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Doug Leisenring, Superintendent

**Board of Education - Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Delta-Schoolcraft ISD - Limited Capacity On Site and Virtual Meeting conducted in person and on Zoom,  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829 - Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 4:00p.m.**

The DSISD regular meeting was offered virtually as allowed by the Governor's Executive Orders to mitigate the spread of COVID 19.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Simonsen, vice president at 4:00p.m.

Roll call showed the following Board members present: Mary Simonsen, Jon Haindl, Rena Richtig, Joan Ecclesine and Wayne Christoff, Tammy Wolfe Beauchamp (via zoom) and Jim Frazer (via zoom).

Absent: None.

Also: Beau Miller, Andrea Tourangeau, Doug Leisenring and via zoom: Trent Bellingar, Andy Claes, Lacy Lauzon, Tara Weaver, Mark Christoff. Jenny Corrigan.

No additional items.

Motion by Jon Haindl, with support from Wayne Christoff, to approve the consent agenda including the approval of the agenda, the May 14, 2020 minutes of the regular School Board meeting, and the invoices as presented: General Fund- \$297,511.74, Clear Lake Camp Fund- \$4,634.78, Special Education- \$86,376.79 Career-Tech- \$160,835.47 for a total of \$549,358.78. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

No Board reports.

Trent Bellingar, CTE director, reported the DSISD would not be moving forward with the purchase of the old bus garage in Manistique, the building will still be available to the Manistique Building Trades class for project use. He noted they are no longer going to use the Nah Tah Wahsh welding shop and will be moving the 2nd year students to the Bay College lab. The Bay College Lab has more workstations and will be a good introduction to college for the students. They are moving forward with replacing the building trades instructor and have 8 candidates. He also shared that the CTE summer camp is cancelled this year, due to logistical issues, but noted it will be back next year.

Andy Claes, special education director, reported they are planning for the fall school year, trying to provide increased social work services for locals. He noted psychology and teacher consultant services are thin, but good quality. He shared they may need to post for aides at the Learning Center due to retirements and staff moving to new positions. He also reported they are utilizing the option of unfilled vacant positions while the wait to see what the State budget looks like.

Lacy Lauzon, Learning Center supervisor, was happy to report the Learning Center is almost all packed up and the movers were coming in to start the move to Soo Hill. She shared that she expects some families to request homeschooling due to the pandemic and they are looking at good solutions for those students. She has been researching other center based programs and health centers for different opportunities for off campus learning.

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Mark Christoff, technology director, shared Powerschool did a security update that was put on the servers for the locals and a new version came out at the end of May and will be going out this summer. The DSISD rolled over yesterday, and it went well.

Tara Weaver, Great Start director, shared they are continuing to provide services throughout the summer, not going into homes yet, and are waiting for guidance from the eState and the national Parents as Teachers organization on how to move forward with that. Families are asking for outdoor events, and they hope to do some utilizing social distancing guidelines.

Doug Leisenring, superintendent, gave an update on 2019/2020 retirees sharing that Tammy Hanson, Karl Dollhopf, Deb Flath, and Cathy Anderson joined us for a send off zoom call with 95 staff on the zoom call. The 5th retiree Jami Pond was unable to join but it was nice to share in the celebration with stories and some tears and a nice way to wrap up the year. Legislative updates included various bills that are circulating including suicide prevention, do not resuscitate, and retirees returning to work options. He also said there is some caution with the possibility of moving summer tax bills out, which could impact the school aid budget. He noted the Governor has formed multiple advisory groups, to plan for school re-opening in the fall and they hope to have a play book by July 1. Whitmer does expect students to resume in-person instruction in the fall, noting it may look different, smaller classes, a few days a week on and off, additional social distance guidelines, and will vary depending on students and district needs. He shared the updated DSISD 5 year calendar is available at dsisd.net. He also noted budget projections are hard to pin down at this point. He gave an update on the Escanaba School Board vacant seat. Escanaba didn't fill the seat, so it falls onto the DSISD to act. The DSISD has no timeline to fill the seat and with the filing deadline for the election approaching on July 21, the decision is best left to fall along with the election dates. Using the appointment process to speed up seating the elected candidate, by either appointing an uncontested candidate or appointing the elected board member just after election in November. He also noted due to uncertain budget issues with COVID he is again holding off on hiring a second literacy consultant and a new general education director. He shared the budget as presented to local districts and noted it was approved by all districts with the exception of Gladstone and Rapid River who cited the increase of \$100,000 in expenditures in the budget. He noted the increase is a direct result of service requested by the local districts, including maintaining a truancy officer, upgrading internet and IT systems. No recommendations were made to change the budget. As part of the budget planning process CTE is eliminating the building trades and auto shop aide, the CTE executive secretary position is now 204 days, and there is no budgeting for a human resources consultant, vehicle purchases and marshal plan and 61b matches are also eliminated. Special education has expense assumptions that include not replacing retiring employees, moving expenses for Soo Hill and adding a soo hill major maintenance fund. Clear Lake needs a lifeline, Mimi is working on a plan to keep it from getting put up for prospectus by the US Forest Service. He also asked the Board to consider a special meeting via Zoom on June 24th at 4pm to approve end of year items such as the last budget amendment for 19/20, the instructional days 20/21 calendar and individual contracts for 12 month employees.

The second reading of the Opioid Antagonists Board Policy 5330-02 is being put on hold until clarification from the attorneys comes in. Possibly July meeting.

Motion by Mary Simonsen, to move into a public hearing for public comment for the 2020-21 budget at 5:02pm. No public comment was shared.

The meeting moved back to the regular meeting at 5:02pm.

Motion by Rena Richtig, with support by Joan Ecclesine, to approve the 2020/21 budget as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion by Joan Ecclesine, with support by Jon Haindl, to approve the 2020 tax rate request. The request is the same as past years. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The Board agreed to set an additional meeting on June 24th at 4pm, the meeting will be held via zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Simonsen at 5:06pm.

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Wayne Christoff, Secretary  
Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District  
Board of Education

**Please note the next School Board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 24th, 2020 at 4:00p.m.**