

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

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**Approved 1/5/22**  
**December 1, 2021**

**Regular Meeting**

On December 1, 2021, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. Acting President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Fowler, Larrow, Skaggs, and Smith  
Board Members Absent: Grodi, Otting (arrived at 7:47p.m.), Stieben  
Also Present: Bates, Blair, Burt, McCain, Russow, and Tuller

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Central Elementary Student Council members Kaden Kreger and Alivia Cowdrey.

**Moment of Silence**

Acting President Smith asked for a moment of silence to honor those impacted by the devastating tragedy at Oxford High School.

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

-It was moved by Fowler, supported by Skaggs to approve to the agenda.  
Motion carried 4-0; 3 absent (Grodi, Otting, Stieben)

**Special Presentations**

Student Council Report-High School-President Hailey Blomgren  
-Miss Blomgren shared activities and events led by the High School Student Council.

Student Council Report-High School-President Molly Sepulveda  
- Miss Sepulveda shared activities and events led by the Middle School Student Council.

Staff Member of the Month-Leski/Wittman Insurance Agency  
-Mrs. Jessica Petrowitsch (Hopper) was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the November Staff Member of the Month. Jason Burt shared Mrs. Petrowitsch's nomination and both Mr. Burt and Superintendent Tuller shared words of praise about Mrs. Petrowitsch.

Introduction of New Staff  
-Principals McCain and Russow introduced new teachers hired in 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. The Board welcomed the newest members to the Eagle teaching family.

Social Emotional Learning  
-MCISD Mental Health Coordinator, Margot Lechlak, presented various mental health supports and the TRAILS curriculum available to support students and staff.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Middle School Swim: The middle school swim team is limited on practice time at Dundee this year and alternative locations are being checked on.

ESSER III update: The ESSER III funds are restricted funds with at least 20% being set aside to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. Other allowable uses are similar to ESSER I and ESSER II including but not limited to improving air quality, mental health supports, purchasing educational technology, repairing, or improving school facilities to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure, etc. The district administrative team met to discuss these permissible uses and are creating a spending plan from data from stakeholders for prioritizing needs.

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.

### **Administrative Reports**

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

### **Monthly Items**

Check Register

-Acting President Smith presented; no questions/comments

Board Financial Report

-Acting President Smith presented; no questions/comments

Natatorium Update

-Superintendent Tuller indicated that launch meetings have been held with SSOE and Deventhal and a finalized contract is expected soon.

### **Public Comment**

-Tiffany Holbrook asked for the Board to consider the placement of Public Comment on their agenda to be after New Business to allow the public to make comment on the agenda items.

-David Cowdrey asked if he was only permitted to speak about policies at this time or after the Board discussed.

-Jake Nehrig shared his concerns regarding Policy 5106 and complimented Mr. Bates on the focus on work-based learning.

-Valynn Frank indicated that she has questions for the board, but not until after they discuss the policies.

### **Old Business**

Presentation of minutes from the November 3, 2021, Board of Education Meeting

-Acting President Smith presented; no questions/comments

### **New Business**

The next Board of Education meeting will be a special call meeting held Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in the Library at Mason High School. This meeting is scheduled for the purpose of developing the Mason Consolidated Schools Strategic Plan

Recommendation to adopt Policy 4226 Temporary COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Face Covering

-Superintendent Tuller shared that the OSHA ETS is on a stay put status until considered by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. The recommended policy will not be in effect until required to do so.

Recommendation to adopt Policy 5106 Transgender Students

-Superintendent Tuller shared the policy indicating the administrative recommendation to adopt the policy with specific recommended options. She shared that choosing to leave the policy intentionally blank does not allow the District to deny supports and requests by transgender students mandated by law.

Recommendation to adopt Policy 3409 Face Mask Requirement

-Superintendent Tuller recommended the District continue to follow the same language from the MCHD and CDC of recommending face masks and to leave this policy intentionally blank. This would allow the District to continue the current practice of recommending, but not requiring students and staff to wear face masks unless on the school bus.

Recommendation to approve 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip to Camp Storer, Brooklyn, MI February 2-4, 2022.

-Principal McCain shared the recommendation to approve both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend Camp Storer this winter since the 6<sup>th</sup> graders were not able to attend last year due to COVID. A parent meeting will be held in December and finalized plans in January.

**Consent Agenda**

Approve the November 3, 2021 Board of Education Minutes

Approve District November Check Register

Approve the recommendation for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip to Camp Storer, Brooklyn, MI February 2-4, 2022.

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Otting to approve the items on the consent agenda

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Grodi, Stieben)

**Action**

Adopt Policy 4226 Temporary COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Face Covering

-It was motioned by Fowler, supported by Smith

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Grodi, Stieben)

Adopt Policy 5106 Transgender Students

-It was motioned by Larrow, supported by Otting to adopt policy with inclusion of Option 1 Restrooms/Locker rooms and transcript language.

Acting President Smith called for a roll call vote:

Smith-Nay

Larrow-Aye

Otting-Aye

Grodi-Absent

Skaggs-Aye

Fowler-Nay  
Stieben-Absent

Motion carried 3-2; 2 absent (Grodi, Stieben)

Adopt Policy 3409 Face Mask Requirement

-It was motioned by Fowler, supported by Otting to not adopt the policy, and leave intentionally blank.

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Grodi, Stieben)

**Board Reports/Comments**

Fowler- Welcome to all the new teachers at Mason. The Social Emotional learning, am thankful we are doing that. Love the update from Brandon on the work-based learning. Not every kid wants to go to college, and we need more of that.

Grodi- absent

Otting- Thanks to everyone for getting their reports in and getting ready for the meeting.

Skaggs- Ditto to Chandra and welcome. I love the beginning of these Board meetings. It is such positive energy. It is such a wonderful thing to see the kids and get all the updates and the warm fuzzies. Happy to have you on the coaching staff, we will be cheering loudly. It is a nice start. Appreciate everybody coming out. Always nice to hear what folks are thinking. Shout out to the girls and their big win. It is a great start to the season.

Smith- Appreciate all the teachers and to be able to congratulate and welcome everyone to the family. Very grateful for the public, for your concern and input. We appreciate it and would like to see more of it. We do promote and appreciate communication even through emails. Thank you, Kelli, for all of your work in putting this together.

Stieben- absent

Larrow- Love this. I have been waiting for something like this for a long time (SEL). Love that we are looking to support all of our children on a case-by-case basis. It is so needed. Everyone needs to be able to learn in a safe environment.

**Adjournment**

At 8:03 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Fowler to adjourn the December 1, 2021, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent

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Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary