

MASON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

October 9, 2017

Harvey Education Center

400 South Cedar Street

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Mason Board of Education was held at the James C. Harvey Education Center on October 9, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kurt Creamer, President.

Present: Kurt Creamer, Christopher Mumby, Laura Cheney, Tim Ayres,
Liz Evans, and Steve Duane

Absent: Ralph Beebe

Also Present: Ronald Drzewicki, Superintendent; Cheryl S. Wald, Chief Financial Officer; Matt Stuard, Curriculum Director; Rick Brooks, Director of Human Resources;
Mason staff and community members

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Laura Cheney made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to approve the agenda as printed. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

SPECIAL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Michael Foster, partner at Plante Moran, presented the 2016-17 audit reports. Mr. Foster stated the Mason Public Schools financial department was great to work with and willing to take suggestions.

Mr. Foster presented a graphic presentation of the financial report, federal awards supplemental information and provided members with a Board of Education report. Highlights were shared from the audit and an unmodified opinion was received. There were no significant issues. The audit has been reviewed and discussed with the Finance and Property Committee and district management.

Tim Ayres stated the fund balance is now level with the statewide average. Mr. Foster indicated the goal of most districts is a fund balance of 10-15% and the fund balance percentage is a district and administrative choice. Laura Cheney added it is exciting to see a healthy fund balance.

COMMUNICATIONS

Topics of communications included classroom temperatures and safety during school visits.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Laura Cheney made and Liz Evans supported a motion to approve the consent agenda, including approval of minutes of the September 11, 2017, regular meeting; September 11, 2017, closed session; September 11, 2017, closed session #2; Personnel Report No. 9; Financial Report No. 10; including payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,171,490.37, Food Service Fund bills in the amount of \$85,915.37, Student Activities Fund bills in the amount of \$24,523.63, and Sinking Fund bills in the amount of \$235,606.72. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Kurt Creamer acknowledged Heather Waldrop and Ken Hensley for their years of service to the district.

COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Finance and Property

Tim Ayres referred to minutes from the October 2, 2017 meeting. The committee discussed the audit report from Plante and Moran, PLLC. Cheryl Wald shared the monthly budget update and final year end budget. Superintendent Drzewicki gave an update on the bond proposal and community presentations to date.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Audit Report

Laura Cheney made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to approve the 2016-17 audit, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Community and Staff Relations

Liz Evans referred to minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting. Rick Brooks provided a staffing update, shared the new IT help desk system and provided information regarding teacher attendance. The use of ChromeBooks for the electronic BoardBook was discussed. Superintendent Drzewicki updated the group on community group visits to share bond information.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Policy and Curriculum

Laura Cheney referred to minutes from the September 25, 2017 meeting. The committee recognized donor contributions from Steele Elementary PTO, North Aurelius PTO and Dart Container. Matt Stuard presented feedback on Professional Development. The majority of the K-12 teachers that responded were satisfied/very satisfied in all of the areas surveyed. The committee discussed upcoming changes recommended for the district's reproductive health curriculum. Superintendent Drzewicki gave an update on the bond proposal. Matt Stuard shared the new IT help desk process.

The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution – Steele Elementary PTO

Laura Cheney made and Liz Evans supported a motion to approve the donation of classroom supplies from the Steele Elementary PTO, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

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Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution – N. Aurelius PTO

Laura Cheney made and Liz Evans supported a motion to approve the donation of classroom supplies from N. Aurelius PTO, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution – Dart Container

Laura Cheney made and Liz Evans supported a motion to approve the donation of 75 computer monitors from Dart Container, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Kurt Creamer recognized the generous donations from school PTOs and Dart Container.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Board members discussed a newly posted IT technician position and changes to sinking fund laws.

Kurt Creamer recognized teacher, Kristine Brickey for winning the Michigan Council of Teacher of English Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2017 award. Ms. Brickey will be speaking on October 20, 2017 at the Michigan Council of Teachers of English Fall Conference.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Mason Public School Foundation's Red Carpet Gala will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Eagle Eye Golf Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Laura Cheney made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Laura Cheney
Secretary

