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**Board of Education - Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Delta-Schoolcraft ISD - Career Tech Center
Escanaba, Michigan 49829 - Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 4:00p.m.**

The DSISD regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Joan Ecclesine, president, at 4:05p.m.

Roll call showed the following Board Members present: Tammy Wolfe Beauchamp, Mary Simonsen, Bob Chaillier, Dave Bosilovatz, Shanna Hammond, Michelle Denkins and Joan Ecclesine.

Also present: Diane Marenger, Sherri Bourdeau, Mary Lou Lund, Lexi Schroeder, Michelle Rubick, Tim Racicot, Toni Kucharczyk, Krystal Wallin, Melanie Beindorf, April Detloff, Jim Berthaume, Trent Bellinger, Mike Roland, Steve Menard, Calvin Thibault, Darrell Mullins, Dan Ryno, Kathy Ryno, Sarah Thill, Mallory Clickner, Mark Christoff, Ashley Aaron, Kristy Alimenti, Kristie Latsch, Lacy Lauzon, Michelle Grassel, Beau Miller, Andrea Tourangeau and Doug Leisenring.

Motion by Bob Chaillier, with support by Tammy Wolfe Beauchamp, to approve the consent agenda as presented including: addition of recommendation to hire social worker and including the approval to hire Nick Valiquette as the machining instructor on BA Step 8 of the MEA contract, Jenna Weis as a MoCI instructor at the Learning center on BA step 4 of the MEA contract, Sherri Bourdeau as a MoCI instructor at the Learning Center on BA step 4 of the MEA contract and Darby Ranguette as a school social worker for special education on MA step 2 of the MEA contract all effective with the start of the 2024/2025 school year and including the approval of minutes of the April 11, 2024 regular School Board meeting and approval of the invoices as presented: General Fund- \$235,075.74 Clear Lake Fund- \$4,235.67, Special Education Fund- \$82,171.14 and Career Tech Fund- \$130,283.27 for a total of \$451,765.82. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Ashley Aaron honored Sarah Thill with the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award (ABCD), Sarah works as a parent educator for early childhood and recently completed her master's degree. She gets rave reviews from the families she serves, one of the many positive comments shared was that the help she provides is life changing.

Trent Bellinger honored Steve Menard with the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award (ABCD) noting Steve was good on year one and just keeps getting better. He noted Steve is willing to do anything needed for the department from sitting on interviews to community projects. The program has grown under his care and he will be serving as a mentor for new teachers.

Doug Leisenring honored milestone recipients and retirees for their longevity and dedication: Mary Lou Lund and Krystal Wallin- 10 years, Jen Delveaux and Lacy Lauzon- 20 years, Michelle Rubick- 30 years and retirees Darrel Mullins after 18 years handling the machine shop and Kathy Ryno with 31 years nurturing the health

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occupations program, building up the cna program, organizing clinics at local health care facilities and the hospital. A big thank you to all for the hard work and positive impacts made with students daily.

No public comment.

Dave Bosilovatz shared Darrell was one of the first friends he made while working at the DSISD, and he always managed to make work fun.

Trent Bellinger, career tech education director, noted the CTE department gave away \$66,500 in scholarships to kids over the last couple of days across Delta and Schoolcraft county. Bob Chaillier noted the scholarship award programs were well done.

A written report was shared on behalf of Holly Faust, special education director.

Tim Racicot, Learning Center supervisor, noted on May 24 the Scoop awards and graduation ceremony would take place at 1:00p.m..

Kristie Latsch, general education director, no updates to written report.

Kristy Alimenti, mental health services and systems coordinator, noted a high volume of work on social workers, and increased need at some local districts.

Mark Christoff, technology director, noted they completed 19 site visits for the fiber project, and at this time they are conditionally approved for State match.

Ashley Aaron, early childhood coordinator, no additions to written report. Shanna noted she went to Funfest with 3 year old and thought it was best one she has been to over the years.

Doug Leisenring, superintendent, shared legislative updates including a librarian bill moving along and momentum for health care retirement funding changes. He noted Melanie Beindorf, instructional aide and Olivia Theut, social worker are being honored by MEA as the 2024 Outstanding Person In Education (OPIE) award winners for the DSISD. He also gave a report on the USF Bid funding that was denied three years ago, an appeal was now denied and the district will owe an additional \$60,000, already paid \$60,000.

Construction project updates include the pouring of footings, and the parking lot expansion to be completed while equipment is on site, it was noted there are about 10 CTE alumni students on site working.

Motion by Mary Simonsen, with support by Dave Bosilovatz, to approve the DSISD 3-5 year strategic plan as presented. The DSISD partnered with Michelle Goalie, MICIP specialist to work on the 3-5 year strategic plan which highlights goals and services for each department. Motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion by Mary Simonsen, with support by Tammy Wolfe Beauchamp, to approve the extended school year positions including up to 13 instructional aides, 5 Learning Center teachers, 3 speech and language pathologists for up to 30 days, 1 occupational therapist for up to 10 days of service, 1 physical therapist for up to 10 days of service, 1 social worker for up to 5 days of service, 1 deaf and hard of hearing service provider

for up to 5 days of service, 1 psychologist for up to 5 days of service and 1 teacher consultant for up to 5 days of service and to open postings for next school year for a part time automotive instructor in Manistique and a building trades instructor in Manistique. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Discussion on changes for upcoming DSISD School Board meetings included the change to Wednesday, June 26th at 4pm in place of the regular meeting to will allow time for budget amendment 3 to be finalized, noting the Reorganizational meeting will be on Thursday, July 11 at 4:00 p.m. and will look to hold the September 12, 2024 DSISD School Board meeting at Clear Lake on Wednesday, September, 11, 2024.

Motion by Bob Chaillier, with support by Michelle Denkins, to go into closed session for negotiations strategy at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Returned from closed session at 5:21 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Joan Ecclesine at 5:22 p.m.

Michelle Denkins, Secretary
DSISD Board of Education

Please note the next regular School Board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 4:00p.m at the DSISD Career Tech Center Large Conference Room.