

Unofficial Meeting Minutes

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Ryan Novess at 6:00pm.

Members present: Ryan Novess, Mike Austin, Brandon Woods, Corey Horky, Rebecca Harvey, and Michael Tindall. Absent: Kody Naylor

Motion by Woods to cancel this meeting until they are able to meet in-person. Not supported.

Agenda was approved by Harvey, supported by Tindall. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: 5 yays (Rovess, Austin, Horky, Harvey, Tindall); 1 nay (Woods).

Motion by Woods supported by Harvey to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 16, 2021. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

Motion by Horky, supported by Austin to approve the Treasurer's report. Discussion: Woods would like receipts supplied on BMO to see exactly what is purchased; Bezeau - Business Manager is working on it. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

COMMUNICATION

- A. Correspondence - None
- B. Public Questions/Comments - None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Board Policies

- 1. Revised Board Policies - 2210, 2412, 2414, 3362.01, 4162, 4362.01, 5610, 5611, 6107, 6114, 6325, 7400, 8210, 8400, 8462, 8600

Motion by Austin, supported by Harvey to accept the revised Board policies as presented.

Discussion: Woods on 5610 would like to see the Board to be the ones to be able to allow re-entry of a suspended/expelled student into school, not the Superintendent. Roll call vote to approve the Board policies: 3 yays (Austin, Harvey, Tindall); 3 nays (Novess, Horky, Woods).

Woods made a motion to table policy 5610, but approve all other policies; supported by Horky.

Discussion: Austin doesn't think the Board should be involved in the suspension/expulsion decision. Roll call vote: 3 yays (Novess, Horky, Woods); 3 nays (Austin, Harvey, Tindall). All policies are tabled until the October Board meeting.

- 2. Approval of New Board Policies - 5335, 8450.01, 8450.05

Motion by Harvey, supported by Tindall to accept the new Board policies as presented.

Discussion: Woods on 8450.01 does not like the language if there isn't a mandate (from State, Health Dept) on wearing masks that the Superintendent can mandate it. Horky - Superintendent needs to be supported; he is acting in the best interest of the District. Tindall - Board should not be micromanaging Superintendent. Roll call vote to approve the Board policies: 5 yays (Novess, Austin, Horky, Harvey, Tindall); 1 nay (Woods). New Board policies pass.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Virtual Course - K-12th Grades
 Board approved the virtual courses as presented. Motion by Austin; supported by Tindall. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

- B. A/C Roof Top Unit (RTU) for Riverside
 The Board approved All-tech as the company to replace the A/C roof top unit as presented. the virtual courses as presented. Motion by Tindall, supported by Harvey. Discussion: Horky requested that the bids be laid out better as there was some confusion with the columns adding up correctly. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

- C. Voting Delegate and Alternate for MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards)
 Motion by Woods; supported by Austin to appoint Ryan Novess as the delegate. No other nominees. Roll call vote to close nominations; All yes (6-0). Tindall made the motion to elect Novess as the delegate, supported by Woods. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0).
 Motion by Austin; supported by Tindall to appoint Harvey as the alternate delegate.. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0). No other nominees. Roll call vote to close nominations: All yes (6-0). Woods made the motion to elect Harvey as the alternate delegate, supported by Tindall. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0).

- D. JUUL Litigation - Discussion
 Dr. Bezeau informed Board members of the litigation: other Michigan Districts have joined the lawsuit, no cost to MCS, if awarded that money would go towards monitors, counselors. Harvey asked if we already had come detectors; Bezeau - yes. Let bring back at the October meeting to vote on.

- E. Riverfolk Music & Arts - Were unable to come, will put on October's agenda

- F. Youth Sports - Discussion
 Lead by Novess: Would it be beneficial to have youth sports run through the schools? There was no soccer this fall. Woods - Huge proponent of school running youth sports. Harvey - Who would be responsible at the school to run it? How would that affect the school insurance? Woods - Maybe AD secretary could help; Harvey - AD Secretary is part-time. Bezeau - It would have to be beneficial and have financial security for the school to run. Maybe we grow our Community Ed. Woods - Maybe have a parent board. Austin - Maybe the school could help facilitate, but not take it all on. Will discuss more at a later date.

PERSONNEL REPORT

1. New Hires & Position Changes

Department	Position	Name	Hire Date	District	EDUstaff
Athletics	Athletic Director	Lon Pinhey	8/20/2021	X	
Klager / RIS	Media Clerk	Kristen Zock	8/20/2021	X	

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Klager	Literacy Paraprofessional	Michelle Shrewsbury	8/20/2021	X	
Technology	Tech Assistant	Rebecca Sears	8/20/2021		X
Klager	Y5 - K Teacher	Miranda Joynt	8/23/2021	X	
Jr/Sr	Principal	Andrew Rouselo	8/24/2021	X	
Jr/Sr	Long-Term Substitute - Art	Debra Groth	8/26/2021	X	
Athletics	8th Grade Volleyball Coach	Jill Corwin	9/1/2021		X
Athletics	MS Football Aide	Andrew Corwin	9/1/2021		X
Athletics	Football Aide	Cade VanBogelen	9/1/2021		X
Food Service	Server	Gina Clasman	9/13/2021		Chartwells
Food Service	Server	Christina Gearheart	9/13/2021		Chartwells
Transportation	Bus Driver / Monitor	Austin Getty	9/13/2021	X	
Transportation	Bus Driver / Monitor	Courtney Miatech	9/13/2021	X	

2. Resignations

<i>Relationship to District</i>					
Department	Position	Name	Exit Date	District	EDUstaff
Jr/Sr	Teacher	Kristin Cole	8/19/2021	X	
Jr/Sr	Principal / Athletic Director	Eric McCalla	8/19/2021	X	
Buildings & Grounds	Custodian	Joan Rambo	8/30/2021	X	
Central Office	Accounts Payable / Payroll Clerk	Jennifer Jones	9/9/2021	X	
Special Education	Teacher	Michelle Mrocko	9/16/2021	X	
Special Education	Teacher	Traci Brown	9/27/2021	X	
Advisor - Jr/Sr	Link Crew - Co-Advisor	Brad Gerbe	9/14/2021	X	

The Board accepted the new hires and resignations as presented. Motion by Tindall, support from Horky. Discussion: Woods questioning why Gerbe would be paid as Link Crew advisor after resigning; Bezeau -

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Gerbe put in a lot of time upfront, Co-advisor will continue, very costly to train for Link Crew. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

- A. Klager / MECC -Began My-Time reading groups
- B. Riverside - Pride program off to a great start
- C. Jr-Sr High School - Take 6 initiative has begun
- D. Special Education - Hired a nurse
- E. Technology - Updating NWEA, PowerSchool. Hotspots are in.
- F. Business Office - Grant season
- G. Buildings & Grounds - A/C unit going in at Riverside. New coolers and oven for food service.
- H. Student
- I. Board - Harvey went to legislative coffee; lots discussed including ESSERs, critical shortages, virtual learning

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Nurse to start next week; two new bus drivers are being trained; last year there was a lot of grace with pupil accounting, not so this year; closed on the Ackerson building; Equestrian team is District champs, Varsity Football won last week; Klager nad Riverside have their FunRun this Friday. Woods: Any word on outside bussing for sports? Concerned that players and parents have to drive student athletes to events. Any thoughts on increasing the hourly rate for our bus drivers to drive to games? Bezeau: Full support on outside bussing for events/games, which Ad and AD secretary are working on. Will consider rate increase. Woods: Any more information on school of choice bus stops? Bezeau: Currently have two locations and K. Villarreal is working on options for before and after care for school of choice families. Woods: Are we advertising for school of choice students? Bezeau - we've been in the news a lot, will work on pricing when things calm down.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Angie Diuble - Spoke encouraging masking; quarantining
Linda Barbick(sp) - Spoke against masking; concerned about physical and mental well-being of students
Rachel Rang - Spoke encouraging masking and safety
Gaston Jones - Spoke against masking; government is taking away our freedoms
Lori Preis - Thanked all that are following the mask mandate
Danielle Kippnick -Spoke encouraging masking; support for teachers; concerned about retaining and getting teachers
Angie Klapperich - Thanked everyone; spoke against masking; wants freedom to choose; worried about mental and physical health of students
Jeanine Castillo - Virtual is hard on kids; spoke encouraging masking
Josie Castillo-Miller - Masks are for protection
Sandra Wiitala - People shouldn't be negative towards teachers and admin, this is a mandate by the health department; supports teachers
Danielle Blumenstein - Covid effects are real
Michelle Jedele - Spoke against masking; wants kids to have a choice
Julie Lutton - Spoke against masking; masking is unconstitutional
Lisa Volpe - Wants freedom to choose back

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Sarah Walkowe - Thanked Board for rescheduling; spoke encouraging masking

UPCOMING DATES

- October 6, 2021 - Pupil Count Day
- October 8, 2021 - Homecoming Game and Dance
- October 18, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting - 6:00pm
- October 26, 2021 - K-6 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- October 27, 2021 - K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- October 28, 2021 - End of 1st Marking period; K-12 Students half day; K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00pm - 3:30pm
- October 29, 2021 - No School - Fall Break

OTHER - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Horky, supported by Tindall to adjourn meeting at 8:21pm. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)