

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

Approved 3/26/19
March 18, 2019

Regular Meeting

On March 18, 2019 the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a meeting in the IVN at Mason High School. President Stieben called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Smith, Larrow, Tubbs, McGarry, Fowler, Skaggs (arrived at 6:30) & Stieben

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Shaw, Strick, Russow, and Student Reps. Balcerzak and Gale

Review/Approval of Agenda

Move New Business G, H & I to Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the IVN room.

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Tubbs to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0

Special Presentations

Central Elementary School Quiz Bowl Team

-Ms. Swartz talked about the County Quiz Bowl Competition and each team member was presented with a recognition certificate.

LCAA Scholar Athlete

-Mr. Shaw reported he attended the event on Sunday and the requirements a student must meet to be an LCAA Scholar Athlete. The students that represented us were Ryan Balcerzak, Skie Reams, Carter Rose, Kyle Swafford, Jacob Trainor and Cory Yenor.

Winter Sports Recognition

-Mr. Shaw presented the various athletes and teams that represented Mason at the State level. We had a high number of students that participated in winter sports this year. He congratulated all of our winter sports teams.

"Into the Woods" Musical

-Mr. Shaw thanked Laurel Miller and Nikki Blackburn for the production of the musical.

Student Representatives to the Board Report

-Ryan Balcerzak reported that the Student Council sponsored the Spirit Bus to the Boys Basketball Regionals and the Athletic Boosters picked up the bus to Lansing. He is hoping Student Council will be able to pay for more of these Spirit Busses to football and basketball games next year. It will allow more people to be able to go.

The last dance of the year is Prom and it will be May 4th. After Prom will be in the gym High School.

-Kasey Gale discussed the choir room and the leaks in the skylight. They are multiplying and it needs to be fixed.

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the March 6, 2019 Board of Education Meeting

-Mr. Stieben presented, there were no questions or changes

Presentation of minutes from the March 6, 2019 Board of Education Closed Session A

-Mr. Stieben presented, there were no questions or changes

Presentation of minutes from the March 6, 2019 Board of Education Closed Session B

-Mr. Stieben presented, there were no questions or changes

New Business

The next regular (work session) scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the IVN Room at Mason High School. There is no work session in April.

-Mr. Stieben presented

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the IVN Room at Mason High School

-Mr. Stieben presented

Review February 2019 Check Register

-There was a question on the following checks:

62630-Sandra Wuwert for consulting

Recommendation of 2018 Superintendent Evaluation

-Mr. Stieben presented The Board of Education has completed the evaluation of Superintendent Shaw and he has received a rating of effective.

Recommendation to join the TCC

-Mr. Shaw presented The Tri-County Conference Boards of Education have all taken action and have unanimously approved Mason Consolidated Schools to enter the TCC the Fall of 2020. It is the recommendation that the Mason Board of Education accept the move from the LCAA to the TCC beginning the Fall of 2020.

Recommendation of overnight conference for Michelle Strick and Dana Blair, Annual MSBO preconference and conference, April 30 - May 2, 2019 Grand Rapids, MI

-Mr. Stieben presented the recommendation for Michelle Strick and Dana Blair to attend the Annual MSBO conference in Grand Rapids. The approximate total cost is \$2,035.65 paid by general fund with Mason covering approximately \$1,571 of the cost and Whiteford the remaining.

Recommendation of 2019 Reproductive Health Committee Members

-Mr. Shaw presented it is recommended to approve the 2019 Reproductive Health Committee Members as presented are: Brandon Bates, Rae Hempel, Jillian Piotrowski, Michael Piotrowski, Gina Robison, Carly Neely, Joe Gill, Taran Prayther, Jason DeGasto, Stephanie Gill, Jodi Loewenstein, Andrea McGarry, Jerry Yanak, Meghann Crawford, Brenda Huber, Christa Lay, Gerald Lay, Christina Frazier, Rev. Jan Brown, Tara Tubbs, Dustin Tunison, Sierra Ellis, Kendall Himebaugh, Hannah Lay, Bryce Floyd, Megan Neely, Andrew Shaw, Cody Meinert, Jamie Eathorne, and Jean Foster.

Recommendation of wireless network upgrades, battery backups, and upgrade of the fiber between the elementary, middle, and high schools

-Mr. Shaw presented the next step in the network project is upgrades to the wireless network with Macro Connect at a cost of \$20,015.51, battery backups with JEM Tech at a cost of \$6,946.72 and fiber between the buildings with Fiber Link at a cost of \$9,344.14. Because of eRate we can get this work done at a very low cost. The total cost out of the technology fund is \$36,306.38. Without eRate the cost would have been \$84,524. A savings of \$48,217.62.

Public Comment

-No Public Comment

Superintendent's Report

Staffing:

Laura Cruz has resigned from the business office. Her last official day will be March 29, 2019 but has agreed to work one day a week in the month of April.

The application to have three additional days of school that were cancelled has been approved by the Interim State Superintendent. We are now at zero days of makeup and zero days available.

Mr. Bates and I have met and discussed high school student attendance and discipline. He is making adjustments to the established processes that the high school uses. He will work with his teaching staff with these changes.

Plante Moran needs to come out one more time to check a few items and will then be able to complete their study. I am asking them to have their work done and to present to the Board at the May 8 work session.

Laibe Electric begins their work this Wednesday or Thursday on the athletic complex. They plan to have it completed by next Friday. The plan is to power down the District after 3:00 so that they can reenergize the system.

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the March 6, 2019 Board of Education Meeting
Approve the minutes from the March 6, 2019 Board of Education Closed Session A
Approve the minutes from the March 6, 2019 Board of Education Closed Session B
Approve the February 2019 Check Register
Approve the recommendation of 2018 Superintendent Evaluation with a rating of effective
Approve the recommendation of overnight conference for Michelle Strick and Dana Blair, Annual MSBO preconference and conference, April 30-May 2, 2019 Grand Rapids, MI
Approve the recommendation of 2019 Reproductive Health Committee Members

-It was moved by Smith, supported by McGarry. Motion carried 7-0

Action

Approve the recommendation of support to join the TCC beginning the Fall of 2020.

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Stieben. Motion carried 7-0

Approve the recommendation of wireless network with Macro Connect at a cost of \$20,015.51, battery backups with JEM Tech at a cost of \$6,946.72 and fiber between the buildings with Fiber Link at a cost of \$9,344.14. The total cost out of the technology fund is \$36,306.38.

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Board Reports/Comments

McGarry: Had a great time at the basketball games. Kudos to the coaches and the boys and girls. It was a great winter sport season.

Fowler: Ditto to McGarry and to the Quiz Bowl Team, the Scholar Athletes and the OK to Say program. The OK to Say program is really needed. The basketball was great.

Tubbs: Congratulations to the girls' basketball for making it to the semifinals. Congratulations to Mr. Shaw for being effective.

Larrow: Ditto to what everybody else has said. Jessica Hopper is a real pleasure. She does such a great job getting books for our libraries, her programs and posters and her great ideas.

Smith: Ditto

Skaggs: Ditto. Thanks to Andy, Kelly, Brandon and Mr. Bowers for the insane schedule they have kept for the past few weeks. It was an amazing thing to watch it all unfold. It was a tremendous team effort at all levels.

Stieben: Ditto about the basketball team. A shout out to all the people that worked on the play and the parents and public that came out and supported them. Thank you to food service for dinner. All of the details that had to be taken care of to make everything happen for basketball and it went so smoothly. The attitude and the way the boys conducted themselves was noticed. They conducted themselves well. The fans from the other team had positive things to say about our boys. Shout out to the coaches, parents and teachers for investing in our kids.

Adjournment

At 6:53p.m., it was moved by McGarry, supported by Stieben to adjourn the March 18, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0.

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary