

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

Approved 2/3/21
January 25, 2021

Regular Meeting

On January 25, 2021, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a virtual public meeting in the IVN room at Mason High School. President Stieben called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present Virtually: Larrow, Stieben, Smith, Otting, McGarry, & Fowler
Board Members Absent: Skaggs

Also Present Virtually: Supt. Tuller, Burt, Blair, Bates, McCain, Trainor, & Russow

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Agenda

President Stieben presented; Superintendent Tuller requested the addition of New Business C: Recommendation to hire Claire Schinkel for Middle School LRE Aide Position at \$11.50 per hour, 4 hours per day; Addition of Action Item D: Approve recommendation to hire Claire Schinkel for Middle School LRE Aide Position at \$11.50 per hour, 4 hours per day.
-It was moved by McGarry, supported by Smith to approve the agenda
Motion carried by a roll call vote 6-0; 1 absent (Skaggs)

Special Presentation

Pool Facility Update- Architect, Lance Mushung SSOE
-Lance Mushung, SSOE Architecture presented a revised natatorium assessment outlining updated cost for lighting and modifications to the existing air handling unit to provide some exhaust and energy recovery until a full de-humidification system can be achieved.

Board Member Resignation

-Ms. McGarry delivered her resignation from the School Board.

School Board Appreciation Month

-Superintendent Tuller presented, on video, an example of what the certificates of appreciation look like that they will receive. Words of gratitude shared for the board members commitment to the students, staff, and Mason Consolidated School district.

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the January 25, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

-Mr. Stieben presented, there were no changes or questions

Recommendation to approve the interior finish work as recommended in the December 2020 Natatorium Assessment presented by SSOE Group

-Mr. Stieben presented

Recommendation to approve lighting replacement as recommended in the December 2020 Natatorium Assessment presented by SSOE Group

-Mr. Stieben presented

Approve the recommendation of designation of 2021 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

-Mr. Stieben presented, there were no changes or questions

New Business

Reconfirmation of COVID-19 Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

-Superintendent Tuller shared results from the parent and staff surveys. It was reported that 63% of respondents indicated preference for a full-day schedule. Superintendent Tuller also indicated 4% of respondents indicated a preference to move from virtual to in-person learning. 98% of staff respondents indicated preference to continuing the reduced day schedule. Based on the survey results, the positive and quarantine numbers being managed by the current schedule, and administrative feedback on class sizes and social distancing overall, it was recommended to continue the current schedule.

Report of Two-way Communication

-Mr. Stieben presented; building principals shared percentage information and how follow-up occurs with disengaged students.

Recommendation to hire Claire Schinkel for Middle School LRE Aide Position at \$11.50 per hour, 4 hours per day.

-Superintendent Tuller shared the recommendation from Principal Russow to hire Claire Schinkel to provide adult support for a student as outlined in the I.E.P. Claire worked as an aide in the past at Mason and comes highly recommended.

Public Comment

-No public comment

Superintendent Report

Open Meetings Act: Due to the extension of the MDHHS order on January 22, 2021, Board meetings will remain fully virtual through February 21, 2021.

Additional Funding: On January 19, Governor Whitmer announced the Michigan COVID Recovery Plan, focusing on vaccine distribution, economic recovery, and schools. The proposal includes a one-time \$457 million allocation for Michigan schools – which will be distributed in two categories: an equal per pupil and according to special education FTE. As is the case with previous iterations of ESSER funding, the proposal allows districts to spend these dollars on a wide range of expenditures related to COVID-19 response and student learning.

Athletics: Due to the current restrictions prohibiting athletics, permission was granted for practices and/or games to be held on Sundays. This is only for these extenuating circumstances and not to be precedent setting. Games on Sundays will be scheduled as a last resort. If necessary, games and practice times must occur between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. to allow families ample time for religious and/or family activities.

Operations Director: An 8-person committee will interview an internal and external candidate on Friday, January 29, 2021 with a recommendation of a candidate brought to the board on February 3.

Board Vacancy : Trustee, Andrea McGarry announced her resignation from the board effective January 25, 2021. The board has 30 calendar days to appoint member or the ISD will fill the vacancy. The Board of Education must appoint a member by February 24, 2021. Policy 2404 Board Vacancies and Appointments outlines board options for appointing a member. It is recommended that the board post this vacancy on the District Website, accept applications, resumes, and references, interview candidates in a public meeting held by the board and vote on the candidates. The vacancy will be posted on January 26, 2021.

Technology: Mason High School received the FIRST Robotics grant from MDE for \$7,170. The high school team is currently set after receiving 2 other grants and a generous donation of materials from a "retired team".

Resignation: Accepted the resignation of Deanna Kline, Central Elementary teacher of 15 years, to allow her to accept an administrative position in another district. Deanna was a true leader at Central and her leadership, love, and support for all will be greatly missed. We wish Deanna the best of luck. Accepted the resignation of Cheri Raudebaugh from the café for personal reasons. We thank Cheri for her approximately 9 years of serving the district and wish her the best of luck.

Facilities Update- The District will apply to have a free HVAC inspection. This information will guide the next steps with repairs, replacement, and a focus on energy savings. Maintenance continues to work on heat regulation at Central at this time. Administrators recently provided current maintenance needs of items regarding leaks, heat, water access, etc. The storage portable currently has a leak in the roof that appears to be substantial and possibly not worth the cost of replacement. Quotes will be reviewed regarding this to determine repair or removal.

Administrative Reports

-Mr. Stieben presented, no questions.

Full administrative reports can be found on the District website.

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the January 6, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Approve the recommendation of designation of 2021 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

-It was moved by Smith, supported by Fowler. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0; 1 absent (Skaggs)

Action

Approve the reconfirmation of COVID-19 Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

-It was moved by Otting, supported by Stieben. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0; 1 absent (Skaggs)

Approved bid process for interior finish work as recommended in the December 2020 Natatorium Assessment presented by SSOE Group.

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by McGarry. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0; 1 absent (Skaggs)

Approve lighting replacement as recommended in the December 2020 Natatorium Assessment presented by SSOE Group.

-It was moved by Fowler supported by Smith. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0; 1 absent (Skaggs)

Approve recommendation to hire Claire Schinke for Middle School LRE Aide Position at \$11.50 per hour, 4 hours per day.

-It was moved by Otting, supported by Stieben. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0; 1 absent (Skaggs)

Board Reports/Comments

McGarry: Want to thank everybody, the principals, and the staff, love you all. It has been an honor to be a part of this district for a long time. Thank you for all of the memories and the education of my kids.

Fowler: Andrea, thank you for the service you have provided. You have been great to work with on the Board. Hope we can find someone to replace you, it will be hard. Satisfied with our plan for continued learning. There was some talk from some people in Bedford about taking a look at our plan and how we are doing it. I thought that was pretty awesome.

Otting: Chandra, I will tap off of that, Bedford did adopt our model. Starting this next semester on the first, they will be following the Mason model. Andrea, sorry I didn't get to work with you longer. I have heard wonderful things about what you have been doing and hopefully we can fill your shoes with someone equally amazing.

Larrow: Good luck to you Andrea, please stay in touch. It has been a pleasure working with you. Would like to say Woohoo to the robotics team. Looking forward to their new adventures. Good luck to coach Jason and coach Ziems.

Smith: Andrea you will be sorely missed. I have enjoyed working with you on the Board and the swim board. Please keep in touch. Thank you for your service. Look forward to the Robotics team, the Golden Apple Award recipient, we have so many good things here at Mason. We are a creative group of people here at Mason and sometimes people don't give us enough credit. It is great to see how well we are working here; our teachers are fabulous, and we just need to keep working to give them the facilities they deserve.

Skaggs: Absent

Stieben: Thank you for being my vice president and thank you for your voice of reason. For being one of the people here that have a long history. You and Mrs. Larrow have taught me a lot of the history of Mason and why people feel about the things because of things that have happened. I hope we can find someone equally as amazing not to replace you but to move forward. The robotics team as well, ask Jason to show you the robots that came from the other team. They are huge and amazing. Shout out to Kelly and the athletic forum stuff. It has been rough this year. Athletics are as part of the learning portion of high school as anything else. Special shout out to her.

Adjournment

At 7:32 p.m., it was moved by Smith, supported by Stieben to adjourn the January 25, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried by a roll call vote 6-0; 1 absent (Skaggs)

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary