

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

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Approved 11/4/20  
**October 19, 2020**

**Regular Meeting**

On October 19, 2020, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting. President Stieben called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Tuller, Blair, Bates, McCain, Russow, and Valentine

**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**

FY 2020 Mason Consolidated Schools Audit

-Sarah Rafko from Cooley, Hehl, Sabo, and Calkins present the audit financials.

Pool Facility Update-Mark Kohler, Kohler Architecture

-Mark Kohler presented information from further evaluation of the roof above the pool, as well as the lighting, mechanical and ventilation within the facility. Probable costs were discussed.

National Principal's Month- President Stieben presented building principals with certificates acknowledging their dedication to students, staff, families, and the community of Mason Consolidated Schools. Board members thanked all principals for their commitment to teaching and learning, especially during these challenging times.

**Old Business**

Presentation of minutes from the September 21, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented. No changes

**Monthly Items**

Check Register

-President Stieben presented. One comment regarding the payment to the MCISD for Genesee ISD in 2015.

Board Financial Report

-Superintendent Tuller mentioned that all information in this month's report was stated during the audit presentation.

Sinking Fund Projects Update

-Superintendent Tuller mentioned that the pool facility concerns are the only current project at this time.

Special Projects Update

-Superintendent Tuller indicated that the Pixellot Video system is up and running.

## **New Business**

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting (Work Session) will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the IVN Room at Mason High School, could change to a virtual meeting.

Recommendation to approve Central Elementary Schedule B Positions

Recommendation to approve Mason Middle School Schedule B Positions

Recommendation to approve Mason High School Schedule B Positions

-President Stieben shared the Schedule B recommendations. Superintendent Tuller indicated that Schedule B stipends will not be paid unless duties performed.

Recommendation to hire Dianna Synowiec, Central Elementary Special Education teacher

-Principal McCain presented the recommendation to hire.

Recommendation to approve the revision to Policy 3115 Nondiscrimination and Retaliation

-Superintendent Tuller stated that this policy revision is required to align with Policy 3118 (Title IX)

Recommendation to approve the revision to Policy 4101 Non-Discrimination

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Recommendation to approve the revision to Policy 4102 Anti-Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment

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Recommendation to approve the revision to Policy 4104 Employment Complaint Procedures

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Recommendation to approve the revision to Policy 4104-F Discrimination/Retaliation Complaint Form

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Recommendation to approve the revision to Policy 5202 Unlawful Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Against Students

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Reconfirmation of COVID-19 Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

-Superintendent Tuller reminded the Board of Education about the requirement to reconfirm the District's plan every 30 days. Current county positivity rates, local cumulative cases, and planning timelines were discussed. No public input was received.

Report of Two-way Communication

-Superintendent Tuller shared the 2-way and in-person attendance percentages for the month of September. Principal Bates mentioned how they are addressing the few students that are lacking engagement.

## **Public Comment**

No public comment

## **Superintendent's Report**

Robotics-Jason Burt has submitted one of two grants for rookie robotics teams in Michigan. This puts us another step closer to officially creating a team here.

Boilers- Central and the Middle School Boilers are up and running. Maintenance is working on steam traps, handler, and coil issues at the high school.

Benchmark Testing- All K-8 students have completed their benchmark assessments and high school students are wrapping up PSAT/SAT assessments. The administrative team is looking forward to reviewing data to determine gaps related to curriculum, instruction, and student outcomes. Adjustments to student supports will be developed based on this data.

A.L.I.C.E- All building level staff will be ALICE trained on October 30<sup>th</sup>. ALICE Training® helps schools better prepare their most valuable assets — **their people** — to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from a violent critical incident. ALERT-LOCKDOWN-INFORM-COUNTER-EVACUATE

Facilities Update- Dena Vanderpool was given permission to work with other volunteers to replace existing fencing at the softball field with fencing recovered from Luna Pier School. No new construction, pole setting, or movement of the fence will take place.

Volleyball Districts Nov 2- Nov 5 – The District draw took place and we drew SMCC for our first game of districts Nov 2 @5:30. The MHSAA has enacted additional requirements for hosting including only online purchasing of tickets and no gate revenue or game management stipends will be awarded. Attendance will be limited, yet Pixelott will be operational.

Fall Sports Update- The Mason Boys' CC team and the Mason football team won the TCC Conference. We are proud of all our athletes and coaches for their perseverance and commitment to making their seasons the best possible despite current challenges.

Open Meeting Act- Governor Whitmer signed Senate Bill 1108 into law this weekend. The Open Meetings Act Amendments go into effect immediately. The board may choose to hold monthly meetings virtually until December 31, 2020.

Enrollment- Raw data was shared showing both FTE and Student Count data of non-resident students attending MCS and resident students attending at other districts for 2019-2020. Further research will take place to identify trends regarding the when and why students enroll in other districts.

BOE Policies- All policies were reviewed during a Thrun Law Firm Policy review two-day webinar. Recommended that the Board reconsider two policies that were not selected originally: 5421 Work- Based Learning Experience and School Attendance on Days of Scheduled Activities.

MASB Board of Education Workshop- Dr. Rod Green available to coordinate a board workshop the month of November.

### **Administrative Reports**

Principal Bates, Principal McCain and Principal Russow presented general announcements for their respective buildings. Full administrative reports can be found on the District website.

### **Consent Agenda**

Approve the minutes from the September 21, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

Approve the September 2020 Check Register

Approve Central Elementary Schedule B Positions

Approve Mason Middle School Schedule B Positions

Approve Mason High School Schedule B Positions

-It was moved by McGarry, supported by Tubbs Motion carried 7-0

### **Action**

Approve the FY2020 Mason Consolidated Schools Audit

-It was moved by Fowler, supported by Skaggs Motion carried 7-0

Approve the recommendation to hire Dianna Synowiec, Central Elementary Resource Room teacher at Step 4 BA pending favorable criminal background checks.

-It was moved by Smith, supported by Tubbs Motion carried 7-0

Approve the revision to Policy 3115 Nondiscrimination and Retaliation

-It was moved by McGarry, supported by Smith Motion carried 7-0

Approve the revision to Policy 4101 Non-Discrimination

-It was moved by Stieben, supported by Larrow Motion carried 7-0

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Approve the revision to Policy 5202 Unlawful Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Against Students

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by McGarry Motion carried 7-0

Approve the Reconfirmation of COVID-19 Extended Learning and Continuity Plan

-It was moved by Stieben, supported by Smith Motion carried 7-0

Approve the Pool Facility Project as presented

-Item tabled

### **Board Reports/Comments**

McGarry: Congratulations to Dana on her first-year audit. Awesome job. Congratulations to the football and cross-country teams. So pleased and proud of our staff and students and how they are handling everything this year.

Fowler: Thanks to Dana, we appreciate it. Wowed by the numbers for the pool project. Feel like we owe it to us and the community to continue our work on it. Need to find a balance on how to do it. The TCC change for our kids has been amazing and we are finally competitive. It gives our kids the fire to keep going.

Tubbs: Congratulations to Dana, we are very proud of you. Happy with the way the school year is going. There are a lot of parents saying good things, not hearing many complaints. We are doing really well and proud of our staff for that. Congratulations to JC being nominated Homecoming Queen.

Larrow: No comments this month.

Smith: Nothing new.

Skaggs: Ditto. Want to personally say congratulations.

Stieben: Ditto. Dana congratulations, congratulations to football, cross-country, the staff and students. Congratulations to our principals and to the Board for hanging in there.

**Adjournment**

At 9:03 p.m., it was moved by McGarry, supported by Skaggs to adjourn the October 19, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0

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Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary