

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 21, 2016 7:03 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Jane Finnerty, Rod Cole, Kari Rojas, Bob Pasch, Ron Neyer and Curt Gottschalk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Bob Pasch read the District Belief Statement.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the agenda as presented with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise McBride welcomed Heather Curtiss and Jessi Spry.

Jess Spry presented the Board with a plaque of appreciation for allowing her to serve as president of the Michigan Association of Agriscience Educators. Jessi was awarded a plaque from that Organization for her work.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 17, 2016 as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise reported that she received a District Administrator Magazine. Bill reported on the invitation from the GRIESD for the County Board Dinner & Presentation. He also reminded the Board of the School Equity Caucus Newsletter that was sent with the update along with the Ad Staff Agenda. Rod included a list of Library Donation recipients. Bill included a copy of the Lockdown Procedures for subs and information on MASB Workshops. He also reported on the Insurance Open Enrollment Letter that was sent to staff. Denise handed out a thank you card from an employee for the use of sick bank days.

Curt Gottschalk reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They were given a budget update and discussed Block Grants. They were also given an ESIT and SSIT update.

The Building, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation Committee meeting information will be covered later in the meeting.

Ben Eggenberger reported on the Lock System update and the Camera System update.

Jeff Jackson congratulated the winners of the Tribal Grants. He also congratulated Jessi Spry on her award from the Michigan Assoc of Agriscience Educators. There is an NHS Blood Drive November 22nd. Jeff and Jason Johnston will be attending the 2nd round of conferences regarding the Admin. Evaluation on November 30th. Samantha Garrett is the Rotary Student of the Month and Grace Weber is the 8th Grade Lions Club Student of the Month.

Jason Johnston reported that two Tribal Grants were awarded in the elementary. Jason and Julie Farrell completed a Time Literacy Grant Application. Jason also reported on the BAA Scorecard.

Rod Freeze reported that he has completed count and is working on updating MESSA rates information for staff. Meetings are scheduled for November 28 and 29th for MESSA online enrollment.

Jason McDonald reported that they completed the installation of the baseball and softball field's scoreboards. JE Johnson completed boiler tune-ups. The cost for this tune up was covered by a DTE grant.

Bill Chilman reported that the Veterans Day Assembly went really well.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the following payments as presented: General Fund payments of \$452,775.16 including \$173,965.66 in checks, \$145,571.55 Employee Direct Deposits & Net Pr Cks, \$52,565.26 Payroll Tax Pmts ACH & Other Payroll AP, \$76,634.01 ORS Electronic Payments and \$4,038.68 AP Bank Direct Debits, Hot Lunch payments of \$13,461.79, Capital Projects/General Fund payments of \$30,922.44, Athletic Fund payments of \$5,055.91, Debt Retirement 2012 payments of \$14,576.25, Debt Retirement 2004 payments of \$15,060.00, and Debt Retirement School Bond Loan Fund payments of \$13,950.00. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise McBride reported that Halloween Bash and Trunk or Treat was very successful. Rod and Bill reported that they had an increase in cars that participated in the Trunk or Treat and an increase in the Halloween Bash Sponsorships.

Bill reported that the Bond Proposal Team has been working to define the list of needed improvements for the Bond Proposal.

The School Advanced Superintendent's Evaluation will be discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the 1st reading of the Neola Policies – Fall Update as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Jane Finnerty to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Teri Cramlet – Voluntary Assistant Girls Basketball, and William C Chilman V – Voluntary Assistant Boys Basketball. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Jane Finnerty to approve the Support Staff Sub Rate Increase as of January 1, 2017 to meet the minimum wage increase as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Jane Finnerty to approve moving the December School Board meeting to December 12, 2016. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill informed the Board that Byron Schunk has been hired as an Interim Boys Basketball Coach until Mr. Gatrell can return to coaching full time.

Bill informed the Board that Alyssa Bowan is our new Food Service Worker and is doing a great job.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Rod Cole to go into executive session under Article 8a – Personnel. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Jane Finnerty to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Jane Finnerty to adjourn. Roll call. Motion carried 7/0.



Denise McBride, President

Recording Secretary
Carrie Bleise


Kari Rojas, Secretary