

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

Approved 11/3/21
October 6, 2021

Regular Meeting

On October 6, 2021, 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
Also Present: Blair, McCain, and Tuller

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Central Elementary Student Council Officers Cole Cousino, Patrick Knapp, Shane Brown, and Emalyn Hammond.

Review/Approval of Agenda

Remove New Business C: Recommendation to approve Kari Taylor for the Secretary to Transportation, Facilities, and Athletics department at Step 1-\$17.73 per hour pending favorable criminal history and background checks.

Remove Action Item A: Approve the recommendation to hire Kari Taylor for the Secretary to Transportation, Facilities, and Athletics department at Step 1-\$17.73 per hour pending favorable criminal history and background checks.

Add New Business D : Recommendation to approve for hire Christopher Brown for High School Social Studies at Step 5-BA pending favorable criminal history and background checks.

Add Action Item C: Approve the recommendation to hire Christopher Brown for High School Social Studies at Step 5-BA pending favorable criminal history and background checks.

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

Special Presentations

Student Council Report-High School-President Hailey Blomgren

-Miss Blomgren was unable to attend the meeting yet provided a list of current activities led by the High School Student Council. Superintendent Tuller read the list which included information regarding the Homecoming week.

Staff Member of the Month-Leski/Wittman Insurance Agency

-Ms. Lynn Ferguson was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the September Staff Member of the Month. Superintendent Tuller shared Ms. Ferguson's nomination and other words of praise shared about her.

FY 2021 Mason Consolidated Schools Audit

-Sarah Rafko from Cooley Hehl Sabo & Calkins shared the FY 2021 Audit specifics.

MASB Strategic Planning- Debbie Stair, Brad Hamilton

-MASB consultants led the discussion to gather input from the Board of Education and Superintendent. Questions asked were identical to the questions all stakeholders are being asked at this stage of the planning process.

Public Comment

-No request for public comment

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the September 20, 2021, Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no questions asked, no comments written on closed session minutes

Presentation of the Closed Session minutes from the September 20, 2021, Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no questions asked, no comments written on closed session minutes

Monthly Items

Natatorium Update

-Superintendent Tuller reminded the Board of Education of the timeline of the bid process. The District will receive bids until 3:00 p.m. on October 19, 2021. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 3:01 p.m. on October 19, 2021.

Check Register

-President Stieben presented. Mrs. Larrow inquired about the water clarification agent and replace electrical outlets line items. Water clarification agent is for the water treatment plant and outlet work will be inquired about since there are several locations with inoperable receptacles.

New Business

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Mason Senior High School.

Recommendation to approve overnight conference for Jason Burt , MAEDS 57 Fall Conference, October 27-29, 2021, Traverse City, MI.

Recommendation to approve for hire Christopher Brown for High School Social Studies at Step 5-BA pending favorable criminal history and background checks.

Superintendent's Report

Resignations Accepted the resignation of, Aide , Sara Whipple. Sara has accepted the position of full time commit substitute at Mason Middle School.

Bus Update: Holland Bus company has been working on various issues with the new buses, more specifically a coolant and hose issues. The make of the buses are Bluebird and Bluebird is troubleshooting this issue at Armada schools this week and then will work on ours.

Consumers Energy Request: Consumers Energy is currently working at the corner of Lakeside and Dixie and requested to rent/lease a small parcel of ours for employee parking form October 2021-April 2022. The District values the partnership with Consumers and have honored the request at no cost but have asked for CE to partner on the safe removal of the osprey at the stadium.

COVID Update: Superintendent Tuller shared updates regarding current COVID-19 positivity numbers, county and local case numbers, and county vaccinations percentages. Information referenced may be found on the Monroe County Health Department website and the District website COVID-19 Dashboard.

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the September 20, 2021, Board of Education Meeting

Approve the Closed Session minutes from the September 20, 2021, Board of Education Meeting

Approve the September 2021 Check Register

Approve overnight conference for Jason Burt, MAEDS 57 Fall Conference, October 27-29, 2021, Traverse City, MI.

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

Action

Approve the FY2021 Mason Consolidated Schools Audit

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Stieben

Motion carried 7-0

Approve the recommendation to hire Christopher Brown for High School Social Studies at Step 5-BA pending favorable criminal history and background checks.

-It was moved by Smith, supported by Grodi

Motion carried 7-0

Board Reports/Comments

Stieben-It's been a busy night, excited to have the elementary school council here. I love the fact that they are getting involved early. Hopefully that follows them through school, and they have a better understanding of what we do here. Staff member appreciation. Love that Memic is stepping up and helping out here. It reinforces something we started a year ago. Kudos to Dana on the great audit. For Miss Stair and Mr. Hamilton for being here for our community stuff we have coming up here. Hope the community steps up and listens to what is going on. Very excited about the things that are coming. The hallways look great.

Fowler-That was everything I was going to say. Ditto

Grodi-Sounds good. Can we get that clock fixed please?

Larrow-Very excited about the program tonight and excited about Angie Gerber. She is a Hall of Fame inductee here and excited that she is able to bring another avenue to our kids.

Otting-I want to give props to Angie Gerber. My kids came home and they were ticked because they had to take a test. Angie is running them and doing a nice job from what I can see. My daughter is mad and I kind of like it.

Skaggs-Ditto and adding that it was precious to start the meeting out that way. It was a bright spot and set the tone for a great night. Want to give Chandra a shout out for the Race for the Kids. I know it is a team that puts it together and a ridiculous amount of work. It was such an awesome time. I am always amazed to see our community come together. It gives me such hope for what we are about to be doing here too.

Smith-Ditto. Dana did an excellent job and it is nice to see all of the work. Excited for the work ahead.

Adjournment

At 8:41 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Larrow to adjourn the September October 6, 2021, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary