

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

Approved 5/5/21 ◆

Regular Meeting

On April 14, 2021, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting. President Stieben called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Grodi, Larrow, Otting, Smith, and Stieben

Board Members Absent: Fowler; Skaggs

Also Present: Tuller, Bates, Blair, Russow, Valentine, and Trainor

Review/Approval of Agenda

Remove Item V and Action Item E: Mason Transportation Association Grievance to be placed on May 5, 2021 Agenda

-It was moved by Otting, supported by Smith to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the March 15, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented. One change requested by Larrow; remove Katie Cervený name from list of volunteer coaches since already listed this coach by current name, Katie Shopshire.

Discussion of update on SSOE Design Proposal for the Mason High School Natatorium

-Superintendent Tuller shared the changes requested by Thrun Law Firm regarding the SSOE Natatorium Proposal to address the concerns regarding financial responsibility, site supervision, insurance, Michigan law, and standard forms. All concerns have been addressed and a new proposal sent to SSOE on April 13, 2021.

Monthly Items

Check Register

-President Stieben presented. Larrow stated her questions were answered by the Finance Director earlier this week.

Board Financial Report

- President Stieben presented. No comments

Sinking Fund Projects Update

-President Stieben presented. No comments

Tax Report

- President Stieben presented. No comments

New Business

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Mason High School.

-President Stieben presented

Reconfirmation of COVID-19 Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

-Superintendent Tuller reminded the Board of Education about the requirement to reconfirm the

District's plan every month. Current county positivity rates, local cumulative cases, and school cases presented. The recommendation to continue the current plan was given. No public input was received.

Report of Two-way Communication

-Superintendent Tuller shared the 2-way and in-person attendance percentages for the month of March.

Recommendation to purchase Central Elementary enVision Math K-5 and SuccessMaker 6-year subscription

-Superintendent Tuller shared that the current K-5 math program subscription expires this year and a team at Central reviewed the most current version to vet the curriculum and resources. The team strongly recommended the purchase of the updated version of enVision Math to continue the instructional progress in this core area.

Recommendation to purchase enVision Math K-5 and SuccessMaker professional development program

-Superintendent Tuller shared the professional development needs of this new program and recommended the purchasing of this support for teachers.

Recommendation of 2020 – 2021 Budget Resolution

-Finance Director Dana Blair presented the 2020-2021 Revised Budget and Ms. Blair explained the details of the revenues and expenditures in the General fund, Food Service, Technology and Sinking Fund.

Public Comment

No public comment

Superintendent's Report

Open Meetings Act: On March 31, 2021 the MDHHS amended the Gatherings and Face Mask Emergency Order to specifically exempt gatherings of public bodies and attendees of meetings held by public bodies in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Technology: Reminder that the Monroe County Regional Enhancement Millage will be on the ballot May 4 with a focus of Tech Equity=Prepared Students. The renewal of this millage would continue to support our efforts in providing the technology and resources our students need to continue to thrive in an everchanging world.

State Testing Update: The Michigan Department of Education was granted waiver exempting districts from various state accountability measures regarding student assessment but was denied the waiver to forego state assessment administration this year. Students started testing this week with additional testing slated through May.

Superintendent/Principal/Teacher Evaluations: Superintendent Tuller is awaiting updated information regarding administrator and teacher evaluations determination of compliance this year but will be ready to share information next month.

Vaccination Clinics: Clinics continue to be scheduled with the most recent clinic for Monroe County high school students only ages 16 and older. This clinic will be held April 17 at Monroe Middle School. An additional clinic we were notified and are posting is walk-in clinic at the Lucas County Rec Center this Friday (16+) and this Saturday (18+). It is our hope that families consider getting their children vaccinated to allow for an opportunity to keep everyone healthy and to continue in-person instruction, sports, and opportunities for end of year activities.

Administrative Reports

General announcements were shared by Mr. Bates, Mr. Russow, Mr. Valentine, and Ms. Trainor. Ms. Trainor demonstrated how the once a week antigen testing is conducted and how results are read. Full administrative reports can be found on the District website.

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Approve the March 2021 Check Register

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Otting; Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent

Action

Approve the Reconfirmation of COVID-19 Extended Learning and Continuity Plan

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Otting; Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent

Approve the recommendation to purchase Central Elementary enVision Math K-5 6-year subscription

-It was moved by Smith, supported by Grodi; Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent

Approve the recommendation to purchase enVision Math K-5 and SuccessMaker professional development program

-It was moved by Stieben, supported by Larrow; Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent

Approve the recommendation of 2020– 2021 Budget Resolution

-It was moved by Otting, supported by Stieben; Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent

Board Reports/Comments

Fowler: Absent

Grodi: Thanks Kelli (Tuller) for including me on the Thrun review. He is the best that I have had in a long time. Attorney was competent and understood the contract well. Nice to see. Question for Dana (Blair) about the Covid relief money. Be cautious when out traveling. Not all states are practicing any Covid protocol.

Larrow: I completed my vaccination today. I have to thank Mike (Valentine) and am tickled pink with your knowledge and how able you are to help us here at the district. We have waited for you for a long time. I would like to give my gratitude to the elementary and middle school for their use of technology. I am amazed with what we are able to do here. Kudos. Retiring from welcome bags. My partner is not making T-shirts anymore. Will continue to help in other ways however and I'm helping with the courtyard and bringing my checkbook.

Otting: Want to say Kelly (Trainor) is doing a good job and sorry. Once parents got over the initial frustration, they are going to go with it if they want their children to play. We are in an unusual situation being this close to the border where in Ohio you can play unmasked and don't have to test. Mike (Valentine), I'm going to piggyback off of Pat's comments and say I am super excited to see plans in place and things are getting done that haven't been done in a long time so thank you.

Skaggs: Absent

Smith: Ditto to the comments everyone has said. Kelly (Trainor), dealing with the public is never an easy thing, especially in the middle of a pandemic that some people don't believe but roll with the punches as best as you can and thank you very much. If there are any bits of information needed that are scientific, I can possibly help out and give you support with true information. Glad to see improvements are being made. Thank you on the revision of the budget.

Stieben: It is great and Mike (Valentine) and I had a conversation yesterday about the projects around the school and engineers to bring in to get a couple of ideas. Dana(Blair) the budget revisions were easy to read and understand. The Administrators across the board are rock stars. You don't get enough pats on the back from parents, but we certainly have respect for you and the moving targets you are continually having to chase. It is not lost on us. For that I deeply appreciate your commitment to the kids and the community. Kelli, I thank you every time we talk on the phone. The information keeps us knowledgeable about what is going on.

Adjournment

At 7:20 p.m., it was moved by Grodi, supported by Otting to adjourn the April 14, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary