

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

Approved 12/6/23
November 1, 2023

Regular Meeting

On November 1, 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 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Grodi, Larrow, Otting, Skaggs, Smith, and Stieben
Board Members Absent: Fowler
Also Present: Bates, Burt, McCain, Nieuwkoop, Russow, Tuller and Valentine

Pledge of Allegiance

-The Pledge was led by Rowan Tunison and Kaiden Drapkin, CES Student Council Officers.

Review/Approval of Agenda

President Smith asked for a review of the agenda.

-It was moved by Grodi supported by Stieben to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried 6 -0

Student Council Reports

Mason Middle School- MS Student Council President, Mason Guinn shared the various activities and events the MS student council members are planning and engaging in.

Mason Senior High School- HS Student Council President, Rayann DuRocher shared the various activities and events the HS student council members are planning and engaging in.

Special Presentation

October Staff Member of the Month

-Mrs. Kelly Hennessey, CES/MMS School Counselor, was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the October Staff Member of the Month.

Superintendent's Report

- Celebrations
 - All teachers are participating in explicit training on how to become a Professional Learning Community.
- Personnel and Leadership
 - New Teacher Academy: Ten new teachers joined for the second session of The New Teacher Academy-Communication. Brandon and Ben lead the group through working with students, parents, colleagues, administrators and the community. Celebrations and challenges were shared.
- Academics and Programs
 - Applied for the 23g grant to address unfinished learning. If awarded, we will use this money to continue building teacher efficacy, summer school and tutoring.

- Dual enrollment/Direct College correction to information shared from a parent's email communication to the Board. Last fall, the district had 53 students enrolled in post-secondary courses, not 8 as stated.
- Operations
 - Pool update: The floor had to be redone to provide a more aggressive surface to prevent slip and falls. This was completed on Wednesday, October 25.
 - Dr. Smith, Mrs. Otting, Dawn Nieuwkoop and Kelli Tuller attended the Metro Bureau session, Building Community Support for your Facility Improvements and spoke about the positive next steps the District can take.
 - MERT was formed to address any medical emergencies in the building.
 - All interior classroom shields have been put up, along with the boot and our building maps. We will have our critical incident and classroom maps completed soon.
 - Interstate Commercial Glass and Door was here to evaluate our doors. While here they made some adjustments for us on our current doors.
- Donations to the District
 - A monetary donation of \$935 was received from the class of 1975 on behalf of Peggy Irwin Parran in memory of Nikki Parran graduate of 1998. The family asked to donate this to the Softball Program in memory of Nikki. Current Varsity Softball coach Angie Gerber and Former Varsity Coach Chris McClain shared words of praise for the donation and heartfelt condolences to the family.
 - Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan donated \$1000 to the Student Prevention Leadership Team (SPLT) for their campaigns.

Administrative Reports

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

Public Comment

-Doyle and Tara Stubleski requested clarification of their previous inquiries with the Board of Education.

Monthly Items

Check Register

- President Smith presented, no comments or questions

Board Financial Report

-President Smith presented, no comments or questions

Sinking Fund Report

-Mrs. Nieuwkoop shared this report, indicating the final Natatorium payment has not been posted.

Tax Collection Report

-Mrs. Nieuwkoop shared the collected and outstanding amounts.

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

Action

Recommendation for Mason Wellness Committee-Policy 5707 Revision.

-Motion by Otting, Support by Grodi Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to hire Bill Jacobs for completion of the bus garage meeting room/office project.

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

Recommendation to hire Cheylyn Welling for the #2 Cool/Cashier position at \$14.21 per hour.

-Motion by Otting, support by Smith Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to contract with DAS Energy Systems for retubing of HS boiler.

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

Consent Agenda.

Approve minutes from the October 4, 2023, Board of Education Meeting

Approve the October 2023 Check Register

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

Board Reports/Comments

Larrow-I would like to speak about our online learning. Tip of my hat to our MAVA teacher, Miss Roberts. Her help has been priceless. Also priceless is Connie Cousino. She is a treasure at Mason. The time she spends with our kids who are challenged in learning and her calming tone of voice while explaining the lessons, so the students get it, is heartwarming. I cannot thank her enough for her years of service here. I am making notes for Mr. Bates and Miss Roberts for ideas I have for those who are left to figure it out on their own. A work in progress, like many others here at Mason.

Skaggs-Thanks for addressing the situation. Every now and then it is frustrating when people who want communication and are begging, someone to please talk to me. It falls in line with the bond issue and finding timely ways to embrace some real conversation and address questions when they are asked. We all do want the same things. It was good dialog with explaining it tonight.

Jamie-No comment

Smith-Thank you again for inviting me to the meeting (Building Community Support), it was eye-opening. I look forward to the opportunity for us to improve our communication to the community and getting our message out to the right folks. We always try to improve and appreciate everyone that has worked, especially administrators in trying to answer parents' requests. It is also the job as a parent to reach out. I commend the Stubleski's for looking for ways to help their student.

Stieben-No comment

Grodi-Want to thank the Board for the hire of the Volleyball coach and what a great hire she is and the difference in comradery this year. Grand Valley has a program with Tecumseh that works to offer those they want back to offer a teaching job at Tecumseh. I have also listened to some of Tara's concerns. There were a couple of concerns that she brought up that I wasn't aware of. We should have a learning plan for kids in sixth grade on. It seems like we have a disconnect. I would love to help facilitate that.

Adjournment

At 7:51 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Stieben to adjourn the November 1, 2023, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary