

FULTON SCHOOLS
Fulton Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2019
Minutes

President of the Board, Karla Childers **called the meeting to order** and led the **Pledge of Allegiance** at 7:00 p.m.

All board members present.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests was conducted by President Childers, as we ask Board Members, Administrators, and the Audience to introduce themselves. Those in attendance were:

Graham Salogar	Kevin Mikulka	Tom Armstrong	Greg Wolfe
Brian Wyman	Paul Avery	Paul Sorah	Robert Sorah
Landen Burkett	Taylor Lorenz	Daryl Trefil	Lisa Leslie
Cheryl Wiseman	Paul Hungerford		

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Grover, support by Lorenz, that the March 11, 2019 agenda be approved as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Grover, support by Lornez, that the Board approves the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11th, 2019 of the Board of Education as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Communication to the Board

Written Correspondence - None

Comments and Concerns of Citizens Presents – None

P.R.I.D.E. Spotlight

Music Teacher and Band Director Brian Wyman spotlighted two Middle School students, Robert Sorah and Landen Burkett, for their accomplishments at Solo Ensemble. Both students received a rating of II.

Good News About Our Schools

Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation - Mr. Wolfe

- Snow is finally beginning to disappear. Spring grounds work will begin soon.

Community Education - Mr. Myers (Mr. Hungerford presented.)

Good News for Fulton Adult/Alternative Education.

- “New Addition” Update: We have passed state inspection and are moving in to the online classroom. All seems to be going well with the new aspects of the building and we love it. Thank you very much from Fulton Adult & Alternative staff and students for making us better in so many ways.

Homeless Liaison information*

- Michigan’s homeless population fell nearly 8 percent, among the largest one-year declines of all states, according to a new report from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- Of the national homeless population this year, most — 60 percent — were men, nearly half were white, and a fifth of them were younger than 18.

*Obtained from: <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2018/12/19/homeless-shelters-michigan/2360698002/>

Middleton Programs

Alternative

- Rebecca Flore's poem, "Learning" is being published in the Fulton Flyer and we have a small group of students attending the “Highland Blush” poetry reading in Alma on Thursday’s.
- The Coed Volleyball Team won a State Championship last week.
- Parent teacher’s Conferences went well. We did have a few parents and some of our young adults attended for themselves. We also encourage parents to set up an appointment at any time, if need be.

Adults

- We are enjoying and rearranging to optimize our new space in the old administration offices. Our students like having a space of their own to complete their "adult" education. There are fewer barriers here for English Language Learner students to pass through. ELL students appear to be more comfortable in entering the classroom.

Online

- The new online room is looking terrific. It will help us better serve our online students and the staff is no longer confined to a really small and noisy room.

Jail Programs

- We have had several new additions to the program in the Gratiot County Jail. We hope to make them successful in their educational endeavors.
- Gratiot County Jail administration has been very cooperative in making a successful program obtainable.
- We had one student complete graduation requirements from the program in Saginaw.
- Gratiot has new equipment and books coming.

English Language Learning(ELL) Program-

- The new staff hire, Samantha, is working out very well. Mercy says, “Thank you!”

Elementary School – Mr. Avery

- Mrs. Heinze has M-Step Schedule in place.
- March is Reading Month is underway. Mrs. Podolak is running trivia and weekly book giveaways. Mrs. Fox is doing a student council scavenger hunt around books.
- PTO Carnival is this Friday.
- Plans are in progress for Kindergarten Round-up which is scheduled for April 10. Just one day this year.
- Mrs. Ryan presented material for Math Essentials Standards work that was done at the RESD.
- Working to schedule a meeting with the Read Now Network.
- ALICE Training was held on President’s day for all Support Staff. Forty staff members participated and felt it was a good training.

High School/Middle School - Mr. Hungerford

Middle School

- Ms. Finch will begin meeting with the 8th graders to begin the scheduling process for next school year.
- Initial preparations are being made by Mr. Mager for hosting “Civil War Days” again this year. The date of this event is on Wednesday, April 3rd.

- Ms. Finch is in the process of finalizing preparations for spring testing for all students. This includes: MStep, SAT, PSAT, ACT Work Keys.

High School

- P/T Conferences were held last Thursday. Attendance was down in the middle school and high school.
- We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Fulton Athletic Boosters for their support of boys basketball teams, as they provided charter buses for regional tournament play to Kingston. With such long trips, the more comfortable means of transportation is greatly appreciated.
- The Fulton High School Robotics Club began their competition last weekend, in Flint. The team struggled in the morning. Things came together in the afternoon.
- We have a Master Scheduling Team that has been looking at the implementation of a 5 X 5 schedule for next school year to create more elective offerings for our students.
- Special speaker David Engles shared, with the High/Middle School students, his life story regarding his struggle with depression and the importance of positive relationships.
- Super Snack is averaging 500-550 per day.

Director of Business and Operations – Mr. Armstrong

- Mr. Armstrong highlighted the budgets revenue and expenditures for the month of February.
- Continuing to work on setting up the use of purchase cards. One of the first step will be to have the Board adopt a policy that supports the use of these cards. First reading of the Credit/Debit card policy is later in the agenda.

Superintendent’s Informational Report

District Improvement Team

Mr. Hungerford will reported. He shared at the meeting that MDE approved our request for the three (3) wavier days due to bad weather days and has also approved a request for a pre labor day start.

Annual Education Report

NWEA Testing (District Wide)

Mr. Hungerford will combine these two agenda items and will report on them at the April meeting of the Board of Education.

Wind Farm Update

Mr. Hungerford shared that the Wind Farms project has encountered a few bumps. Things are currently at a stand still.

Recommendations of the Superintendent

Personnel Action

RESIGNATION

Coaching

JV Softball Coach – Ellese Lehman

Motion by Grover, support by Vusich that the Board accepts the letter of resignation from JV Softball Coach Ellese Lehman as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Use of Credit/Debit Cards Policy

Motion by Vusich, support by Lorenz, that the Board approves the first reading of Board Policy 6423 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statements and Bills

Motion by Lorenz, support by Vusich, that the February Financial Statements for Athletics in the amount of \$1,823.98, for the invoices in the amount of \$212,605.13, and for the payroll in the amount \$422,486.71 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Matters for Possible Action

Adjournment

Motion by Grover, support by Vusich, that the regular March 11th, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Vusich
Board Secretary

Cheryl Wiseman
Recording Secretary