

**Mason Public Schools
Board of Education
Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting
November 23, 2015**

A Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting of the Mason Board of Education was held at the Harvey Education Center on Monday, November 23, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Laura Cheney, Julie Rogers, and Tom Curtis

Also Present: Ron Drzewicki, Superintendent; Matt Stuard, Director of Curriculum; Lance Delbridge, High School Principal; Lou Bartolacci; Carolyn Hyde; Jeremy Mills; and Heather Waldrop

BoardBook

Heather Waldrop provided an update of the current process and resource needs to compile board packets. Mrs. Waldrop presented the capabilities of BoardBook—an online, electronic version for compiling and disseminating board packets. Mrs. Waldrop highlighted the potential for savings by using BoardBook. The application costs \$2,000 per year.

New Course Proposal—Pre-Calculus

Carolyn Hyde proposed a more rigorous and aligned pre-calculus college algebra course. The committee recommends the new course offering for approval by the Board of Education.

High School Early Warning Signs Grant

Jeremy Mills, English Teacher and interventionist, described a \$15,000 grant opportunity through Ingham ISD. The project would address the attendance policy, discipline policy, or class failure rates. Mason will focus on class failure rates, basing the work of the grant on data for freshmen English and Algebra—predictors of whether or not they will drop out or fail. Stipulations for funding include surveying 95% of all students in the building; 95% of all teachers; 30% of all parents. Funding may be used to improve failure rates. There is a lot of flexibility for using funds. The grant focuses on impact and sustainability.

GoMath! Update

Matt Stuard, Curriculum Director, provided an update on the GoMath! curriculum implementation, which has included several professional development opportunities and quality support from the publisher and the Ingham Intermediate School District (ISD). All materials have been distributed and available for teachers and students across the District. Lou Bartalocci provided an update regarding her experience with the GoMath! curriculum.

Review of Policy #9730

The committee reviewed policy #9730, Relationship with Associated Organizations. Ron Drzewicki met with Mr. Delbridge and Mr. Lattig to review the policy. The committee recommends the policy to the Board of Education for first reading.

Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution—Michigan Running Foundation

The committee reviewed the \$5,000 contribution from the Michigan Running Foundation for the purpose of covering registration fees for the 2016-2017 seasons of the Middle School Cross Country Club. The committee recommends the Board of Education acceptance of the \$5,000 donation from the Michigan Running Foundation.

Potential Bond Proposal Update

Ron Drzewicki provided the committee with an update about the potential bond proposal. The updated financial proposals show a 2.80—3.29 mill increase with projected funding between \$71 million to \$80 million for the District.

There is another steering committee meeting scheduled on November 30, 2015. Overcrowding in the elementary schools is a major concern for the district. First priority is to address overcrowding, and constructing an intermediate 4th and 5th grade building would relieve the pressure. In addition, the project would include secure entry ways at every building as well as funding for technology, bus purchasing, and mechanical issues.

Laura Cheney asked about funding for portables. Mr. Drzewicki stated that portables can be funded out of the current sinking fund.

Set Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting

The committee will discuss NEOLA, Inc. Service Proposal at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.