

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

Approved 5/4/22
April 20, 2022

Regular Meeting

On April 20, 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: Fowler, Grodi, Larrow, Otting, Skaggs, Smith, and Stieben

Absent:

Also Present: Burt, Pollard, Valentine, and Tuller

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Central Elementary Student Council member Shane Brown.

Review/Approval of Agenda

Addition of Old Business C: Recommendation to approve placement of donated storage shed at MS Baseball Field

Addition of Consent Agenda H: Approve placement of donated storage shed at MS Baseball Field

-It was moved by Grodi, supported by Otting to approve to the revised agenda.
Motion carried 7-0

Special Presentations

Student Council Report-High School

-No report

Student Council Report-Middle School

-No report

March Staff Member of the Month

-Ms. Katelyn Hodge was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the March Staff Member of the Month.

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the March 2, 2022 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, (SSOE) shared 6 options for review for stadium seating. The Board will be asked to take action at the next regularly scheduled meeting, May 4, on this item.

Recommendation to approve placement of donated storage shed at MS Baseball Field

-Operations Director, Michael Valentine, requested approval for placement of a donated 10x10 storage shed at the MS Baseball Field. Mr. Valentine indicated that the

shed is being donated by the MS Club Baseball program for the use of storing equipment and field prep tools. The shed will be placed on a stone foundation.

Superintendent's Report

Academics & Programs: Scheduling is fully underway with next year's high school students meeting with an administrator or counselor to discuss pathways and offerings.

Learning Environment and Culture: The cell phone policy implemented at the MS and HS has proven to eliminate distractions in class during teaching and learning. Students continue to be able to appropriately use phones during passing and lunch times.

Personnel and Leadership: The administrative team is meeting with consultants over the next two weeks to discuss professional development needs regarding teaching and learning. A survey was sent to all teaching staff requesting input on our current practice in teaching and learning and climate and culture.

Communication and Outreach: The first issue of Eagle Eye went out with great feedback from parents, staff and community. The next issue will arrive in homes at the end of June.

Operations: The Natatorium Project is anticipated to be completed by the end of June. Weather, additional decking, support bracket work, and receipt of materials have caused a delay in the projected date. Due to these unforeseen circumstances, the roofing company is increasing the number of workers to complete this project.

Superintendent Evaluation Training: May 3 at 6:00pm in the library

Resignation: Accepted the resignation of Brenda Brown, effective August 1, 2022. Brenda is proud to have been an Eagle for the past twenty years and has appreciated her time with the numerous students and staff she has worked with. Accepted the resignation of Head Cook, Rachel Leichthy, effective April 8, 2022. Rachel is appreciative of her year with the district and thanks Mason for the opportunity.

Covid Update: Superintendent Tuller indicated that the District was no longer required to report cases on their dashboard.

Administrative Reports

-April Administrative Reports can be found on the District's website under the District Tab: Reports

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, May 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library.

Recommendation to approve Mason Consolidated Schools Sex Education Committee, Bylaws, Mission, and Goals

-Sex Education Advisor, Ms. Brenda Huber, shared and discussed the committee approved by-laws, mission statement, definition and goals, objectives, and evaluations.

Ms. Huber stated that these are the same documents previously approved by the committee and Board of Education since a review indicated no changes were necessary.

Recommendation to approve Mason Consolidated Schools Sex Education definition

First reading (per Revised School Code Sec. 1169) of Committee approved sex education curriculum materials.

-Sex Education Advisor, Ms. Brenda Huber, shared and discussed the materials the Sex Education Advisory Committee approved as additions to the high school sex ed curriculum for the first reading by the Board of Education.

Recommendation to approve the attendance of Secretary, Beth Sherman, at the Spring 2022 MPAAA Conference in Traverse City, Michigan May 2-4, 2022

-President Stieben shared the request for attendance at the professional development conference.

Recommendation to approve the attendance of PE/Health Educator, Angie Gerber, at the Michigan School Health Coordinators Association Conference, in Traverse City, Michigan June 20-21, 2022

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Recommendation of Schools of Choice 105 Opt-Out Resolution

-President Stieben indicated Monroe County has a school of choice program for the county and because of this program we generally opt-out of Section 105 and participate in the Monroe County School of Choice Program.

Recommendation of Schools of Choice Selection 105c Opt-In Resolution

-President Stieben indicated that Mason Consolidated Schools generally will opt-in to receive school of choice students per section 105c. This will allow Mason Consolidated to accept students from contiguous ISD's to Monroe County.

Recommendation to approve purchase of 170 Chromebook devices, warranties, insurance, and cases for \$58,057.62

-Tech Director, Jason Burt, presented a recommendation to purchase 170 devices with warranties, insurance, and cases due to the rotation and plan of our 1-to-1 device initiative. The deployment plan was shared to include how purchasing additional devices would provide new devices for 6th grade and 9th grade students.

Public Comment

-No public comment

Consent Agenda

- Approve the attendance of Secretary, Beth Sherman, at the Spring 2022 MPAAA Conference in Traverse City, Michigan May 2-4, 2022
- Approve the attendance of PE/Health Educator, Angie Gerber, at the Michigan School Health Coordinators Association Conference, in Traverse City, Michigan June 20-21, 2022
- Approve the recommendation of Schools of Choice 105 Opt-Out Resolution
- Approve the recommendation of Schools of Choice Selection 105c Opt-In Resolution
- Approve Mason Consolidated Schools Sex Education Committee, Bylaws, Mission, and Goals

- Approve Mason Consolidated Schools Sex Education definition
- Approve purchase of 170 Chromebook devices, warranties, insurance, and cases for \$58,057.62
- Approve placement of donated storage shed at MS Baseball Field

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Fowler to approve all items on the consent agenda.
Motion carried 7-0

Board Reports/Comments

Grodi: No comments

Larrow: Shout out to Jason and the robotics team. I spent a wonderful day at Belleville and had a ball and was able to take pictures. Jason got me a pass, so I was able to get in close and have a thumb drive full of pictures of our kids. I am looking forward to being able to help next year and to help and sponsor our robotics team.

Otting: Erie Milers has kicked off. It is our running program for kids second through fifth grade. Come run with us. We have had staff come out and run with us. We have a glow run on May 1st and then we will run as a unit in the Race for Kids. We have 49 kids participating this year. Every year I invite you all to Field Day and this year it is June 1st. Put that right on your calendar.

Skaggs: Congrats to Katelyn. Love to hear all the glowing nice words. We already know we have awesome people that work here but it is nice to see them recognized. Also excited about our robotics team. Love everything about it.

Smith: No comments

Stieben: I was excited to see the athletics over the winter. The boys and girls teams going so far. The excitement in the community is pushed by the success of the athletics. It is nice to see that much success in a short period of time. Especially since Covid. The things we are now doing at the beginning of these meetings with the kids at the Elementary and the Staff Member of the Month, I enjoy it so much. I am glad we have added it and it is nice to interact with them. For the hard work of Mike and Lance for the projects and Jason for the robotics and keeping our computers alive. Thank you.

Fowler: Ditto, other than Race for the Kids, come out and support. We are accepting registrations and donations. It has helped so many families over the years. It is so rewarding so come out, it is June 4th. You can walk, you can run. We have raffles and things like that. We are raffling off a vacation package.

Request

-Superintendent Tuller respectfully requested President Stieben excuse Board Trustee, Jamie Otting, from the remainder of the meeting due to a conflict of interest with the Closed Session agenda items.

-President Stieben excused Trustee Otting from the remainder of the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Appoint Hearing Officer

-Larrow moved for the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education appoint Attorney Erin Walz of the Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to serve as the Board's Hearing Officer for the student disciplinary hearing conducted today for a student whose identity is known to the Board; Supported by Fowler

-Motion carried 6-0; 1 excused (Otting)

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.

-Closed Session requests were received from the parents of two students, whose identities are known to the Board, to hold discipline hearing in closed session.

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

Roll Call Vote:

- Grodi-Aye
- Fowler-Aye
- Otting-Excused
- Skaggs-Aye
- Larrow-Aye
- Smith-Aye
- Stieben-Aye

-Motion carried 6-0; 1 excused (Otting)

Time entered Closed Session - 7:26 p.m.

Time out of Closed Session – 9:50 p.m.

Student Discipline Resolution

A motion by Stieben and supported by Fowler to offer preamble and resolution for student discipline.

President Stieben read both the preamble and resolution for the discipline of two students whose identities are known to the Board. President Stieben indicated that the two students were suspended for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, must complete anger management courses, and must comply with all outlined terms of the Monroe County Juvenile Court's Order of Probation or shall be subject to expulsion. Students are suspended from all sports for one calendar year as outlined in the Mason High School Athletic Handbook.

-Roll Call Vote to adopt the Resolution as read regarding the discipline of the students:

Grodi-Aye
Fowler-Aye
Otting-Excused
Skaggs-Aye
Larrow-Aye
Smith-Aye
Stieben-Aye

-Motion carried 6-0; 1 excused (Otting)

Adjournment

At 10:03 p.m., it was moved by Smith, supported by Grodi to adjourn the April 20, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0, 1 absent (Otting excused)

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary