

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

Approved 3/2/22
February 7, 2022

Regular Meeting

On February 7, 2022, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. Vice President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Central Elementary Student Council member Madeline Kolbe.

Review/Approval of Agenda

Vice President Smith asked to remove agenda item Special Presentations C and Old Business C, due to the absence of many Board members.

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

Special Presentations

Student Council Report-High School President Hailey Blomgren
-Miss Blomgren reported that students have finished first semester exams and second semester has started. Winterfest activities begin on Tuesday, February 22.

January Staff Member of the Month

-Ms. Mary Kaye Heck was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the January Staff Member of the Month.

Natatorium Update

-Mr. Lance Mushung from SSOE reported that a contractor is on board, permits are filed with the State to allow work to be done. Demo is underway. Materials continue to arrive to allow them to move forward and meet the end date of end of April. Power washing of the roof deck will allow for better inspection and determination of full replacement or partial.

Closed Session

Section 8 (b): To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of a student if the public body is part of the school district, intermediate school district, or institution of higher education that the student is attending, and if the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

-Motion to enter Closed Session by Grodi, supported by Larrow

Roll Call Vote:
Grodi-Aye

Fowler-Aye
Otting-Absent
Skaggs-Absent
Larrow-Aye
Smith-Aye
Stieben-Absent

-Motion carried 4-0; 3 absent (Otting, Skaggs and Stieben)

Time entered Closed Session - 6:21 p.m.

Time out of Closed Session – 6:55 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Michigan State Police School Safety Grant: We will be applying for this grant and getting quotes to determine priorities for equipment submittal. The district is also looking at another grant for handheld radios.

Academics: The district is inquiring about offering a plumbing and pipefitting course here. The coordinator from the local 671 will be here to tour the high school lab tomorrow and to discuss the possibility. We will be looking at our lab to see if both this and our CTE could run concurrently. Dr. Smith and I are also looking into the opportunity for a pharmacy tech program. Course offerings are currently being audited so we can continue to align with post-secondary and career readiness goals.

Strategic Planning: The implementation team met and identified the first-year activities that the retreat team developed. The admin team met and assigned roles and responsibilities in all those areas. Excited to work on these goals once approved by the Board.

School Newsletter: We have a hard deadline to get a newsletter out at the end of March. The template looks beautiful and it will be named "Eagle Eye". It will go out to all community members and all students' families.

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

-February administrative reports can be found on the District's website under the District Tab: Reports

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the January 5, 2022 Board of Education Meeting

-Vice President Smith presented, no comments or questions

Discussion of Policy 5106 Transgender Students

-Superintendent Tuller shared the discussion she had with legal counsel regarding the Board's concern about parental involvement in the current approved policy. Superintendent Tuller reminded the Board that the District has a legal obligation to follow the policy's content, with the exception of the optional portions previously presented, regardless of adopting the policy or not. She shared that the sections indicating disclosure to parents does not indicate school personnel will keep information from parents, but be cognizant of parental response and support the student with this disclosure.

Discussion 2022 MCS Board of Education Meeting Dates

-Superintendent Tuller reported that the April 2022 date that was set is during Spring Break week and is asking that it be moved to April 20, 2022.

Monthly Items

Check Register

-Vice President Smith presented; no comments/questions

Board Financial Report

-Vice President Smith presented; no comments/questions

Tax Report

-Vice President Smith presented; no comments/questions

New Business

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Mason High School.

Recommendation to approve the attendance of Athletic Director Dustin Pollard MIAAA 2022 Conference in Travers City, Michigan March 18-21, 2022.

-Superintendent Tuller shared that this is a great opportunity for Mr. Pollard to network as a new Athletic Director.

MASB Board of Directors Selection Region 7

-Superintendent Tuller reviewed the three candidates, Guillermo Lopez, Susan Marlin-Zeiser, and Michael McVey. She mentioned of the three candidates, Marlin-Zeiser is local woman and on the Monroe Public Schools Board. Superintendent supports this local candidate as someone who knows our county and knows our county's needs. She also has a perspective on the teacher level, Board level and special education.

Recommendation to approve purchase of CTE Computer Information System Equipment

-Mr. Burt referred to the information provided in the Board's information packet. He has applied for a grant to pay for the purchase. He would like the Board to approve the spending of the grant money on this equipment.

Public Comment

-There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022 Board of Education Meeting

Approve the January 2022 check register

Approve the attendance of Athletic Director Dustin Pollard MIAAA 2022 Conference in Travers City, Michigan March 18-21, 2022

Approve the revised 2022 Board of Education Meeting Dates

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

Motion carried 4-0, 3 absent (Otting, Skaggs, Stieben)

Action

MASB Board of Directors Region 7 Selection

Grodi moved that the Board cast a ballot for Susan Marlin-Zeiser as MASB's Region 7 Board of Directors. Fowler supported.

Motion carried 4-0, 3 absent (Otting, Skaggs, Stieben)

Approve purchase of CTE Computer Information System equipment

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Fowler

Motion carried 4-0, 3 absent (Otting, Skaggs, Stieben)

Board Reports/Comments

Grodi- Would like to make a friendly suggestion to move the Administrative Reports up in the agenda if we have an issue that is going to be prolonged such as a closed session so they do not have to be here so long.

Larrow- Nothing tonight.

Otting- absent

Skaggs- absent

Smith- Thank you to the Board that showed up tonight for the rescheduled meeting and to everyone else that showed up tonight as well. Really excited about the new programs.

Jason excellent job for getting that put together in such a short duration.

Stieben- absent

Fowler- Same thing about programs, thank you because I think it is something we need. Thank you to the elementary students for the board recognition card.

Adjournment

At 7:26 p.m., it was moved by Grodi, supported by Smith to adjourn the February 7, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 4-0, 3 absent (Otting, Skaggs, Stieben)

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary