

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

Approved 3/6/24
February 7, 2024

Regular Meeting

On February 7, 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 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Grodi, Fowler, Larrow, Otting, Smith, and Waller
Board Members Absent: Skaggs
Also Present: Burt, Hayes, McCain, Nieuwkoop, Tuller, and Valentine

Pledge of Allegiance

-The Pledge was led by CES Student Council Member, Ruthie Liford.

Review/Approval of Agenda

President Otting asked for a review of the agenda and noted the changes needed.

Additions to Action:

H. Approve Policy 4408 Termination

I. Approve Policy 4409-R Non-Renewal

J. Approve Policy 4503-R Performance Evaluation

K. Approve Policy 4504 Performance Based Compensation

-Motion by Grodi supported by Smith to approve the agenda with changes

Motion carried 6-0

Public Comment

- Kim Rector shared her support of the proposal shared at the last board meeting for middle school softball to be a district sponsored sport.

-Deana Vanderpool shared historical information about middle school softball and the need for this sport to be a school sponsored sport.

-Tara Stubleski shared comments regarding the need to provide more opportunities for students achieving at higher levels, as well as her support for middle school softball becoming a district sponsored sport.

Student Council Reports

Mason Senior High School- No report

Mason Middle School- MS Student Council President, Mason Guinn shared the various activities and events the MS student council members are planning and engaging in.

Special Presentation

January Staff Member of the Month

-Deputy Bill Rollins, School Resource Officer for Mason Consolidated School, was nominated by staff and honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by Mason staff as the January Staff Member of the Month.

Staff Recognition

Superintendent Tuller asked for recognition of Operations Director, Michael Valentine, for completing the 80 hours of course work and earning an Operations Director Certification from Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO)

Superintendent's Report

Celebrations:

Welcome new Board of Education Member, John Waller.

Personnel/Leadership

Held our 5th New Teacher Academy Session: This month's topic was Stress Management and Self-Care led by Principal Brandon Bates and Social Worker Don Traviss. Our attendance averages about 5 new teachers per session and the feedback has been wonderful.

Academics and Programs

- The District is piloting a math interventionist position for the remainder of the year at Central Elementary School.
- Adding Advanced Placement (AP) Physics next year.
- Lourdes University will teach a section of English Comp, English Lit, Sociology, and Politics in the Media here on campus.
- High School students will begin utilizing a personalized learning plan to help guide their requests and career and post-secondary planning towards the end of the month.
- Purchased glasses for all students and staff to prepare for the solar eclipse on April 8th. It is predicted that the eclipse will occur during our elementary dismissal, so we wanted to ensure kiddos had the protection necessary and students at home have protection in the event they go out to look at it. It should last briefly and around 3:12 pm for us.

Community Engagement

- The latest issue of the Eagle Eye should be arriving in the mail this week.
- Administrators will briefly share that the district is seeking a bond proposal in May 2025 and understand the 2020 proposal was large in scope and uncomfortable for many. We will take all of the information we learned from that proposal, along with community input and transparency, to develop our new proposal. The first step will be to secure an architect and construction manager to begin the facilities assessment phase.

Donations

- Bobbie's Staff donated winter gear for CES students to warmly attend Camp Storer.
- JBL Speakers were purchased and donated by Hoopsters to upgrade the sound system in the High School gymnasium.

Meeting Reminders

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

Administrative Reports

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

-Athletic Director, Derrick Hayes, shared information on the public comments received asking for middle school softball to become a district sponsored sport. He referenced the meetings he has held to learn more about this request and indicated that he will be evaluating the needs of the program this season before a recommendation is given.

Monthly Items

Check Register

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

Board Financial Report

- Finance Director, Dawn Nieuwkoop, shared details on how to read this report and pointed out the increase in the athletic gate amounts compared to last year.

Sinking Fund Report

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

Tax Report

- Finance Director, Dawn Nieuwkoop, updated the Board on the current collection amounts.

Consent Agenda.

Approve the minutes from the January 3, 2024 Board of Education Organizational Meeting

Approve the minutes from the January 3, 2024 Board of Education Meeting

Approve the minutes from the January 23, 2024 Board of Education Special Call Meeting

Approve the January 2024 Check Register

Approve MASB Board of Directors Region 7 Vote- Mary Vincent

Approve purchase and installation of NYQuist E7000 IP Paging System and Installation from Fairchild Communication Systems, Inc at a cost of \$74,575.

Approve Kari Cooley and Dominick Chrysochoos, to attend the Michigan Science Teachers Association Annual Conference in Lansing, Michigan, on March 1-2, 2024.

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

Action

Recommendation to approve Policy 4108 Union Activity and Representation

Adopt Optional Language

-Motion by Smith, supported by Otting

Motion carried 5-1 (Grodi)

Recommendation to approve Policy 4207 Third-Party Contracting of Non-Instructional Support Services

-Motion by Fowler, supported by Grodi

Motion carried 5-1 (Larrow)

Recommendation to approve Policy 4402-R Placement (formerly Assignment and Transfer)

-Motion by Otting, supported by Smith

Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve Policy 4403-R Performance Evaluation

#7 Select Biennial

-Motion by Fowler, supported by Smith

Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve Policy 4404 Performance Based Compensation

-Motion by Smith, supported by Otting

Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve Policy 4405-R Reduction in Force and Recall
Select Option #2 Thoughtful Classroom: 5 Episodes of Effective Instruction; Select #2a-24
months

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

Recommendation to approve Policy 4407 Discipline

-Motion by Grodi supported by Waller
Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve Policy 4408 Termination
Adopt Option #2

-Motion by Grodi supported by Fowler
Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve Policy 4409-R Non-Renewal
Do not adopt optional language

-Motion by Otting supported by Grodi
Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve Policy 4503-R Performance Evaluation

-Motion by Grodi supported by Smith
Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve Policy 4504-Performance Based Compensation

-Motion by Smith supported by Fowler
Motion carried 6-0

Closed Session

Per MCL 15.268 (c): For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

Board Reports/Comments

-Motion by Smith, supported by Otting

Time In: 7:25 p.m.

Time Out of Closed Session: 8:23 p.m.

Board Reports/Comments

Otting: I want to thank Food Service for the treats.

Fowler: No Comment.

Larrow: I was sad to hear that the decision was made not to sponsor our middle school softball and baseball after all of the research by our coaches for so little money and to get our kids off of electronics and outside for healthy exercise. This decision will come back to bite us when we go back to the community for votes for other things. 40 girls wanting to play for \$2874. It does not seem like much money.

Skaggs: Absent

Smith: Thanks to the community for their participation tonight. Congratulations to our police officer.

Waller: No Comment

Adjournment

At 8:23 p.m., it was moved by Smith supported by Waller to adjourn the February 7, 2024, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary