

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

Approved 12/7/22
November 2, 2022

Regular Meeting

On November 2, 2022, 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 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Central Elementary Student Council Co-president, Jacob Tunison. Jacob introduced his family and shared activities from Student Council.

Review/Approval of Agenda

Request to revise agenda to include Old Business: C Review of Policy 3102 Smoking, Tobacco Products, Drugs and Alcohol

-It was moved by Grodi, supported by Larrow to approve the revised agenda.
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler and Smith)

Public Comment

-No public comment

Special Presentations

October Staff Member of the Month (Leski Wittman Insurance Sponsored)

-Mrs. Susan Costello, Middle School Science Teacher, was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the October Staff Member of the Month.

FY 2022 Mason Consolidated Schools Audit

-Sarah Rafko from Cooley Hehl Sabo & Calkins shared the FY 2022 Audit specifics.

-Motion by Grodi, supported by Larrow
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler and Smith)

Presentation of approved Reproductive Health/HIV Advisory Committee Documents

- Ms. Brenda Huber, shared and discussed the committee-approved by-laws, mission statement, definition and goals, objectives, and evaluations. Ms. Huber stated that these are the same documents previously approved by the committee and Board of Education since a review indicated no changes were necessary.

Presentation and First Reading of new Reproductive Health and Sex Education Approved Materials

-Ms. Brenda Huber, shared and discussed the materials the Reproductive Health/HIV Advisory Committee approved as additions to the sex ed curriculum for the first reading by the Board of Education.

Student Council Reports

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

Mason Middle School- Student Council Adviser, Mrs. Susan Costello, shared the various activities and events the MS student council members are planning and engaging in.

Old Business

Presentation of the minutes from the October 5, 2022, Board of Education Meeting
-President Stieben presented, no comments

Presentation of the minutes from the October 25, 2022, Special Call Board of Education Meeting
-President Stieben presented, no comments

Policy 3102: Smoking, Tobacco products, Drugs and Alcohol
-Superintendent Tuller shared that the current policy prohibits alcohol on school property, including facility usage by outside organizations or individuals. The Board asked Superintendent Tuller to inquire about policies at other districts in Monroe and Lenawee counties and consult with legal counsel regarding language for a possible policy revision.

Monthly Items

October 2022 Check Register
-President Stieben presented; Trustee Larrow commented on check #66713 *Bi-annual planetarium cleaning* and the District's commitment to this unique classroom.

Board Financial Reports
- Finance Director, Dawn Nieuwkoop, presented; no comments/questions

New Business

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Mason High School.

Recommendation to approve Middle School Youth in Government Trip November 20-22, 2022, Lansing, MI

-Motion by Larrow, supported by Otting
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler and Smith)

Recommendation to approve Lenawee Christian athletic membership into Tri-County Conference beginning 2022-23 School Year

-Motion by Otting, supported by Grodi
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler and Smith)

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the October 5, 2022, Board of Education Meeting
Approve the minutes from the October 25, 2022, Special Call Board of Education Meeting
Approve the October 2022 Check Register
Approve Janet Connelly to attend Michigan Art Education Association Conference November 4-5, 2022, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Approve Reproductive Health/HIV Advisory Committee Documents

- a. Reproductive Health/HIV Advisory Committee Mission Statement
- b. Goals, Objectives, and Evaluation
- c. Sex Education Definition
- d. Reproductive Health/HIV Committee By-Laws

-Motion by Larrow, supported by Grodi to approve all items on the consent agenda.
Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler and Smith)

Superintendent's Report

Communication and Community Engagement:

- Eagle Eye: The first 2022-23 issue was sent out on October 31st. This issue included information regarding community events, as well as PTA news.
- The District had three Non-homestead millage open forums available to the public; October 21, 22, and Nov 2.
- A Parent Survey regarding student support was available to all CES and MMS parents this past month to collect perception information.
- Mason High School hosted a parent seminar on October 26th about drug and alcohol trends.

Learning Environment and Culture:

Senior Seminar, Student Council, and Construction Technologies all have engaged in events of service this past month. Seminar students planned a needs closet; High School Student Council raked yards and Construction Technologies students built a new ramp at the elementary for one of the portables. Mason HS is one of five area schools to be invited to paint a Monroe County Road Commission snow plow.

Personnel and Leadership:

Hiring: Spanish remains an open position, we have secured a district substitute who was interviewed and meets the needs of the district.

Resignation:

Ms. Kim Rector has notified the district of her retirement effective December 31, 2022.

Academics and Programs:

Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC): All teachers participated in training on November 1st to help in establishing a guaranteed and viable curriculum at MCS. Teachers learned how to prioritize standards to allow us to be crystal clear about what students should know and be able to do.

Donations:

The District received and accepted an anonymous donation for the Robotics kickoff party.

MASB Training

MCS Board members were reminded of the supports from the Michigan Associations of School Boards and were encouraged to review the MASB website for ongoing training and opportunities to "build knowledge and sharpen boardmanship and leadership skills".

Administrative Reports

-Administrators shared monthly updates; Full November Administrative Reports can be found on the district's website under District Tab.

Board Reports/Comments

Otting: Good luck to cross country on Saturday. Pretty exciting to go to States. Dustin's comments about Lenawee Christian, I'll be excited to see our current 8th grade team take them on. JEHL is getting ready to start on Saturday the 19th. There is going to be a book fair at the junior high for the first time in a long time. That is in March.

Grodi: I want to recognize Kim Rector. That is the story of someone who went through the whole system here and is retiring from here and that is admirable. It was nice to see her step in for volleyball. Question about the golf season. I was told that there will be a bunch of boys on the team this coming season so the girls will not be able to play. It seems discouraging that the girls don't want to play because they won't be able to compete. Me and Dr. Smith went to a candidate forum and it was crazy. There are some great candidates out there. If you didn't get a chance to go, look at the candidates and their stances on education.

Larrow: I want to add to Dustin's comments about the parent night. I got to take pictures and I was so awed with our pool area. It was wonderful to work in there and look up and see all the repairs done. Loved working with the girls for this and the girls gave me flowers which was really nice. Good choice on graduation for the date and thanks for officiating at swimming (Bates).

Stieben: Ditto, it is great to see and hear all the wonderful things going on. I am super happy about what we are seeing and where we are going.

Skaggs: I will ditto with a couple of shout outs. Have to give Kim Rector so much love. Super excited for all of you for next week at Challenge Day. Exciting stuff.

Smith: Absent

Fowler: Absent

Adjournment

At 8:14 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Grodi to adjourn the November 2, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Fowler and Smith)

Janice Skaggs, Secretary