

MASON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

July 18, 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, July 18, 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

Absent: Ralph Beebe, Kurt Creamer, Tom Curtis

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**

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to approve the agenda as printed. All yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS/COMMENTS**

Mrs. Elizabeth Evans of 94 Primrose Lane, Mason, MI addressed the Board of Education. Mrs. Evans was involved in the 2015 Steering Committee and Yes2Mason Committee. She is a Mason resident with two children. Mrs. Evans is completing her nominating petition to be on the school board member ballot in November.

Mr. Christopher Mumby of 827 Charrington Court, Mason, MI informed the board he is running for a 4-year term on the Mason Board of Education. He has completed and filed the necessary paperwork. Mr. Mumby thanked the board members for their service.

Superintendent Drzewicki recognized Mrs. Evans and Mr. Mumby for their service during the Strategic Planning process, at Community Forums and as a member of the Steering Committee.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to approve the consent agenda, including approval of minutes of the June 27, regular meeting; Personnel Report No. 1; Financial Report No. 2; including payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,681,810.51, Food Service Fund bills in the amount of \$48,962.43, Student Activities Fund bills in the amount of \$120,963.96, and Sinking Fund bills in the amount of \$2,700.00. All yes. Motion carried 4-0.

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## **COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

### **Policy and Curriculum**

Six hour work sessions were held on June 29, 2016 and July 12, 2016 with a policy representative from Neola, Inc.

Laura Cheney referred to the minutes of the June 29, 2016 committee meeting. Mr. Delbridge presented an anonymous monetary donation for sound upgrades for the high school auditorium.

The committee reviewed the details of an out-of-state field trip for students to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana presented by Lance Delbridge and Pete Barnum.

The committee reviewed an out-of-state field trip for band students to perform at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, as well as tour the Hall of Fame and Great Lakes Science Center. The trip was presented by Band Director, Ms. Elizabeth Bousfield.

Matt Stuard presented information on the district's ELA program and metrics to measure its performance and future direction.

The committee will continue its work with Neola, Inc. Two more meetings are scheduled.

### **Gifts/Bequests – Parent Donation for High School Auditorium Sound Equipment**

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the parent donation for high school auditorium sound equipment. All yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Becky Brimley recognized the anonymous donor of the generous gift.

### **Out-of-State Field Trip – Indianapolis, IN, 10/19/16 – 10/22/16**

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the Out-of-State Field Trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Out-of-State Field Trip – Cleveland, OH, 6/3/17**

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the Out-of-State Field Trip to Cleveland, Ohio, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Laura Fenger asked if there are changes planned for the ELA program. Laura Cheney indicated there is discussion and review of current programs. Matt Stuard will meet with teaching staff in August to discuss the collected data. When preparation is complete in August or September, information will be presented to the Policy and Curriculum Committee as well as the Board of Education. The group discussed a timeline to move to a new ELA curriculum if approved.

### **Superintendent**

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Superintendent Drzewicki thanked Mr. Ted Berryhill for his thorough involvement on the interview team which recommended a highly qualified candidate for the Middle School Assistant Principal vacancy.

Mr. Ted Berryhill introduced the candidate, Mr. Craig Kueffner to board members. Mr. Kueffner has taught English Language Arts for the past 14 years at Haslett Public Schools. Mr. Berryhill indicated he is thrilled to have Mr. Keuffner come to the middle school.

Mr. Kueffner addressed the board members and stated he is super excited to get started in Mason. He has been impressed with the team that worked to bring him to Mason and looks forward to this opportunity. Mr. Keuffner worked 9 years at the Haslett Middle School followed by 5 years at Haslett High School. He served on school improvement and leadership teams while working for Haslett Public Schools. Mr. Keuffner introduced his wife Laura. Mr. Keuffner thanked the board members indicating he is “appreciative and thankful to be here.”

### **Middle School Assistant Principal Position**

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Craig Kueffner as Assistant Principal of Mason Middle School, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 4-0.

The board members congratulated and welcomed Mr. Kueffner.

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

The high school pool rededication is scheduled for July 22, 2016. Laura Fenger will attend and represent the Board of Education.

### **INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Drzewicki presented the Michigan Association of School Boards renewal membership. MASBO is beneficial in compliance issues, district resources and representing school boards. The organization speaks highly of public schools and influences policy to make sure local school districts are represented.

### **Organizational Affiliations**

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to authorize the district’s 2016-17 membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards at a cost of \$5,586.00. All yes. Motion carried 4-0.

### **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, Fenger, Rogers

Absent:                   Beebe, Creamer, Curtis

The Board entered closed session at 7:19 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:37 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. All yes. Motion carried 4-0.

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Laura Fenger  
Secretary

