BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 2023 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Erin Ludwig, Tom Gross, Curt Gottschalk, Rod Cole, and Brian Locke. Bob Pasch arrived at 7:05.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Erin Ludwig read the District Vision Statement.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise McBride welcomed Waylon Pratt, Roman Duynslager, Staci Pratt, Bree Moeggenberg, Ben Gottschalk and Chase Wezensky.

The High School Robotics team did a presentation with the robot they used at this year’s competitions.

Jason Johnston and Dan Boyer presented the district standardized test scores.

Waylon Pratt, Roman Duynslager and Staci Pratt spoke to the Board regarding our current hat policy. Bree Moeggenberg spoke to the Board about a Youth Contest.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: educational magazines, a flyer from the WAAC program, School Equity Caucus newsletters, and the April Aggie Express.

Tom Gross reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They were given a short school budget update. They were given an SEL/Safety and Security update. The Fire and Building Inspectors were in the building today and found minimal changes that need to be made. They discussed Title 1 class splits for testing. They were given a Math Intervention update. They discussed the proposal received from the WAAC preschool regarding a summer program. ESIT did not meet this month but they were given an update on the SSIT meeting this month. They discussed the Project AWARE grant that we are hoping to receive along with Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd through the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Bill Chilman reported for the Personnel Committee. They discussed the probationary and tenure teacher recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year. They also discussed a non-renewal recommendation for a teacher that decided to resign. They discussed non-union staff wage increases for next year and briefly discussed the Superintendent’s evaluation.

Ben Eggenberger reported that he decommissioned our old file and print server and is moving printer and copiers over to a new one.

Jason Johnston reported that kindergarten assessment will take place April 27th. Reading month went very well. Jason and Julie Farrell went to homes of the top readers for each grade level and placed a “Top Reader” sign in their yard. The students were very excited to have that recognition.

Rod Freeze reported that there is a new rule that must be implemented for the 6/30/23 financial statements. It is GASB 96 and Ben will be helping him with the information needed. We recently received some training on Positive Pay through Isabella Bank. Every time we run an accounts payable batch, we upload a file to Isabella Bank that says we’ve paid a certain range of checks from a certain account number. The bank then knows per our information that these checks are okay to clear. If there are questions, Rod gets an email and he has to approve them. Rod also had help from Tom Gross and Kerri Hansen from Isabella Bank on FDIC limits.

Jason McDonald reported the State Building Inspector and Fire Marshall were in the building today. They found minimal changes that need to be made.

Dan Boyer reported that standardized testing is again underway. April 20th will be the second annual Clean Up Day. The Key Club has initiated this project where students will be broken up into groups and disbursed throughout the community with staff and community advisors to beautify things a bit for spring.

Bill Chilman reported that Sarah had a baby boy Saturday, April 15th. They came home today and all are doing well. Bill has asked the admin to have their updates for the May School Board Meeting to him by Wednesday, May 10th. He will be leaving to go out of town Thursday, May 11th for the weekend so he wants to send the Board their update before he leaves.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the March payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $890,701.22, Hot Lunch payments of $14,837.95, Student Activity Account payments of $11,528.98, Athletic Fund payments of $1,430.13, Arbiter Sports payments of $429.00, Capital Projects 2021 checking account payments of $154,695.75 and MILAF transfers of $200,000.00. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman reported that we’re waiting on card readers to be installed in order to do inspections for the current Bond. They have begun work on a video and brochure that will show the areas we hope to do work on for the next Bond. Bill hopes to present the brochure to the Building and Grounds Committee at their meeting on 4/26.

Rod Freeze reported that he has been working on the 75th Birthday Celebration. He has been working on a banner and yard signs. He is putting together a list of Beal City historians that may be willing to meet so that we can get information from them for this celebration. BCEF scholarship applications will be available soon for our current seniors to apply.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the 2nd reading of the Sex Ed Curriculum – Public Hearing as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the following probationary/tenure teacher recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year: Elementary Probationary: Brooke Bowlby – completing her 2nd year and approved for 3rd year, Aspen Peavey – completing her 1st year and approved for 2nd year, Karen Zileski – completing her 1st year and approved for 2nd year. Elementary Tenure: Shelby Weber – completing her 5th year and recommended for tenure and Amanda Schmidt – completing her 5th year and recommended for tenure. Secondary Probationary: Griffin Bohannon – completing his 4th year and approved for 5th year, Emily Socola – completing her 2nd year and approved for 3rd year, Susi Westlake – completing her 2nd year and approved for 3rd year, Tyler Russell – completing his 2nd year and approved for 3rd year, Holli Crowley – completing her 1st year and approved for 2nd year, Lorrie Murray – completing her 1st year and approved for 2nd year, Lynnsey Polish – completing her 1st year and approved for 2nd year and Collin Hoeberling – completing his 1st year and approved for 2nd year. There are no secondary tenure teaching recommendations. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to accept Creed Blankenship’s resignation as a Special Ed/General Ed. Secondary Teacher effective the end of this school year as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Wyatt McCoy has resigned through PCMI as the middle school track coach.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Holli Crowley – JH Boys Track, Wyatt McCoy – Voluntary Assistant Varsity Track and Dan Martin – Voluntary Assistant Baseball. Motion carried 7/0.

Spring Tribal Grants have been submitted. We should find out the results by the end of May.

The Board decided to have the Staff Appreciation Cookout on June 8th.

Denise McBride reminded the Board that graduation is May 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to adjourn at 9:00 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