

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

**Pending Approval 1/4/23**  
**December 7, 2022**

**Regular Meeting**

On December 7, 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 6:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Central Elementary Student Council member, Aiden Healy

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

President Stieben requested to revise the agenda to remove Old Business: C - Review of Policy 3102 Smoking, Tobacco Products, Drugs, and Alcohol until all Board members are present.

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

**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- MS Student Council President, Zayla Brown, shared the various activities and events the MS student council members are planning and engaging in.

**Special Presentations**

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

-Ms. Kimberly Rector, Middle School Mathematics Teacher, was honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency for being selected by her colleagues as the November Staff Member of the Month.

**Public Comment**

-Jackie Cousino- Inquiry about facility use and heating of schools. Shared comments regarding parent notification of heating issues at the middle school on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

-Jake Nehrig- Shared comments regarding the recent outcome of the non-homestead millage and indicated what he thought were the reasons for the failure of the millage. Additionally, Mr. Nehrig shared what the District should be doing to engage and inform the community.

**Superintendent's Report**

Communication and Community Engagement:

- Leadership from LaSalle Township, City of Luna Pier, and Erie Township have been invited to join MCS leadership on January 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss community and school

partnerships. After this meeting, a stakeholder group will be put together to discuss needs, support, etc.

- A communications plan was developed over the last few months and the final copy was placed on the school website.

#### Learning Environment and Culture:

- Establish and showcase student engagement programs- A comprehensive list of program offerings was developed and placed on the school website.

#### Academics and Programs:

- Robust student support system K-12- The MTSS team, led by Mr. Russow, has surveyed families and students regarding our current supports and found that most students and families identified that they feel confident in knowing the supports and personnel available to assist them. Each building has identified Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III supports and will publish this for families. A review of these programs is ongoing, and staff is participating in additional professional development opportunities to further these supports. As mentioned last month, teachers are working on establishing a GVC and then a robust K-12 support system can be developed.
- ROX: Ruling our experiences is a program being reviewed for future implementation at MCS. ROX is designed to create generations of confident girls who control their own relationships, experiences, decisions and futures. The program focuses on academics, body image, confidence, relationships, friendships, leadership, social media and stress and pressure.
- Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC): All teachers participated in training on November 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The core level team continued the GVC work on November 28<sup>th</sup> by participating in the second of several sessions in the PLC at Work series.

#### Operations:

- MCS administrators meet monthly and discuss safety and security. The team recently reviewed all responses to threats and reviewed protocols. Additional resources will be discussed at the county level. A comprehensive safety assessment will be completed by an outside agency and MCS administrators will review and address areas of concern. The Administrative Team met this week to plan steps, roles, and protocols for possible evacuation of campus during a potential threat or threat on campus.
- The development of the comprehensive district facilities plan is in the gathering needs phase. The safety assessment results will be added to this collection of needs.

#### Resignations:

Ms. Andrea Adams has notified the district of her retirement effective June 30, 2023. She shared her appreciation for 24 years in a job she greatly enjoyed.

Ms. Shelia Cuschieri has notified the district of her resignation effective December 11, 2022. She shared her appreciation for the support and valuable experiences Mason has provided.

Mr. Floyd Martin has notified the district of his resignation effective January 2, 2023. He shared that all his experiences during his 13+ years here have shaped him into the educator he is today and will always cherish the invaluable knowledge.

### **Administrative Reports**

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

### **Old Business**

Presentation of the minutes from the November 2, 2022, Board of Education Meeting

-President Stieben presented, no comments

Second Reading of new Reproductive Health and Sex Education-Approved Materials

-President Stieben presented, no comments

-Motion by Grodi, supported by Otting

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Skaggs and Smith)

### **Monthly Items**

November 2022 Check Register

-President Stieben presented; No comments/questions

Board Financial Reports

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

### **New Business**

The Mason Consolidated Schools Annual Organizational Meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. on January 4, 2023 in the Mason Senior High School library.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library.

Recommendation to approve Brandi Redford, for IF Aide position at CES at \$14 per hour.

-Motion by Grodi, supported by Fowler

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Skaggs and Smith)

Recommendation to approve Virginia Drapkin, for IF Aide position at CES at \$14 per hour.

-Motion by Otting, supported by Larrow

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Skaggs and Smith)

Recommendation to approve Tracy Barczewski for the Maintenance I position at \$20.68 plus \$0.20 additional for certification held pending favorable criminal history and background checks.

-Motion by Larrow, supported by Otting

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Skaggs and Smith)

### **Consent Agenda**

Approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022, Board of Education Meeting

Approve the November 2022 Check Register

Recommendation to approve Kelli Tuller to attend the MASA Midwinter Conference

January 18-20, 2023, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Recommendation to approve overnight trip to YMCA Camp Storer, Jackson, MI February 1- 3, 2023.

Recommendation to approve 8<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip to Cincinnati, OH, June 1-2, 2023 at no cost to the district.

-Motion by Grodi, supported by Fowler to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Skaggs and Smith)

### **Board Reports/Comments**

Fowler-Would like to ditto the acknowledgement for Kim Rector. She has been so great to our community. I ditto everything everyone said about her. She is top notch, sad to see her go. I really appreciate this. This is really great information. As far as the buildings are concerned, we know there are issues. We know there are nay Sayers that we need to target and talk to personally. I think we can do it. We all want what is best for our kids. We just need to get out there and educate the right people.

Larrow-I want to ditto everything Chandra said, and I have to say publicly that I had an opportunity to participate in Challenge Day. It was a positive experience that impacted our kids. It was a really great experience. I hope we can continue with the program with the girls that Ms. Tuller brought up.

Grodi-passed, no comment

Otting-My kids had a really good experience at the Challenge Day so great job with that. Kim Rector is going to be missed. Both of my kids really like her. Although I am sad to see Floyd leave, I am happy for him for this opportunity. It will be a loss at the Elementary for sure.

Stieben-I will ditto what Chandra said. Jason you work with the communications with the group getting it organized and on the website is huge. You always do a tremendous job, and you did with this as well. Kim, you will be missed greatly. Kim coached most of my girls in volleyball along the way. Her fierce determination to win and her fierce protectiveness of Eagle Nation is obviously something to be commended and copied. I did get a chance to go to the ISD annual meeting and at the meeting we talked about a number of things, but the big thing is safety and security. There will be a meeting at ISD in February that we are all invited to about safety and security. Janice was once again voted the Vice President of the ISD School Board.

Skaggs-Absent

Smith-Absent

### **Closed Session**

Section 8 (b): To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of a student if the public body is part of the school district, intermediate school district, or institution of higher education that the student is attending, and if the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

-Motion to enter Closed Session by Larrow, supported by Otting

Roll Call:

Grodi-Yes

Fowler-Yes

Otting-Yes

Skaggs-Absent

Larrow-Yes

Smith-Absent

Stieben-Yes

-Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Skaggs and Smith)

Time in: 7:26 p.m.

Time out: 8:22 p.m.

**Student Discipline Determination**

The Student Discipline preamble and resolution were offered by Member Pat Larrow and supported by Member Mike Grodi. President Stieben read the resolution indicating the long-term suspension of the Student. President Stieben shared all conditions and requirements of the suspension.

**Roll call of support of the Student Discipline Resolution**

Ayes: Fowler, Grodi, Larrow, Otting, and Stieben

Nays:

Absent: Skaggs and Smith

Motion Passed: 5-0; 2 absent

**Adjournment**

At 8:31 p.m., it was moved by Otting, supported by Grodi to adjourn the December 7, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0; 2 absent (Skaggs and Smith)

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Bruce Stieben, President  
Janice Skaggs, Secretary-Absent

PENDING BOE APPROVAL