

MASON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

November 14, 2016

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, November 14, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Becky Brimley, Vice President.

Present: Becky Brimley, Laura Fenger, Julie Rogers, Laura Cheney, Kurt Creamer, and Tom Curtis

Absent: Ralph Beebe, Matt Stuard

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to approve the agenda as amended. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Julie Rogers made and Kurt Creamer supported a motion to approve the consent agenda, including approval of minutes of the October 10, regular meeting; October 10, closed session; October 17, special meeting; October 17, closed session; Personnel Report No. 11; Financial Report No. 12; including payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$677,797.87, Food Service Fund bills in the amount of \$84,303.51, Student Activities Fund bills in the amount of \$29,140.42, and Sinking Fund bills in the amount of \$40,619.33. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Finance and Property

Kurt Creamer referred to minutes from the November 8, 2016 meeting. The committee reviewed an owner/architect agreement as drafted by Thrun Law Firm for use with GMB Architects & Engineers for potential work covered by the sinking fund. The use of GMB would be at the discretion of Mason Public Schools and does not obligate Mason Public Schools to use GMB exclusively for future projects.

INSPIRE



EMPOWER



SUCCEED

Kevin Doty shared a list of sinking fund eligible work that needs to be addressed over the next several years. Cheryl S. Wald provided an updated budget through September 30, 2016. The committee entered into a closed session for attorney client privilege.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

GMB AIA Contract

Kurt Creamer made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the GMB AIA Contract, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Community and Staff Relations

Laura Fenger referred to minutes from the October 17, 2016 meeting. Rick Brooks presented a staffing update and student programming options for Late Start Wednesdays. Approximately 70-100 students attend the program at each building. Professional Development has been positively received by staff. The committee discussed Dart Foundation school grants. Grants are awarded one per building, per year. Buildings are completing grant applications and the district is eligible for a “Next Level” grant.

Rick Brooks updated the committee on substitute teacher shortages. A plan was presented to hire four long term “floater” subs for the remainder of the year to fill last minute vacancies.

The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 4:15 p.m.

Policy and Curriculum

Laura Cheney referred to minutes from the October 24, 2016 meeting. The committee discussed Out-of-State and Out-of-Country field trip applications. Kevin Doty provided transportation information regarding policy #8310 – Student Transportation. The committee recommends no changes. NEOLA, Inc. draft policies 3000 – 5000 were reviewed.

Out-of-State Field Trip Request – Gettysburg, PA/Washington D.C., May 10 – 16, 2017

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip request for 8th grade students to travel to Gettysburg, PA and Washington D.C. on May 10 – 16, 2017. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Out-of-State Field Trip – Sandusky, OH, May 26, 2017

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip request for high school students to travel to Sandusky, OH on May 26, 2017, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Out-of-State Field Trip – Sandusky, OH, June 8, 2017

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip request for middle school students to travel to Sandusky, OH on June 8, 2017, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Out-of-Country Field Trip – Longlac, Canada, June 12 – 16, 2017

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the out-of-country field trip request for high school FFA students to travel to Longlac, Ontario, June 12 - 16, 2017, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.



Out-of-State Field Trip – Indianapolis, IN, October 24 – 27, 2017

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip request for high school students to travel to Indianapolis, IN October 24 – 27, 2017, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Out-of-State Field Trip Request – Vero Beach, FL, April 1 - 9, 2017

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip request for high school baseball students to travel to Vero Beach, FL on April 1-10, 2017, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

0000 Bylaws – 2nd Reading

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the bylaws, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

1000 Series, Administration – 2nd Reading

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve 1000 Series, administration, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

2000 Series, Program – 2nd Reading

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve 2000 Series, Program, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Kurt Creamer congratulated Board of Education election winners Liz Evans, Tim Ayres and Christopher Mumby. Mr. Creamer stated, “It is a good board with great experience and we look forward to having you join us.”

Laura Cheney recognized Kelly Amery for her 14 years of service as an aide at N. Aurelius Elementary.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

School Advance Evaluation Training

School Advance Superintendent Evaluation Training, which is required by the State of Michigan, will be scheduled for board members in January or February 2017. The board has selected School Advance as the superintendent evaluation tool.

School Study Committee Update

Superintendent Drzewicki provided an update on the School Study Committee activity to date. The School Study Committee defined and reviewed nine configuration options. Those options were then reduced to three. The highlighted options are Option 1 – renovation of existing buildings, Option 3 – move all 5th grade students to the middle school, and Option 9 – build a 4/5 building on the James C. Harvey Education Center site. All options are available for review on the district’s website. The committee will seek community input prior to a proposal.

Board members discussed the options. The School Study Committee will continue to review the configurations and any other options that may surface.



MAEA Grievance #2016-07-01

Rick Brooks presented MAEA Grievance #2016-17-01. Historical information was provided. The board members were given the option to hear or wave the grievance. Board members discussed the procedure.

The Board of Education concluded to waive the right to hear the grievance. Rick Brooks will copy the Board of Education secretary regarding correspondence with the MAEA.

CLOSED SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Brimley, Cheney, Creamer, Curtis, Fenger, Rogers

Absent: Beebe

The Board entered closed session at 8:18 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 8:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Laura Fenger
Secretary

