

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

Approved 10/19/20
September 21, 2020

Regular Meeting

On September 21, 2020, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a virtual meeting. President Stieben called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: McGarry

Also Present: Tuller, Blair, Bates, McCain, Russow, Trainor, Burt, and Mark Kohler-Kohler Architecture

Review/Approval of Agenda

Revision to agenda: Request by Mrs. Larrow to move Public Participation after Special Presentation to allow for questions to be asked of the architect before he is excused from the meeting.

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Smith to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 6-0, 1 absent

Special Presentation

Mark Kohler, architect for Kohler Architecture, shared his evaluation of the pool roof and mechanical areas. Mr. Kohler shared that the roof and unknown condition of structure presents safety concern for occupants. He recommended a complete replacement of the roof over the pool and the mechanical mezzanine. An estimated timeline and cost range to repair the roof was shared for this work indicating approximately 14-17 weeks at a cost range of \$150,000-\$250,000 dependent on the amount of decking determined to need replaced. Further review by Kohler engineers was recommended to determine the needs regarding the mechanical system, lighting, and ventilation. Board members asked that the area be inspected for asbestos and request for a detailed budget for all recommendations and requests made. Mr. Kohler will initiate all requests and present again at the next Board of Education meeting on October 7, 2020.

Public Comment

-Lori Smith asked the plan for replacing or opening the ceiling area. Mr. Kohler responded that this evaluation did not include any plans for the ceiling.

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the September 9, 2020 Regular Board Education Meeting and reference to the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Closed Session Minutes

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

New Business

Recommendation to approve the Mason Consolidated Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan- Superintendent Tuller indicated that on August 20, 2020 Governor Whitmer signed House Bill 5913 into law as Public Act 149. Section 98a states that in order to receive state aid for 2020-2021, districts must provide for instruction under an extended COVID-19 Learning Plan ("Plan") that has been approved by an intermediate district or authorizing body. The Plan does not replace the District's/PSA's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, it is an additional plan that includes new assurances and sections on educational goals, instructional delivery, grading, and equitable access. Details were shared in each of these areas and is required to be posted on the District transparency page. Additional reporting requirement documents were shown for

2-way communication, reconfirmation, and goal reporting. Superintendent Tuller shared the Monroe County Health Department Dashboard representing the cumulative number of school aged children (ages 5-18) who have tested positive for COVID-19 since August 24th. This information represents is reflective of physical address and not school district attending. Question/concern was raised regarding students and parents accessing their Google Classroom and accounts. Technology Director, Jason Burt, shared the remote learning page on our website that has been created to address challenges with logging in or accessing remote assignments.

Recommendation to Hire Shelia Cuschieri, Bus Driver

-Superintendent Tuller presented the recommendation from Mr. Shaw, transportation director, to hire long-time bus driver substitute, Shelia Cuschieri. Mr. Shaw asked that Shelia's effective date of hire be September 1, 2020 since he did not present this information at the last Board of Education meeting.

Public Comment

-Jason Burt telephoned two other public participants.

Debbie Hood- Did not wish to comment publicly.

Jaime Otting-Shared her appreciation for the work that all teachers are doing to keep the kids here face-to-face. She indicated the mask breaks, snack breaks, and was thankful for the work that is being done.

Superintendent Report

Facilities Update- Staff is now using SchoolDude on a regular basis to identify needs and completion of maintenance tasks. The maintenance team use this tool to prioritize work orders and set preventative maintenance schedules.

Audit- The audit is complete and will be presented the October 7, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

Robotics- Technology Director, Jason Burt, has been working on the possibility of starting a high school robotics team. Initial meetings with FIRST Robotics have occurred to determine next steps and needs.

Resignation- Superintendent Tuller accepted the resignation of Katie Hyden, Elementary Resource Room Teacher, effective October 9, 2020. Katie accepted a position with the Monroe County ISD as a special education teacher consultant and will continue to be working with staff here at Mason in her new role.

MCABOE (Monroe County Association Boards of Education)- A friendly reminder to board members regarding the general membership meeting scheduled for September 30 at 7:00pm. MASB will run this meeting to gather input regarding setting legislative priorities.

Administrative Reports

Principal Bates and Principal Russow presented general announcements and appreciation to staff and students. Full administrative reports can be found on the District website.

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the September 9, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

Approve the minutes from the September 9, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Closed Session

-It was moved by Smith, supported by Tubbs to approve the agenda. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 6-0, 1 absent

Action

Approve the recommendation to approve Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Stieben. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 6-0, 1 absent

Approve the recommendation to hire Shelia Cuschieri, Bus Driver at the regular driver rate of \$16 per hour with seniority date to be reflective of September 1, 2020

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Fowler. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 6-0, 1 absent

Board Reports/Comments

McGarry: Absent

Fowler: Looking forward to the next meeting that we have on the pool. Thank you to the staff and administration for the last couple of weeks. Continue on, we are doing a great job.

Tubbs: Wants to thank the staff for all of the tireless work they have done. Has not heard anything bad about our program. We have a good thing going. There is something offered for those that want to come to school or do virtual. Appreciate all the hours that have gone into meetings and planning for the guidelines and appreciate it.

Larrow: Ditto, thanks to all of the staff. Thanks to Summerfield for Facetiming the game. Got to watch the game and it was a lot of fun. Looking forward to our new cameras.

Smith: Double Ditto. The staff is deserving much praise. It is still a very fluid process, but they are making the best of keeping students and faculty safe while still giving structure to their day and education. Thanks to the support of athletic director for girls' swim and allowing that to happen and for all the other athletic events. It is good to see some normalcy in these times and a portion of learning is in sports. It is wonderful to see all of the commitments everyone has made.

Skaggs: Triple ditto. Cannot thank everyone enough. It is nice to say thank you and it is nice to be in a place where we are continually expressing gratitude to people who are going so far and beyond. The bits of normalcy where we can get them are a joy. Appreciate Kelli's additional communications.

Stieben: What the staff and administration has done is nothing short of awesome. They have really risen to the occasion. We have many people that have risen to the occasions and realized that they are capable of more than they thought they were. Parents and grandparents are getting to contribute by learning and being involved with the learning. It is a great time to be where we are. Big congratulations to the football game. Biggest win we have had in a long time. Looking forward to the next meeting to hear the rest of the information on the pool so we can make an informed decision and get the swim team back in the pool. To Miss Tuller, great way to lead by example and it is pushing some to step their game up. Big thank you.

Adjournment

At 8:11 p.m., it was moved by Smith, supported by Skaggs to adjourn the September 21, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried Roll Call Vote 6-0, 1 absent

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary