

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

Approved 6/18/24
May 1, 2024

Regular Meeting

On May 1, 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 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

-The Pledge was led by CES Student Council Member. Carly Regnier

Review/Approval of Agenda

President Otting asked for a review and approval of the agenda with the addition of Action Item K: Approve contract w/Perspectives Consulting Group for Voter Approval Assessment

-Motion by Grodi, support by Waller
Motion carried 6-0

Student Council Reports

Mason High School - Student Council President, Raylynn Durocher shared the various activities and events the HS student council members are planning and engaging in. Additionally, Miss Durocher shared the numerous teacher appreciation activities to honor all teachers the week of May 6-10.

Special Presentation

April Staff Member of the Month

-Sara Krohn, CES Kindergarten Teacher, was nominated by staff and honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by Mason staff as the April Staff Member of the Month.

High School Youth in Government-Terrance Davison

Mr. Davison shared accolades and experiences of the 2024 HS YIG participants.

Iron Eagles High School Robotics-Jason Burt

Mr. Burt introduced students Colin Parent and Hunter Kamm who spoke about their experiences of being on the High School Robotics Team. They included celebrations and challenges, highlighting collaboration, teamwork, persistence, and project planning as takeaways from experiences.

Presentation of International Trip Opportunity-Janet Connelly

Ms. Janet Connelly spoke about a voluntary student trip opportunity to Japan during Spring Break 2025. She shared the itinerary and benefits of booking with the travel agency focused on student trips. This trip is not school sponsored, but she wanted to share the information with the MCS Board of Education.

Public Comment

-None

Superintendent's Report

Celebrations

The District wrapped up the year as a Professional Learning Community, allowing teachers an opportunity to collaborate and engage in collective inquiry about their students. Founder of the PLC concept, Dr. Richard DuFour, stated, "The success of the PLC concept depends not on the merits of the concept itself, but on the most important element in the improvement of any school, the commitment and persistence of the educators within it. We applaud our staff for their commitment and trust in the process of improving teaching and learning through their active engagement in our 20 late starts and 2 dedicated PD days!

Personnel/Leadership

- Accepted the end of year resignation of Andrew Tillman, HS English Teacher
- Accepted the end of year resignation of Kelsey Cole, MS English Teacher
- Accepted the resignation of Michael Valetine, Operations Director.

Community Outreach

Held the first MCS Health and Wellness Fair. We were happy with the number of vendors but will look at pairing this with another event during the year next year to increase attendance. Those who attended were thrilled with the variety of information.

Operations

- The District has started conversation with Public Financial Management (PFM) to discuss the May 2025 Bond Proposal.
- Appointed Interim Transportation Coordinator, Jerry Yanak
- Appointed Interim Maintenance Director Eric Hoogendoorn, Retired MCISD Operations Director
- Mason Middle School and Mason High School MERT team have completed STOP THE BLEED Training.

Donations

- \$1500 from Waterfowl USA as a donation for making duck boxes. Funds to be used for tools, equipment, supplies in the CTE Construction Trades class.
- Westside Brewing Company donation of a used HP Printer, 8 Print heads, 8 cartridges of toner, 2 rolls of vinyl valued at \$9,047
- Cash donation from Bob and Ellie Tadsen \$591 to support students attending the 8th grade trip.

Meeting Reminders

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

Administrative Reports

-May 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

Tax Report

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library.

Consent Agenda.

Approve the April 3, 2024, Board of Education Meeting Minutes.

Appoint the recommended members of the MCS Professional Development Advisory Committee

Approve an "Educator Compensation" off-schedule payment of \$250 for eligible employees.

Approve the addition of a capital projects fund to the budget for the purpose of track maintenance.

Approve the April 2024 Check Register

Approve the attendance of Principal Brandon Bates at the MASSP

EdCon 2024 Conference in Traverse City, Michigan June 24-26, 2024.

-Motion by Grodi, support by Fowler to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Motion carried 6-0

Action

Approve Reproductive Health/HIV materials as presented/approved by the Mason Health/HIV Committee

-Motion by Grodi, Support by Waller

Motion carried 6-0

Approve the hire of Zachary Miller for Maintenance 1 position at \$20.68 per hour

-Motion by Larrow, Support by Fowler

Motion carried 6-0

Approve the hire of Willard Green, CES Special Education, at Step 1 BA, upon receipt of acceptable certification.

-Motion by Waller, Support by Grodi

Motion carried 6-0

Approve the hire of Kiersten Keane, HS Special Education, at Step 3 BA, upon receipt of acceptable certification and favorable previous employer conduct and background checks.

-Motion by Waller, Support by Grodi

Motion carried 6-0

Approve the hire of Hannah Sugg, MS Science, at step 1 BA, upon receipt of acceptable certification and favorable previous employer conduct and background checks.

-Motion by Larrow, Support by Grodi

Motion carried 6-0

Approve the hire of Abigail Kohler, World Language-French, at Step 2 BA, upon receipt of acceptable certification and favorable previous employer conduct and background checks.

-Motion by Larrow, Support by Otting

Motion carried 6-0

Approve the purchase of bus #2, lift bus for \$57,925.

-Motion by Grodi, Support by Waller

Motion carried 6-0

Adopt the MCISD FY25 Proposed Budget Resolution

-Motion by Grodi, Support by Fowler

Motion carried 6-0

Approve the hire of Ciera Guzman, Cook#2/Cashier at CES, at \$14.21 per hour, contingent upon receipt of acceptable certification and favorable previous employer conduct and background checks.

-Motion by Larrow, Support by Grodi
Motion carried 6-0

Approve the hire of Karri Imes, Lead Cook at MSHS, at \$15.20 per hour contingent upon receipt of acceptable certification and favorable previous employer conduct and background checks.

-Motion by Grodi, Support by Waller
Motion carried 6-0

Approve to contract with Perspectives Consulting Group for the Voter Approval Assessment.

-Motion by Larrow, Support by Grodi
Motion carried 6-0

Celebrations

Trustee Grodi shared his appreciation for the 2024 Mason Health and Wellness Fair.

Closed Session: Evaluation

Superintendent Evaluation Section 8 (a): To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing.

-Motion by Grodi, Support by Fowler

Motion carried 6-0

Time In: 6:58 p.m.

Time Out: 7:34 p.m.

Adjournment

7:34 p.m.

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary