

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

Approved 2/10/25
January 8, 2025

Organizational/Regular Meeting

Call to Order

On January 8, 2025, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. Trustee Otting called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Administration of Oath of Office

Rachel England, Jake Nehrig, and John Waller took the Official Oath of Office to become official members of the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education

Roll Call

Board Members Present: England, Fowler, Otting, Nehrig, Smith and Waller
Board Members Absent: Grodi
Also Present: Bates, Burt, McCain, Nieuwkoop, Russow and Tuller

Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Board Officers

-Nomination for PRESIDENT

Nomination by Smith to appoint Otting

Roll call:

Waller: Yes

Fowler: Yes

Otting: Abstain

England: Yes

Grodi: Absent

Smith: Yes

Nehrig: Yes

Motion carried: 5-0

-Nomination for VICE-PRESIDENT

- Nomination by Otting to appoint Smith

Roll call:

Waller: Yes

Fowler: Yes

Otting: Yes

England: Yes

Grodi: Absent

Smith: Abstain

Nehrig: Yes

Motion carried: 5-0

-Nomination for TREASURER

Nomination by Smith to appoint Fowler

Roll call:

Waller: Yes

Fowler: Abstain

Otting: Yes

England: Yes

Grodi: Absent

Smith: Yes

Nehrig: Yes

Motion carried: 5-0

-Nomination for **SECRETARY**

- Nomination by Otting to appoint Waller

Roll call:

Waller: Abstain

Fowler: Yes

Otting: Yes

England: Yes

Grodi: Absent

Smith: Yes

Nehrig: Yes

Motion carried: 5-0

Review/Approval of Agenda

- Remove Staff Member of the Month
- Revise first Action item to be A.
- Add Action Items

B. Sanitary Sewer Expansion Support

C. Adopt Resolution for Properly Chargeable Capital Account Bond Expenses

-Motion by Smith, supported by Fowler

Motion carried 6-0

Reading of the School Board Member Code of Ethics

-President Otting Read Policy 2302 Board Code of Ethics to all members

Discussion

Establishment of Board Committees - Assignment of Members to Committees

Board Members were assigned to the following committees.

- Monroe County School Board Association/Representative to the ISD: Waller
- Michigan Association of School Boards Delegation Representative: Otting
- Reproductive Health/HIV: England, Otting and Smith
- Legislative Relations Network Representative: Smith
- Policy Committee: (Committee of the Whole)
- Interview Committee: Board members will be called as needed on a rotation basis. If unavailable or unreachable, the next available member will be called.
- Local municipalities representatives

Student Council Reports

Payge DuRocher shared updates on activities that the high school student council has planned or engaged in over the past month, highlighting Winterfest activities.

Special Presentations

Board Member Appreciation

The District provided words of praise and gratitude to outgoing Board of Education Members Pat Larrow and Janice Skaggs, highlighting their impact at Mason Consolidated Schools.

January is Board Member Appreciation Month. The Mason Board of Education was honored with dinner sponsored by the Nutrition Group and words of recognition and praise.

Staff Member of the Month Sponsored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency

Superintendent's Report

Celebrations

Mason Middle School recognized as a top school in Michigan recently. Principal Russow will be sharing this information with his students, staff and parents in the next couple of weeks.

Personnel

Resignation: Accepted the resignation of Ivy Buckenmeyer, IF Aide. Ivy shared her gratitude for the opportunity to work at CES and the experiences gained from working with students with Autism. She shared appreciation for the support from Deb McCain and the entire staff.

Donations to the District:

Audio equipment (\$3500)-Chad Hughes, West Side Beer Distribution

Meeting Reminders

Board members were reminded of dates for upcoming municipality meetings.

Administrative Reports

January 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 Reports

- President Otting presented, no comments or questions

The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason High School Library.

Public Comment

-Lesla Russeau, member with Bobbie's Staff, shared their upcoming fundraising events and the current support for students and families to eliminate food insecurity.

Consent Agenda

Approved the December 4, 2024 Board of Education Minutes

Approved the December 4, 2024 Board of Education Closed Session Minutes

Approved the December 2024 Check Register

Approved the attendance of Dominick Chrysochoos, Kari Cooley, and Hannah Sugg at the Michigan Science Teachers Association Conference, March 7-8, 2025, in Lansing, MI.

Approved the designation of Calkins Hehl Rafko, CPAs, PLLC as auditors for 2025

Approved the establishment of Board Committees

Approved the designation of 2025 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

Approved the designation of Thrun Law Firm to be placed on retainer

Approved the designation of the principal office of the District as 2400 Mason Eagles Drive, Erie, Michigan 48133

-Motion by Waller, supported by Fowler to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0

Action

Adoption of Preliminary Qualification of Bonds Application

-Motion by Otting, Supported by Smith

Motion carried 6-0

Approve Sanitary Sewer Expansion Support

-Motion by Waller, Supported by Fowler

Motion carried 6-0

Adopt Resolution for Properly Chargeable Capital Account Bond Expenses

-Motion by Smith, Supported by England

Motion carried 6-0

Celebrations

Smith: Welcomed the new Board members and thanked Pat Larrow and Janice Skaggs for their years of service.

Otting: Thanked Pat Larrow and Janice Skaggs for their mentorship to her when she first joined the Board and for all of their years of service.

Nehrig: Asked about the District's preparation in the event the sewer expansion doesn't happen.

Adjournment

Motion by Waller, Supported by Smith

Motion carried 6-0 to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

John Waller, Board Secretary