

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

Approved 5/7/25
April 8, 2025

Regular Meeting

On April 8, 2025, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. President Otting called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: England, Fowler, Grodi, (left at 6:35pm) Nehrig, Otting, and Waller

Board Members Absent: Smith

Also Present: Burt, Hammond, Hayes, McCain, Nieuwkoop, Russow and Tuller

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by CES students Savannah Hammond and Hudson Harmon

Review/Approval of Agenda

Add Special Presentation D: Student Recognition

Add Action Item D: Approve the purchase of a 2020 International Lift Bus from Midwest Transit \$79,693

-Motion by Grodi, supported by Waller

Motion carried 6-0

Student Council Reports

Emalyn Hammond shared updates on activities that the middle school student council has planned or engaged in over the past month

Special Presentations

Staff Members of the Month-Sponsored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency- September

-Carson Manthey, Middle School Math Teacher, was nominated by staff and honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency as the MCS, February Staff Member of the Month.

Recognition and Appreciation Resolution

-The Board of Education adopted a resolution honoring Boys' Basketball Coach Kevin Skaggs for his 14 years of dedicated service to Mason Consolidated Schools. The Board expressed its deep appreciation for Coach Skaggs' commitment to student-athletes, leadership on and off the court, and his lasting contributions to the Mason basketball program.

-Motion to adopt Resolution by Grodi, supported by Waller Motion Carried 6-0

Erie History Essay Contest Winners- Erie Area Historians

-Diane Cousino from the Erie Area Historians proudly introduced Elizabeth Scaggs, the first-place winner of their essay contest. Elizabeth impressed everyone as she read her winning essay, highlighting the amazing history of Mason Consolidated Schools and the strong partnership between the community and the school in building the district's success.

Student Recognition

Choral Director, Justin Johnson, introduced freshman Colton Adair, who was recognized as the first Mason student to receive a Superior rating at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District Solo and Ensemble Festival. Colton earned this prestigious honor for his outstanding solo performance.

Youth in Government Advisor Terrance Davison shared an update with the Board, noting that 26 Mason students recently participated in the Michigan Youth in Government Conference. This event allows students to engage in a mock government experience, taking on roles such as legislators, lawyers, lobbyists, and media representatives while developing leadership skills and a deeper understanding of civic processes.

Public Comment

-Public comment offered, no action taken

Superintendent's Report

Celebrations

Lots of exciting things happening as you heard in our special presentations. Many good questions are being asked by folks outside of the community regarding the bond proposal.

Communications and Engagement

The District will host the 4th and final Bond Information Meetings April 24, 2025, starting with a walking tour at 4:45 pm and the panel session at 6. After legal review, an FAQ will be on our website this week.

As of March 28, the ads have been seen 88,244 times, reaching 44,424 people across the district.

Academics and Programs

Additional courses are being offered upon approval for high school students next year in both core, elective and AP areas. An increase in those interested in WBL has been recognized as well as Dr. Albain is working with local businesses and industry to provide our kids with an opportunity for exploration and experience in post-secondary career pathways they may wish to consider.

Personnel and Leadership

Accepted the resignation of Mary Megan Gase, CES Educator, for 7 years.

Donations to the District

Anonymous monetary donation of \$950 for discretionary use of the class of 2026.

Meeting Reminders

Board members were reminded of dates for upcoming municipality meetings.

Administrative Reports

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

Monthly Items

Check Register

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

Financial Reports

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

Tax Collection Report

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason Senior High School Library

Consent Agenda.

Approved the March 5, 2025, Board of Education Meeting Minutes.

Approved the March 8, 2025 Board of Education Special Call Meeting Minutes

Approved the March 2025 Check Register

Approved the attendance of Courtney Hammond and Dawn Nieuwkoop at the MSBO Annual Conference April 28-May 1, 2025 in Grand Rapids, MI.

Approved High School Course Addition- AP Government

Approved High School Course Addition- Journalism/Digital Media Arts

Approved High School Course Addition-20th Century History

Approved High School Course Addition-Foundations of Chemistry

Approved High School Course Addition-Foundations of Physics

Approved High School Course Addition-Drawing 1

Approved High School Course Addition-Painting 1

Approved Policy 4113 Michigan Earned Sick Time (ESTA)

-Motion by Waller, supported by England to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0

Action

Approve purchase of 175 Dell Chromebook 3120 with licenses from MI REMC Bid-People Driven at a total cost of \$47,400.50 from the Technology Millage.

-Motion by England, Supported by Fowler

Motion carried 5-0

Approve replacement of east side exterior natatorium doors by Sieler Construction at \$9,880.

-Motion by Waller, Supported by England

Motion carried 5-0

Approve the purchase and installation of dry chemical pool dispenser from B & B pools at \$17,500

-Motion by Fowler, Supported by Nehrig

Motion carried 5-0

Approved the purchase of a 2020 International Lift Bus from Midwest Transit for \$79,693

-Motion by Waller, Supported by Nehrig

Motion carried 5-0

Celebrations

Otting: Shared that 4 teams at YIG got their bills passed, including:

- Drea Hochleitner & Emily Duron
- Addison Oberhaus & Ava Vititoe
- Aylssa Abar & Sophia Campbell
- Allison Ellis & Ava Barron

Otting also recognized and thanked Terry Davison and Nicole Blackburn for their outstanding efforts in helping prepare the students for the Youth in Government events. She also shared that 60 students are currently participating in the Erie Milers program. These students will take part in the Color Run on May 4th and the Race for the Kids on June 14th . Additionally, Elementary Field Day is scheduled for June 3rd .

Adjournment

Motion by England, Supported by Fowler

Motion carried 5-0 to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

John Waller, Board Secretary