BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 29, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Curt Gottschalk, Bob Pasch, Heather Curtiss, Ron Neyer, Rod Cole and Tom Gross.

 The Pledge of Allegiance was said

 Tom Gross read the Board of Education District Goal on Finances.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise McBride welcomed Erin Ludwig as a guest.

There was no scheduled Student & Staff Spotlight.

There was no Board Business Presentations.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2020. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise presented the Board with the following correspondence: thank you card from the Richard Duynslager family, District Admin. Magazine, mail from MEEMIC.

Bill presented the following correspondence to the Board: School Equity Caucus newsletters, the email that was sent out regarding the awarding of the Tribal Grants, an article from the U.S. News & World Report which rates Beal City Public Schools as a 2020 Best High school 1st in Isabella County, 113th out of 645, in the state and 3, 287 out of 18,000 schools nationwide, information on Educere, our online learning option for students who choose not to return to face to face learning, information on a survey from the GRIESD on Distance Learning, the July Aggie Express, information from Mid Michigan College regarding including Isabella County residents in their millage, an article from Dr. Rice, the State Superintendent of Schools, articles about COVID 19 Preparedness and Response Plan, Beal City’s return to athletic’s plan that was sent home to parents, a membership report from Clare/Gladwin RESD, and an email regarding the Staff Appreciation Bar-B-Que.

Tom Gross reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They received a brief budget update. Jason Johnston reported that they received a $16,000 grant to buy supplies for the Reading Now Network. Mr. Johnston reported that he is working on fall schedules. Dan Boyer gave an SSIT update. He spoke about reopening scenarios. They were given a Title 1 update. They have books on order for students to read during the summer. Both buildings gave a student handbook update.

Bill reported for the Building, Maintenance Grounds and Transportation Committee. They discussed future work on Phase 2 and gave the Construction Manager a wish list of things for Phase 2 of the project. They also discussed the Sewer Project.

The information from the Business & Finance Committee will be discussed later in the meeting.

Denise McBride reported for the Technology Committee. They worked on the new website.

Bill will be scheduling a Personnel Committee Meeting in early July.

Aarron Butkovich reported that planning for all the unknowns has been challenging. Fall sports teams are in their 3rd week of summer workouts.

Jason Johnston reported that they are preparing for “Back to School” scenarios with staff reductions. They received a Tribal Grant for classroom libraries.

Dan Boyer reported that he is working on plans for re-opening. Dan reported final numbers for credit recovery.

Rod Freeze reported on the success of the Staff Appreciation Bar-B-Que. He also thanked Smith and Sons for their donation of all the meet for that cookout. Rod thanked Curt, Tom and Bob for all the work they’ve put in to the budget amendments and next year’s budget. Rod reported that we are supposed to go live with our new software on July 1st.

Bill Chilman thanked a cousin of his for the donation of table cloths that she purchased from a church that was closing in Chicago. Bill reminded the Board of the Graduation on July 28th at 7:00 p.m. Bill thanked the Admin Team and Business and Finance Committee for all the work they’ve put in to the budget amendments and next year’s budget.

Motion by Heather Curtiss, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the May payments of bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $536,789.91, Payroll Account payments of $1,325.44, Hot Lunch payments of $11,040.72, Student Activity Account payments of $2,717.29, Athletic Fund payments of $276.99, Capital Projects payments of $38,327.13, 2017 Bond Checking Account payments of $24,766.87. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill reported that they are finishing up Phase 1 of the Bond Project by taking care of final details in the small gym. Bill gave an update on the small gym floor. Phase 2 was reported on during the Building, Grounds, Maintenance and Transportation Committee report.

Heather Curtiss reported that the final budget came back for the Sewer Project and it was over budget. They are going out for new bids for this project.

Rod Freeze reported that the BCEF has a meeting tomorrow afternoon. They will discuss the Halloween Bash and the Stuff the Bus. Scholarships have been awarded. They were hand delivered to the recipients at their homes and the BCEF staff really enjoyed doing it that way.

Motion by Heather Curtiss, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the final amendments to the 2019-2020 budget as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Proposal as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Bob Pasch thanked the Admin team for all the work they put into the amendments and budgets.

Tom Gross made the following motion: I, as a member of the Business/Finance Committee so move to direct the Superintendent and Administrative Team, along with the Personnel Committee to make the necessary cuts and layoffs needed to make the 2020-2021 budget either balanced or maintain at least 20% in Fund Equity. These cuts need to be presented for approval of the amended budget at the July board meeting. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the 2020-2021 tax levy as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the following coaching recommendation as presented: Dave King – Cross Country, Chadd Fletcher – JH Volleyball, Stephen Pritchard – 60% Football Assistant, Stefanie Locke – Voluntary Assistant Cross Country, Griffin Bohannon – Voluntary Assistant Cross Country, Jordan Jablonski – Voluntary Assistant Volleyball. Motion carried 7/0.

The following coaches have been hired through PCMI: Brad Gross – Head Football, Dan Martin – Assistant Football, Jade Kennedy – Varsity Volleyball, Bailie Erway – Sideline Cheer, Dennis Lorenz – 50% Football Assistant, Matt Yuncker – 50% Football Assistant, Justin Oswald – 40% Football Assistant.

Aarron Butkovich reported that he is still looking for 2 volleyball coaches for the fall.

Bill Chilman reminded the Board of the November 3, 2020 election. Tom Gross and Bob Pasch’s seats are up for election. Our millage renewal will be in the August 4th election.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Roll call. Motion carried 7/0.

Recording Secretary

 Carrie Bleise

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary