

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

Approved 10/4/23
September 6, 2023

Regular Meeting

On September 6, 2023, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Larrow, Otting, Skaggs, Smith, and Stieben
Board Members Absent: Fowler (arrived at 6:02 p.m.) Grodi
Also Present: Bates, Burt, Hayes, McCain, Nieuwkoop, Russow, Tuller and Valentine

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Agenda

President Smith asked for a review of the agenda.
-It was moved by Stieben supported by Otting to approve the agenda with as presented
Motion carried 6 -0

New Staff Introductions

Several new teaching staff members were introduced to the Board. Staff members were asked to share a little about themselves and a word to describe how they are feeling about the upcoming year at MCS. The Board then gave each new teacher a word or phrase to ensure their success.

Presentations

Jamie Bertschinger and Jamie Hoffer from the Nutrition Group gave an overview of the breakfast and lunch program for the 2023-2024 school year and provided samples.

Superintendent's Report

Celebrations:

- The District had a great opening day focusing on the theme: Elevating Every Eagle.
- Jerry Yanak was recognized at opening day as the 2022-2023 Staff Member of the Year.

Personnel and Leadership

- New Teacher Orientation took place on August 29th.

- The New Teacher Academy will begin September 25th, with monthly workshops held to support new staff.
- Resignations: Mr. Pat Riley, MS Restorative Justice Coordinator, accepted an assistant principal position at Taylor Schools.
- Openings: The World Language position remains open.

Operations

- Pool update: The trench will be filled this week and the final inspection scheduled for Friday. The flooring is scheduled to be put down on the 22nd.
- The middle school classroom with the sloping floor is complete. Other areas in the middle school are showing signs of settling and moving and will need to be addressed as well.
- Enrollment
 - Enrollment as of September 6th
 - GSRP- 18 students
 - CES-424
 - MMS-247
 - MSHS-333
 - MAVA- 15

ESS: 2 kiddos from MMS

Two students are enrolled in the ESS (Enhancing Strengths and Supports Program) educational and behavioral support program. This program is a partnership with the Monroe County Youth Center to address needs of students who need more intensive intervention and support.

Community Engagement

- MCS Open House was a success with great attendance at all three buildings.
- Municipality Meetings: The District will continue to attend Erie, LaSalle, and Luna Pier meetings on a monthly basis.

Donations to the District

- MEA: Donation to the Mason Middle School teachers' lounge of 4 tables, 21 chairs, a side table, bookshelves, and one L-shaped desk
- Touchdowners: \$1000 toward new athletic sprayer
- Erie Seahawks: \$500 toward a new athletic sprayer
- Mike Denko and Friends: Monetary Donation of \$580 for the At-Risk program at Mason Middle School.

Administrative Reports

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

Public Comment

-none

Monthly Items

Check Register

- President Smith presented, no comments or questions

Board Financial Report

- Dawn Nieuwkoop reviewed the report pointing out a couple of areas where the timing of revenue and expenses has caused negative balances; no comments or questions

Discussion

The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held, Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library.

Action

Recommendation to hire Kristan Ziegler, MS/HS Library Aide, at \$14 per hour. - Motion by Stieben, support by Otting Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to hire Jennifer King for the Cook #2/Assistant Cashier position at \$14.21 per hour pending favorable criminal history and background checks. - Motion by Otting, support by Stieben Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to hire Amanda Pena for the Accounting Assistant position at \$21.15 per hour.

-Motion by Stieben, support by Larrow Motion carried 6-0

Consent Agenda.

Approve minutes from the August 2, 2023, Board of Education Meeting

Approve the August 2023 Check Register

Approve Kelli Tuller to attend the 2023 MASA Conference in Traverse City, MI September 19-22, 2023.

Approve Michael Valentine to attend the 2023 MSBO Facilities/Operations Director Conference in Thompsonville, MI October 1- October 3, 2023.

-It was motioned by Stieben, supported by Otting to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0

Board Reports/Comments

Grodi: Absent

Skaggs: Welcome back everybody. I hope the energy we have had the last two months continues the entire school year. It has been super exciting to see all the bright faces and smiles. It is nice to see all the new Eagles in the family. I have enjoyed all the new energy at the athletic events.

Otting: Brandon, I love registration day early, so open house can be avoided. It is amazing. It is much quicker when you have kids in each of the buildings. Thank you. The frequent updates on the athletic Facebook page have been really nice. We have a Hoopster meeting Sunday at 6:00.

Larrow: I am really excited about the sharing table. It is an excellent thing here. Kids at the high school have empty legs and sometimes they need more to fill it up.

Fowler: I am excited for the new school year. There seems to be a lot of energy on campus and I have not heard any complaints so that is good.

Smith: Good luck with the pool. It is very difficult and I appreciate your attentiveness to it. It is hard for some of the athletes to feel marginalized for something that is not their fault. Kudos to the staff doing their best to take care of these athletes and making sure they get their time in the sun. Kudos to what everyone else has stated. Hopefully everyone feels like everything is off to a good start and we are there to support you.

Stieben: We pretty much covered everything. Bummed we lost Pat Riley. It has been an especially good year for new teachers. We got the best. You can see with their attitude and the way they are approaching the school year.

Adjournment

At 7:19 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Stieben to adjourn the September 6, 2023, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary