

MASON BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Meeting**

**March 13, 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 Monday, March 13, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kurt Creamer Beebe, President.

Present: Kurt Creamer, Tom Curtis, Laura Cheney, Ralph Beebe, Tim Ayres, Liz Evans and Christopher Mumby

Absent:

Also Present: Ron 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**

Ralph Beebe made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to approve the agenda as printed. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**SPECIAL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Superintendent Drzewicki shared a PowerPoint presentation on the district-wide Strategic Planning process. A 50 member Task Force was formed and met on May 19, 2015 and May 20, 2015, to compile the first draft of the Strategic Plan. The draft was shared with a smaller steering committee and district staff to create the final document. Superintendent Drzewicki shared the district's vision, mission, core values, 3-5 year targets and 3-5 year priorities.

Leadership Team members presented individual building and departmental Strategic Plans. Team members included Lisa Francisco, Kevin Dufresne, Mike Prelesnik, Ted Berryhill, Lance Delbridge, Matt Stuard, Jerome Brzezinski, Chris Salmon and Rick Brooks.

Superintendent Drzewicki highlighted the district brand of Inspire, Empower, Succeed.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A postcard was received for the State of the County Address.

**INSPIRE**



**EMPOWER**



**SUCCEED**

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Ralph Beebe made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to approve the consent agenda, including amended minutes of the February 13, 2017, regular meeting to reflect the first reading of policy series 6000-9000; February 13, 2017, closed session; Personnel Report No. 20; Financial Report No. 21; including payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,348,002.40, Food Service Fund bills in the amount of \$78,608.22, Student Activities Fund bills in the amount of \$17,274.34, and Sinking Fund bills in the amount of \$15,137.86. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

## **COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

### **Finance and Property**

Kurt Creamer referred to minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting. Cheryl S. Wald reviewed the January 31, 2017 budget update. Bids were reviewed for the proposed playground improvement project. The low bid was from Anderson-Fischer & Associates, Inc. and includes use of equipment from Playworld World. Approximately \$45,000 will come from general funds with the remaining balance from the sinking fund.

Roofing bids were received and discussed. Great Lakes Roofing and Insulation Systems, Inc. submitted the lowest bid. Funding will come from the sinking fund.

Superintendent Drzewicki shared Bulletin 1014 indicating the district has one of the lowest business and administrative costs per student in the state. As of June 2016, we ranked with the lowest 10% of all schools at 774 out of 839 schools.

The payroll specialist position was posted. A part-time position at Central Office is being considered to enhance the payroll and accounting department.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Playground Improvement Project**

Ralph Beebe made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to approve the playground improvement project bid from Anderson – Fischer & Associates, Inc., as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Roofing Project**

Ralph Beebe made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to approve the roof project bid from Great Lakes Roofing and Insulation Systems, Inc., as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Community and Staff Relations**

Tom Curtis referred to the minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting. Rick Brooks presented a staffing update. The committee discussed substitute teachers and floating substitutes. The floating system is beneficial.

Superintendent Drzewicki described plans to add a 1<sup>st</sup> grade section to N. Aurelius Elementary. Plans may include the use of a portable classroom.

Plans to provide reading coaches for all three elementary schools due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Law were discussed. Plans will affect current staffing.

A Dart Foundation “next level” technology grant was reviewed.

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The district communicated dates for the first day of school and winter and spring break for the 2017-18 school year to parents by Instant Alert.

The committee reviewed a draft of the Keynotes newsletter.

Members discussed committee goals. The committee would like to ensure school liaisons regularly visit their schools and increase community outreach and communication.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Policy and Curriculum**

Laura Cheney referred to minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting. The committee tabled discussion about the out-of-country field trip to Costa Rica in June of 2018 until the March 2017 meeting. The committee recognized donor contributions from the Steele Elementary PTO and Dakkota Integrated Systems, LLC.

Paul Kato presented a new A.P. computer science course. The committee acknowledged Mr. Kato for his travels for trainings in preparation of this course. Additionally, Mr. Kato has earned a grant to assist with the implementation of the course. The course will fulfill college credit at several public institutions.

Mr. Kato presented a new exploratory computer science course to provide students with enriched computer education.

Nicole Linneman presented a new Middle School “Links” course geared toward 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for 2017-18. The program is similar to the high schools program and staff believe this will benefit middle school students.

The committee recognized the work of the ELA Committee. The ELA 6-12 program – StudySync is aligned with Common Core and builds on the curriculum implemented in grades K-5.

Superintendent Drzewicki presented a Dart Foundation “next level” grant that is being explored. The grant, if approved, will enhance the learning environment for the new ELA programs as well as newly implemented GoMath!

The committee discussed policy series 6000-9000.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2017 at 4:45 p.m.

### **Second Reading of 6000-9000 Series, Re-adopt 0000-5000 Series**

Laura Cheney made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to approve the 6000-9000 series and re-adopt 0000-5000 series, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Second Reading of ELA K-5 Program - Wonders**

Laura Cheney made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to approve ELA K-5 Program - Wonders, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.



Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution – Steele Elementary P.T.O.

Laura Cheney made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to approve the donor contribution from Steele Elementary P.T.O., as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution – Dakkota Integrated Systems, LLC

Laura Cheney made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to approve the donor contribution from Dakkota Integrated Systems, LLC, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

New Course – Exploratory Computer Science

Laura Cheney made and Liz Evans supported a motion to approve new course – Exploratory Computer Science, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

New Course – AP Computer Science

Laura Cheney made and Ralph Beebe supported a motion to approve new course – AP Computer Science, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Christopher Mumby thanked Paul Kato and team for their efforts on these new computer courses.

New Course – Middle School “Links” Program

Laura Cheney made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to approve new course – Middle School “Links” Program, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A first reading for the ELA 6-12 Program – StudySync was presented.

**INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

Laura Cheney congratulated the many FFA students that were successful at the State convention.

Board members recognized FFA Instructor, Pete Barnum for the success of the FFA program.

**INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Drzewicki presented committee meeting dates beginning July 1, 2017.

2017-18 Board Committee Meetings and Dates

Laura Cheney made and Ralph Beebe supported a motion to approve the 2017-18 board committee meeting schedule, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

2016-2017 Merit Pay Plan – MDMEA UNIT

Superintendent Drzewicki referred to a memo regarding 2016-17 merit pay for the MDMEA unit. It was recommended that the board take action to approve a merit pay plan for the current school year.

Ralph Beebe made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to approve the 2016-2017 merit pay plan for the members of the MDMEA, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**CLOSED SESSION #1 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING [CN-160703]**

Ralph Beebe made and Liz Evans supported a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting a student discipline hearing. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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SUCCEED

Roll Call Vote: Evans, Mumby, Creamer, Beebe, Ayres, Cheney, Curtis

The Board entered closed session at 8:11 p.m.

The minutes of the closed session are on file in the Superintendent's office as provided by P.A. 167 of the Public Acts of 1976.

The Board returned to open session at 9:07 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION #1 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE RESOLUTION [CN-161703]**

Ralph Beebe made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to expel student CN-161703 from Mason Public School for violation of school policy. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**CLOSED SESSION #2 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING [CN- 161704]**

Laura Cheney made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting a student discipline hearing. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Roll Call Vote: Beebe, Curtis, Creamer, Ayres, Cheney, Evans, Mumby

The Board entered closed session at 9:11 p.m.

The minutes of the closed session are on file in the Superintendent's office as provided by P.A. 167 of the Public Acts of 1976.

The Board returned to open session at 10:09 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION #2 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE RESOLUTION [CN-161704]**

Ralph Beebe made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to suspend student CN-161704 for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year for violation of school policy. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**CLOSED SESSION #3 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING [CN-161705]**

Laura Cheney made and Ralph Beebe supported a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting a student discipline hearing. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Roll Call Vote: Evans, Cheney, Mumby, Creamer, Ayres, Curtis, Beebe

The Board entered closed session at 10:14 p.m.

The minutes of the closed session are on file in the Superintendent's office as provided by P.A. 167 of the Public Acts of 1976.

The Board returned to open session at 10:44 p.m.



**OPEN SESSION #3 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE RESOLUTION [CN- 161705]**

Ralph Beebe made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to suspend student CN-161705 through Monday, March 13, 2017 for violation of school policy. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Tom Curtis made and Liz Evans supported a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 p.m. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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Laura Cheney  
Secretary

