

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

Approved 4/20/22  
**March 2, 2022**

**Regular Meeting**

On March 2, 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 6:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Central Elementary Student Council members Patrick Knapp and Emerson Heck.

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

-It was moved by Grodi, supported by Otting to approve to the revised agenda.  
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler and Smith)

**Special Presentations**

Student Council Report-High School

-Mr. Bates shared that the students took part in Winterfest activities, including the dance this past week. He recognized Mark Sweeney for being selected as the Winterfest King.

Student Council Report-Middle School

-MS Student Council President, Molly Sepulveda, shared the various activities the MS student council is engaging students in.

February Staff Member of the Month

-Ms. Jennifer Darr was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the February Staff Member of the Month.

Staff Member Recognition of Achievement

Finance Director, Mrs. Dana Blair, was recognized for completing the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) Chief Financial Officer Program. Mrs. Blair's commitment to lifelong learning is to be commended.

**Superintendent's Report**

Academics & Programs: The high school team is looking at implementing a course to support incoming at-risk freshmen. Mr. Bates observed a similar course at another school and is outlining a recommendation. Additionally, a course for all seniors is being developed to support the transition from high school to post-secondary endeavors. This course will cover employability skills, resume writing, job shadowing, mock interviews, financial aid, etc.

CDC: Updated guidance regarding COVID-19 on February 25, 2022 which included the removal of the requirement to mask on school buses.

Strategic Planning/MICIP: The District Leadership Team continues to develop the District Improvement Plan by extending and polishing the draft Strategic Plan. A work session was held on Tuesday, March 1, that lead to the development of anticipated outcomes in the areas of Academics and Programs, Learning Environment & Culture, Communications and Community Outreach, and Operations.

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**

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

### **Old Business**

Presentation of minutes from the February 7, 2022 Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no comments or questions

Presentation of minutes from the February 7, 2022 Closed Session Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no comments or questions

Presentation of minutes from the February 22, 2022 Special Call Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no comments or questions

Presentation of minutes from the February 22, 2022 Closed Session Special Call Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no comments or questions

Discussion regarding stadium bleachers

-Discussion occurred regarding plans for repair or replacement of the home side stadium bleachers. Michael Valentine and the District's current architect will draft three proposals to present to the board at a future meeting.

### **Monthly Items**

Check Register

-President Stieben presented; no comments/questions

Board Financial Report

- President Stieben presented; no comments/questions

Tax Report

- President Stieben presented; no comments/questions

### **New Business**

The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held, Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library.

Recommendation to approve FY22 Budget Revision

-Finance Director, Dana Blair, shared the revisions to the original FY22 budget. Considerations and adjustments were primarily based on revenue from grants and federal ESSER funding.

Recommendation to approve the attendance of Finance Director, Dana Blair at the MSBO 2022 Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan April 26-28, 2022

-President Stieben presented the request for Mrs. Blair to attend the MSBO Conference as a professional development opportunity directly related to her position.

Recommendation to approve the attendance of Operations Director, Michael Valentine at the MSBO 2022 Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan April 26-28, 2022

-President Stieben presented the request for Mr. Valentine to attend the MSBO Conference as a professional development opportunity directly related to his position.

Recommendation to approve the attendance of Sophia Ostrosky at the Michigan Science Teachers Association Annual Conference 2022 in Lansing, Michigan March 4-5, 2022

-President Stieben presented the request for Ms. Ostrosky to attend the MSTA Conference as a professional development opportunity directly related to her position.

Recommendation to approve overnight trip for Terrance Davison an YIG Members at the High School Spring Youth in Government Conference, March 17-20, 2022, in Lansing, Michigan.

-President Stieben presented the request for Mr. Terrance Davison and the HS YIG group to attend the Annual Spring Conference.

Recommendation to hire Emma Conway for I.F. Aide at Central Elementary at \$14.00 per hour.

-Principal Deb McCain presented the request to rehire, Ms. Emma Conway. Ms. Conway has been subbing in the vacant role and has done a tremendous job with the student she is assigned to support.

Recommendation to adopt revised Emergency Operations Plan

-Superintendent Tuller shared the revised plan, outlining procedures and protocols of response in the event of an emergency. Shut off locations for gas, power, and water were updated, as well as personnel and procedures for response to an intruder.

**Public Comment**

-Jake Nehrig asked the board if they would be talking about Critical Race Theory. President Stieben shared that CRT is not part of the Michigan Standards and not taught. He indicated that it is possible that teachers receive questions from students regarding CRT, yet direct instruction is not part of the curriculum.

Mr. Nehrig also asked about the transgender policy and who he could contact regarding some questions. Superintendent Tuller indicated he could contact her. Mr. Nehrig's final comment was regarding consideration for a silent auction to help raise funds for the bleachers.

**Consent Agenda**

Approve minutes from the February 7, 2022, Board of Education Meeting

Approve Closed Session Minutes from the February 7, 2022, Board of Education Meeting

Approve minutes from the February 22, 2022, Special Call Meeting

Approve Closed session minutes from the February 22, 2022, Special Call Meeting  
Approve FY22 Budget Revision  
Approve the attendance of Finance Director, Dana Blair at the MSBO 2022 Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan April 26-28, 2022  
Approve the attendance of Operations Director, Michael Valentine at the MSBO 2022 Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan April 26-28, 2022  
Approve the attendance of Sophia Ostrosky at the Michigan Science Teachers Association Annual Conference 2022 Conference in Lansing, Michigan March 4-5, 2022  
Approve overnight trip for the High School Spring Youth in Government Conference, March 17-20, 2022, in Lansing, Michigan.  
Approve hiring Emma Conway for I.F. Aide at Central Elementary at \$14.00 per hour  
Approve adoption of revised Emergency Operations Plan

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Otting to approve all items on the consent agenda.  
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler and Smith)

### **Board Reports/Comments**

Larrow: I wanted to thank Mike Valentine since a community member stated a light was out and Mike made sure one was out there. I love staff going to conferences to improve resume and knowledge. Mr. Bates, thank you for the personal meeting we had.

Grodi: Thank you, Dana for your hard work on the budget revisions and explanations. I apologize for missing our last meeting.

Otting: This is all good stuff. JEBL wrapped up last week and now moving into Erie Milers.

Skaggs: Thank you, Jamie for your time and your amazing energy with JEBL. Dustin Pollard is a rockstar. He is doing a fabulous job. I love the way we start all of these meetings now. They are positive and it is a nice addition. Both boys and girls basketball have won conference titles. So happy this season provide more normalcy.

Smith: Absent

Stieben: Thank you to administrators for your work, you guys are amazing and the work and your challenges are vast, but you find a way to make things nice for everyone. I agree, nice for normalcy. And I want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support through words, cards, flowers or being present to honor my father. I have been here 9 years and I still honored to work here. Thank you!

Fowler: Absent

### **Adjournment**

At 7:36 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Skaggs to adjourn the March 2, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0, 2 absent (Fowler and Smith)

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Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary