

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

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**Approved 12/1/21**

**November 3, 2021**

**Regular Meeting**

On November 3, 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 6:03 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Fowler , Grodi, Larrow, Otting, Skaggs, Smith, and Stieben

Board Members Absent: n/a

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

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

President Stieben noted the need for the following revisions to the agenda.

Addition of New Business F: Recommendation to approve Middle School Youth in Government Trip

Addition of Action Item E: Approve the recommendation for the Middle School Youth in Government Trip

-It was moved by Grodi, supported by Larrow to approve to the agenda.

Motion carried 7-0

**Special Presentations**

Student Council Report- Middle School Student Council President Molly Sepulveda shared activities and events the council is currently involved in.

Staff Member of the Month- Leski Wittman Insurance Agency- Middle School secretary, Mrs. Kettinger was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the October Staff Member of the Month. Superintendent Tuller shared Mrs. Kettinger's nominations and other words of praise shared about her.

Data Share: Building principals shared state and local level student achievement data from Spring 2021 and Fall 2021, highlighting areas of strength and improvement and various supports for continued growth.

**Superintendent's Report**

Donations to the District: Mason Middle School received a monetary donation of \$100 from Mrs. Pat Larrow to use toward the Middle School Youth in Government Lansing, Michigan trip.

Staff Shortages: The District continues to have critical shortages in both substitute teaching and sub driver positions. The district is employing dedicated substitute teachers for each building who report every day.

Juvenile Vaccination Request for Host Site: The Monroe County Health Department met with local superintendents to discuss the possibility of districts hosting vaccination clinics for students to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The MCHD indicated that at this time, the process requires more staffing than they have, as well as the need for a more time and precision for children who will receive a smaller dose and have a difficult time receiving vaccinations because of fear. Therefore, they recommended children receive their vaccination at their home medical location (pediatrician).

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. Additionally, Superintendent Tuller indicated that the increase of positive cases, may force a need to change current protocols. This may include all students and staff wearing a mask, or a grade level, building or district temporarily going to a remote/virtual

delivery model. Case numbers are being watched carefully and the district is now experiencing clusters of close contact students in a classroom or grade level testing positive for COVID-19.

### **Administrative Reports**

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

### **Public Comment**

Alena Russo shared her concerns and researched information about quarantining students as close contacts.

Kelli Colauca shared her concern about students as close contacts quarantining.

### **Old Business**

Presentation of minutes from the October 6, 2021, Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no questions asked

### **Monthly Items**

Check Register

-President Stieben presented. No comments

Board Financial Report

- President Stieben presented. No comments

### **New Business**

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Mason High School.

#### Recommendation to award bid for Natatorium Project

The Natatorium Project timeline was explained by Superintendent Tuller. SSOE Architect, Lance Mushung, shared the district received two bids. One bid was below budget and the other bid was above, yet within the 10% range of budget so the District could go with the higher bid if they choose. Additionally, Mr. Mushung indicated both contractors were interviewed and vetted indicating a difference between both contractors regarding the completion date. He shared that KCS stated a probable completion date of June or July 2022 and Delventhal indicated an on-time date as indicated by the District of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, yet they had not contacted all suppliers regarding this. Mr. Mushung indicated that SSOE's opinion is that KCS is the lowest responsible bidder. Superintendent Tuller shared the District's recommendation to award Delventhal the bid based on KCS' retracting of the September 10, 2021, bid and the substantial completion date extension.

KCS owner, Keith Michalski, asked to speak to the board. He shared his concerns regarding the District's opinion regarding KCS as a responsible bidder. He shared the reasons for the retraction of the initial bid and indicated the other contractor was lying about what they shared. Mr. Michalski stated that the District should not take someone's word as what is going to happen and that he is aware of how long it is taking to get the materials such as EPDM roofing. He indicated that the district should think about what they are doing and that he has 80 employees who like to make a living too and no one deserves the job more than KCS.

President Stieben requested Mr. Michalski sit back down since he gave him the opportunity to speak despite this not being public participation time.

Board member, Janice Skaggs, shared her concerns regarding the amount the overall project will cost and initial discussion regarding this project to not include HVAC. President Stieben indicated that the plan for the HVAC will be to improve air quality and longevity of the facility and will be paid out of ESSER funds. Mrs. Skaggs shared that there are many other critical areas that need addressed and the amount for this project may take away from these.

#### Recommendation to hire Kristen Donnelly for Central Elementary School Interventionist at Step BA2 +20

-Principal McCain spoke about the qualifications and experience of Ms. Donnelly making her the ideal candidate for the interventionist position.

Recommendation to hire Katelyn Hodge for Secretary of Transportation/Maintenance/Athletics at Step 1-\$17.73 per hour.

-Operations Director, Michael Valentine and Athletic Director, Dustin Pollard, spoke about the qualifications and experience of Ms. Hodge making her the ideal candidate for the secretarial position.

Recommendation to hire Angela Gerber for PE/Health at Step BA1+20.

-Principal Russow spoke about the qualifications and experience of Ms. Gerber making her the ideal candidate for the Physical Education/Health and St. Joseph's teaching position.

Recommendation to approve Middle School Youth in Government Trip

-Mr. Russow shared the request to resume the annual Youth in Government Trip to Lansing, acknowledging advisor, Nicole Blackburn for her commitment to organizing and raising funds.

### **Consent Agenda**

Approve the minutes from the October 6, 2021, Board of Education Meeting

Approve the check register

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Otting

Motion carried 7-0

### **Action**

Approve the recommendation to hire Kristen Donnelly for Central Elementary School Interventionist at Step BA2 +20

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Otting

Motion carried 7-0

Recommendation to hire Katelyn Hodge for Secretary of transportation/Maintenance/Athletics at \$17.73 per hour.

-It was moved by Grodi, supported by Fowler

Motion carried 7-0

Approve the recommendation to hire Angela Gerber for PE/Health at Step BA1+20.

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Smith

Motion carried 7-0

Approve the recommendation to award Natatorium Project Bid

-It was motioned by Grodi to award the Natatorium Project to Delventhal, supported by Larrow

Roll Call Vote:

Fowler-Aye

Grodi-Aye

Larrow-Aye

Otting-Aye

Skaggs-Nay

Smith-Aye

Stieben-Aye

Motion carried 7-0

Approve the recommendation for the Middle School Youth in Government Trip

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Otting

Motion carried 7-0

### **Adjournment**

At 7:59 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Grodi to adjourn the November 3, 2021, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0

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Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary