BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 21, 2023 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Brian Locke, Erin Ludwig, Curt Gottschalk, Rod Cole, Tom Gross and Bob Pasch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Erin Ludwig read the Board Mission Statement.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business Item J. BCPS K-12 Open House Reminder and New Business Item K. BCPS Staff Resignation. Motion carried 7/0.

There were no Student & Staff Spotlights and no Board Business Presentations.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: Bill’s thank you note for the passage of the Bond, staff welcome back letter, Denise presented the Board with information on the MASB class she attended, recent job postings, information on the School Finance Research Foundation, the Aggie Express, educational magazines and a Thrun email on vaping.

Tom Gross reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They discussed DSIT membership. They were given a quick budget update. They discussed SEL/safety and security. They were given an ESIT update but ran out of time for an SSIT update.

Denise McBride reported that the items discussed during the Personnel Committee will be discussed during Executive Session.

Rod Freeze reported that no findings were found during the 2021-2022 Title Audit.

Jason McDonald gave project updates. The door locks are all installed and programmed. The fire alarm system project is almost complete.

Dan Boyer gave an update on the Imagine Math program.

Jason Johnston reported that they hired four para-pros this summer. The school wide open house is Tuesday afternoon. Jennifer Courtright will be back as a helper to Julie Farrell and Veena Cole.

Ben Eggenberger reported that he has a cabling company coming out to install cameras and other work that is needed.

Bill Chilman reported that today was the first time that we had staff back for their first day as well as a Board Meeting all on the same day.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the July 2023 payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $679,536.43, Hot Lunch payments of $2,158.25, Student Activity Account payments of $14,206.08, Athletic Fund payments of $6,050.10, Debt Retirement 2021 payments of $500.00, and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of $11,100.36. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman reported that the current Bond Project is almost complete. Rod and Bill will meet with Baker Tilly this week to start planning for the sale of bonds for the new bond project. Bill has begun talks with IDI and Wolgast for final drawings for the new project.

Rod Freeze reported for the BCEF. Scholarship monies have all been sent to the colleges except for one. He is waiting on a student ID from that final student. Rod is hoping to have a flyer for the Halloween Bash available to hand out at Tuesday’s open house.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the listing for bid requests for the sale of land project as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the Election Certification per the certificate received from the Isabella County Clerk as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the MISEC Solar Project Resolution as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Emily Kelley and Janie Little have resigned as a para-pro through PCMI.

Brendan Thomas, Nicole Colosky, Nickie Hartgrove, Nichole Goffnett, and Sara Barns have all been hired through PCMI as para-pros.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Stephen Pritchard – Assistant Football, Jason McDonald – Assistant Football, Dennis Lorenz – Voluntary Assistant Football, Charlie Gross -Voluntary Assistant Football, Chloe Jaessing -Voluntary Assistant Sideline Cheer, and Staci Vessell – 9th Gr Volleyball. Motion carried 7/0.

The following coaches have been hired through PCMI: Brad Gross – Head Football, Dan Martin – Assistant Football, Justin Oswald – Assistant Football, Stefanie Locke – Head Cross Country, Kylea Hoover – Head Sideline Cheer, Jade Jablonski – Varsity Volleyball, Noelle Woodbury – JV Volleyball, Anne Weber – 8th Gr. Volleyball and Anna Parker – 7th Gr. Volleyball.

Denise McBride invited the Board Members to Tuesday’s School Open House from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to accept Tyler Russell’s teaching resignation as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to go into executive session under Open Meetings Act – Article 8a – Personnel (Superintendent’s Evaluation) at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Brian Locke to come out of executive session at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Rod Cole to adjourn at 10:21 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