

MASON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

May 9, 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, May 9, 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

Also Present: Ron Drzewicki, Superintendent; Cheryl S. Wald, Chief Financial Officer; Matt Stuard, Curriculum Director; Rick Brooks, Director of Human Resources; Dan McConeghy, Middle School Principal; Ted Berryhill, Middle School Assistant Principal; 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 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 April 18, regular meeting; April 18, closed session; Personnel Report No. 23; Financial Report No. 24; including payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$778,209.56, Food Service Fund bills in the amount of \$77,227.30, Student Activities Fund bills in the amount of \$64,252.17, and Sinking Fund bills in the amount of \$32,500.00. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom Curtis recognized Mr. Dan McConeghy and Mrs. Susan McConeghy for their years of service to the district. They will retire at the end of this school year.

COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Finance and Property

Kurt Creamer referred to minutes of the May 2, 2016 committee meeting. The committee reviewed monthly budget line items and the Ingham ISD General Fund Budget. The group reviewed the Special Education Pupil Transportation Consortium Agreement. Ingham ISD contracts transportation services for special needs students for all districts in the county and

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allocates costs per student count. The ISD has entered into an agreement with Dean Transportation to provide this service.

Special Education Pupil Transportation Consortium Agreement

Kurt Creamer made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the Special Education Pupil Transportation Consortium Agreement, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A bond proposal update was given.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Community and Staff Relations

The Community and Staff Relations Committee did not meet.

Policy and Curriculum

Laura Cheney referred to minutes from the April 25, 2016 committee meeting. The group continued discussion on new policy #3606 – Purchasing Cards. The elementary school handbook was reviewed. All three elementaries will use the same handbook. The committee will discuss the middle school, high school and athletic handbooks at the next meeting.

Policy #3605, District Credit Cards - 2nd Reading

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve Policy #3605, District Credit Cards, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

2016-17 Mason Elementary Parent-Student Handbook

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the changes to 2016-17 Mason Elementary Parent-Student Handbook, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent

Superintendent Drzewicki referred to the 2016-17 Proposed General Fund Budget for Ingham ISD. The Board of Education received and reviewed the budget packet in detail.

2016-17 INGHAM ISD PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Julie Rogers made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to approve the 2016-17 Ingham ISD Proposed General Fund Budget, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A proposed 2016-17 Board of Education Committee Meeting calendar was presented. Calendar dates for Board of Education meetings are in place through January of 2017.

2016-17 BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to approve the 2016-17 Board committee meeting schedule, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Board of Education members reviewed and discussed the bid for installation of 296 sixth grade lockers from The Locker Man, Inc. Kevin Doty, Operations of Director, was present for questions. Current lockers are 20 years old, in poor condition and made of light-weight material. The new

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lockers will be heavy duty single tier lockers of the same size and color. Sinking Fund dollars will pay for the project.

The group discussed rebidding the project. Rebidding would delay the installation process. Kevin Doty indicated this is the only Michigan company that bid the project. Completing the project mid-year would require a plan to clean-out lockers and communicate new locker combinations to all students. Discussion continued and the board agreed that the process was thoroughly followed.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE BID TO REPLACE SIXTH GRADE LOCKERS

Julie Rogers made and Kurt Creamer supported a motion to approve the bid to replace sixth grade lockers. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Laura Fenger thanked the Steering Committee and Campaign Committee members for their volunteer hours working on the Bond Proposal and Sinking Fund. The Board of Education thanked them for the effort put forth for the students and community of Mason Public Schools.

Superintendent Drzewicki stated that although the Bond proposal didn't pass, discussion will continue. The administration will continue reaching out to voters to address the district's needs. He will continue to make contacts and offered to meet with community members that were present at the board meeting for their insight. A survey will be initiated to registered voters to attain feedback.

Superintendent Drzewicki recognized that the community was supportive of the Sinking Fund Proposal.

Becky Brimley indicated that the proposals for the Dansville and Lansing Public School communities passed. She will forward minutes from the Ingham School Officers Association at the next meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Joint Board of Education/Mason City Council Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The event has been moved to the auditorium. Superintendent Drzewicki stated that this event is a point of pride for the district and will recognize 120 honorees.

PUBLIC REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Kristine Brickey of 3142 W. Kipp Rd., Mason, MI addressed the board. Ms. Brickey attended in support of student CN-151607. She stated the student in question is deserving of another chance.

CLOSED SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING (CN-151607)

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting a student discipline hearing.

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

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No – None. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board entered closed session at 7:34 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 8:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – PROPERTY AND NEGOTIATIONS

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

Roll Call Vote: Yes - Brimley, Cheney, Creamer, Curtis, Fenger, Rogers
 No – None. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board entered closed session at 8:07 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 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie Rogers made and Kurt Creamer supported a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Laura Fenger
Secretary

