from Ben and Brandon and it can be of any help with that I would love to contribute however I can. I agree with Chandra that we are getting there with the social emotional part and I think we have been needing it for a long time. I agree with Mike that for us to review to see what we can do to help our kids and support our parents too. Not all parents want to know but many do on what is happening with their children.

Otting- Jason, fantastic. Thank you that is very exciting for us. Brandon and Ben same thing, for Challenge Day, if there is anything you need from me, I would be happy to help. Brandon, thank you for getting parent opportunities out there. I am happy to hear it is junior senior and eighth graders coming in. JEBL kicks off at the high school this weekend. The games are going to start. Anyone is welcome to show up and check it out.

Skaggs- Support of everything that has been stated so far. I love all the exciting and innovative stuff. I know of the hard work that goes into that and I am totally appreciative. If we have a muddied policy, we should look at it as it is not our intention to have muddied language. I am a huge proponent of parents not being left in the dark. With the cleanliness, we need to tackle this in some sort of way. The official's room was an embarrassing spot. Kevin made a huge dent in it this weekend. It is embarrassing and beneath us to have spaces here that are dirty and disgusting. Maybe it is time to do some more working parties or elbow grease parties. It goes a long way and makes everybody feel better about things and not embarrassed. Pat, I wanted to thank you for the photos she donated to the basketball program.

Smith- I am surprised Janice missed the chance to say ditto, so I will to all that. In regards to the muddy language, it is a concern and it is a parents right to know what is going on with a child then it must be changed unless it is a legal problem that must be looked into. Ben, Mr. Bates, wonderful ideas. Please keep working with them and expanding them. Jason, good work. Mrs. Tuller, thank you for pushing and giving the opportunity to Jason. I don't want to burn you out so continue to work to sustain. Parents, thank you for your involvement as well.

Stieben- Ditto. The Challenge Day program I am excited to see what that looks like. That can be extremely impactful to students. Jason, thank you. It is great to see your passion unleashed. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, thanks for your service. To my fellow Board members, happy 2022. We will look at the policy again to see if we can do anything with it. Maybe there are other words that can be used to address it. We will look at it again and bring it before the Board. Mrs. Tuller, staff, it is an honor to be here with you.

### **Adjournment**

At 7:37 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Fowler to adjourn the January 5, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0

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Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary