

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

Approved 4/3/24
March 6, 2024

Regular Meeting

On March 6, 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 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

-The Pledge was led by CES Student Council Member, Rowan Tunison

Review/Approval of Agenda

President Otting asked for a review and approval of the agenda.
-Motion by Grodi, support by Smith
Motion carried 6-0

Student Council Reports

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

February Staff Member of the Month

-Angela Bylicki, IF Aide at CES, was nominated by staff and honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by Mason staff as the February Staff Member of the Month.

Public Comment

-None

Superintendent's Report

Celebrations

March 6th is National Spread the Word Campaign Day. Spread the Word focuses on not just the elimination of the R word, but on inclusion for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This global campaign remains committed to empowering people to take action for inclusion in their school, community, or workplace.

Personnel/Leadership

Held our 6th New Teacher Academy Session: Trauma Sensitive Classrooms

Academics and Programs

Several students have participated in activities this past month. HS Robotics, MS Quiz Bowl, CES Science Olympiad, Math counts this past month.

Community Outreach

We are proud to announce that we have 25 organizations/group/business committed to joining us for our MCS Health and Wellness Fair to be held April 20 from 12-4 pm.

Operations

RFP for Architectural services and Construction Manager was posted March 1 and runs through March 29. President Otting and Trustee Grodi will sit on the interview committee for recommendation to the BOE in April.

Discussion occurred about resurfacing of the track to be primarily funded by track boosters and the Frank Connelly Trust.

Donations

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan: \$500 and Mini mechanical pencils to the High School Student Prevention Leadership Team

David Carner Construction: Installation of JBL speakers in the HS gymnasium

Meeting Reminders

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

Administrative Reports

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

Monthly Items

Check Register

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

Board Financial Report

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

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 February 7, 2024 Board of Education Meeting Minutes.

Approve Dawn Nieuwkoop's attendance at the MSBO Annual Conference April 23-25, 2024 in Grand Rapids, MI.

Approve members of the 2024-2025 Mason Reproductive Health/HIV Committee D. Approve annual 8th grade trip June 3-4, 2024.

-Motion by Waller, support by Grodi to approve all items on the consent agenda.
Motion carried 6-0

Board Reports/Comments

Grodi: The election was consolidated to one location for the township and Luna Pier. That will probably be the norm going forward. It seemed to work well. The bridge is going to be another 3 or 4 month project. Summit northbound will be down for the next couple of months

Otting: Erie Milers will kick off in two weeks. It is the little kids run club, grades 2-5. We will do a Color Run here on May 4th here on school grounds. Then we end our season with the Race for the Kids in June. Goodies with grandparents and book fair this Sunday. Next Wednesday the 13th at 6:00 pm is the variety show given by grades 3-8. Final act is a live band.

Waller: No comment

Fowler: Absent

Larrow: No comment

Skaggs: I would like to welcome John. Glad to have you.

Smith: Thank you to the work of the office staff and administration on the loan forgiveness program. Glad to see us work so hard for our employees. Mr. Grodi, good idea working with the township in our interest.

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, support by Otting

Roll Call Vote:

Waller-Yes

Fowler-Absent

Otting-Yes

Skaggs-Yes

Grodi-Yes

Smith-Yes

Larrow-Yes

Time In: 6:47 p.m.

Time Out of Closed Session: 7:31 p.m.

Adjournment

At 7:32 p.m., it was moved by Smith supported by Larrow to adjourn the March 6, 2024, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary