

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

Approved 8/27/20
August 17, 2020

Regular Meeting

On August 17, 2020, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a virtual meeting. President Stieben called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Fowler, Larrow, McGarry, Skaggs, Smith, Stieben, & Tubbs

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Tuller, Blair, Bates, McCain, Russow, Trainor & Burt

Review/Approval of Agenda

Add Old Business G: Recommendation of 2020-2021 Tax Rate

Add Action Item G: Approve Recommendation of 2020-2021 Tax Rate

Remove New Business C. Recommendation of 2020-2021 High School Student Handbook

Remove New Business D. Recommendation of 2020-2021 Middle School Student Handbook

Remove New Business E. Recommendation of 2020-2021 Central Elementary Student Handbook

Remove Action Item C. Approve recommendation of 2020-2021 High School Student Handbook

Remove Action Item D. Approve recommendation of 2020-2021 Middle School Student Handbook

Remove Action Item E. Approve recommendation of 2020-2021 Central Elementary Student Handbook

Revise Old Business A. Presentation of minutes from the July 20, 2020 Board of Education Meeting to read Presentation of minutes from the August 5, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by McGarry to approve the agenda. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 7-0

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the August 5, 2020 Regular Board Education Meeting

-Mr. Stieben presented, there were no questions or changes

New Business

Recommendation of Contract with Erie Township for School Liaison Officer

-Superintendent Tuller presented a recommendation to approve the School Liaison Officer Contact for 5 hours per day.

Recommendation of contract extension with Toledo Building Services (TBS)

-Superintendent Tuller presented a recommendation to approve a two-year contract with Toledo Building Services that includes additional custodial services for the District while in Phases 4 and 5 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan. Discussion was held regarding rate of pay and the difficulty Toledo Building Services is having recruiting employees. Mrs. Fowler shared concerns about quality of work and Superintendent Tuller asked that all concerns be brought to her attention to allow for her to address with TBS.

Recommendation to Adopt Thrun Policy Waiver- Board Resolution for the 2020-2021 School Year

-Mr. Stieben presented the resolution indicating the resolution provides that "all Board policies, administrative guidelines, and handbook provisions that conflict with COVID-19 related public health directives, Executive Orders and Directives, and the District's Preparedness Plan are temporality suspended".

Recommendation of 2020-2021 Tax Rate

-Mr. Stieben presented the Tax Rate and asked if there were any questions.

Public Comment

-No Public Comment

Superintendent Report

House Bills from this week- Several Bills were proposed in the Senate on Saturday and the House today with an overwhelming response to adopt without changes. There is no doubt that Gov Whitmer will sign this package of bills. Some of the highlights of these bills. Membership for pupil count will use 75% of our blended count and 25% on 2020-21 membership blend, Extended Continuity of Learning Plans with goals, Student Attendance, Days and Hours, and Benchmark assessments.

Cintas Contract- I spoke with Thrun and at this time we are not liable for honoring the contract as they outlined.

Option #2 Numbers: Families were asked to notify principals by today if they are seeking for their child to participate in Option #2 offerings. So far, we are at approximately 20% of our families seeking Option #2 Principals are working with this information to set up class rosters, staffing, and transportation.

MHSAA- Friday it was announced that football will be moved to the spring, yet several are petitioning this issue. I have been informed that decisions will be made regarding other fall sports this Wednesday.

Maintenance Position Update: Interviews will be completed on Friday, August 21. I would propose a special BOE meeting to hire and get this person rolling to help with preparations to return to school. I am looking at Wednesday, August 26 as a date. Hoping for short meeting to cover hiring and approval of handbooks. Full virtual meeting proposed

Administrative Reports

-Mr. Stieben presented. No questions

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the August 5, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

-It was moved by Fowler, supported by Tubbs to approve the agenda. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 7-0

Action

Approve the recommendation of Contract with Erie Township for School Liaison Officer w/revisions to reflect salary for 5 hours per day

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Smith. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 7-0

Approve the recommendation of contract extension with Toledo Building Services (TBS)

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by McGarry. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 7-0

Approve the recommendation to Adopt Thrun Policy Waiver- Board Resolution for the 2020-2021 School Year

-It was moved by Smith, supported by Stieben. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 7-0

Approve the recommendation of 2020-2021 Tax Rate

-It was moved by McGarry, supported by Skaggs. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 7-0

Board Reports/Comments

McGarry: Appreciate all the work that is being put in during these crazy times. Got through graduation and it was beautiful despite the rain. Hopefully, the kids got a lot out of it.

Fowler: Same comments as Mrs. McGarry. Graduation wasn't our ideal situation, but we did what we needed to do, and the kids probably appreciated that we followed through with it and made it happen. Appreciate everyone behind the scenes that did all the work. With the school start with COVID everyone may have changes in thoughts as school starts. We just must keep moving forward with the resources and knowledge that we have. Let's try. Thanks to the principals and superintendent for jumping on and getting us moving.

Tubbs: Ditto

Larrow: Thank Kelli and Brandon for helping her at graduation. Thanks for all the understanding about the handbooks.

Smith: I am with McGarry's and Fowler's comments. Our plan is very fluid and hope the public is willing to work with us as much as we are willing to work with them in regard to making education happen. We are moving forward to the best of our ability with the information that we have. The graduation ceremony was very reflective of 2020. Thank you to everyone and their hard work to set it up and keep it going. Thanks to Pat for expressing her thoughts on the handbooks.

Skaggs: Choked up over the power of the teamwork that has happened around her. So appreciative of the Board and the teamwork. Love going on to the website and seeing all the communications and how well they are put together. Amazed at the teamwork, positivity, and the smiles on people's faces. The Eagle Community will get through it just fine.

Stieben: I was very disappointed in not being able to be at graduation. Thanks to everyone to stepping in and covering and we are a team. Congratulations to all the graduates and the team that pulled it together. Similar to what Mrs. Fowler said, appreciate the ability of our staff to keep moving and keep changing and tweaking. Big thank you to everyone and what they are doing from the Board to the Janitors. The teamwork has been astounding to see and the right attitude to put the kids needs first and community first and safety first. It has been something to brag about. Thanks to Pat for the handbook catch.

Adjournment

At 7:17 p.m., it was moved by Larrow supported by Skaggs to adjourn the August 17, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 7-0

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary