

MASON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2015
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 July 20, 2015. 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; Mason staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Julie Rogers made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to amend the agenda to add item 8-D2, First Reading of Policy #9005 - Volunteers. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Academic and Demographic Update

A presentation to create conversation regarding the state of the district academically was presented by Mr. Stuard and Mr. Drzewicki.

Free and reduced lunch demographics were shared. Less than 30% of Mason students receive free and reduced lunches. Mr. Drzewicki shared a comparison ranking with other schools in Ingham and Clinton Counties.

At a previous Leadership Team meeting, Mr. Drzewicki shared free and reduced lunch percentages for every district in the State. Mason ranked in the top 14%. The free and reduced lunch percentage was less for schools of choice and non-resident students than it was for resident students.

Mr. Drzewicki shared schools of choice student data. The district accepted 223 schools of choice and non-resident students in 2014 and 223 students withdrew from the district.

Mr. Stuard described the difference between schools of choice students and non-resident students. He shared a grade point average graph comparing Mason residents to schools of choice and non-resident students. There is no data to support that schools of choice students are hurting test scores. Mason resident students get suspended twice as much as schools of choice and non-resident students.

Mr. Stuard shared AIMSweb data for the past three years in grades K-8 in reading and mathematics. AIMSweb assessments are given three times per year. Data trends for the scores were discussed and it was shared that this will be a focus moving forward.

The focus in the district has been to provide interventions and services for children that aren't understanding the material. Discussion occurred regarding district supplements and resources. It was suggested that resources be used to make sure students don't fall behind in order to improve achievement scores.

Mr. Drzewicki stated there are many good things going on in the district including great teachers, personnel and administrators. Ideas were shared with the board to begin dialogue and slowly switch resources to front end rather than back end support. He stated that we value our hardworking staff and we should be thoughtful with our resources. Resources should be the right ones, to the right people, in the right way.

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 29, special meeting #1; June 29, special meeting #2; June 29, closed session; Personnel Report No. 1; Financial Report No. 2; including payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,496,163.27, Food Service Fund bills in the amount of \$36,767.13, Student Activities Fund bills in the amount of \$153,097.04, and Sinking Fund bills in the amount of \$14,643.00. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Cheney indicated the committee met on July 20, 2015. The committee is recommending the adoption of Go Math textbooks for K-5 students. The textbooks are currently being used in many districts and are supported by Ingham Intermediate School District.

The committee recommends first reading of new Policy #9005 – Volunteers.

The committee discussed the online posting of Board Briefs. The group agreed to begin posting Board of Education meeting minutes in place of Board Briefs to the district website.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2015. The committee will continue to update Policy 9000 series.

Curriculum Adoption – Go Math

Mr. Stuard stated there were eight math programs reviewed. Of the top three recommended by Ingham Intermediate, Go Math received the highest scores K-12. Elementary principals and staff members, Ted Berryhill and Jerome Brzezinski also reviewed the materials. Mr. Stuard

highlighted the online components, personal trainer tests at the beginning of each unit, and summative tests. He feels this program will benefit students.

Mrs. Cheney indicated this program will be a cost savings to the district.

Mrs. Fenger shared her concern for textbook fidelity. Mr. Stuard indicated that principals will receive professional development in August to help create a fidelity checklist.

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the curriculum adoption of Go Math, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

2015-16 Board Committee Meeting Dates and Times

Julie Rogers made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to approve the 2015-16 Board committee meeting schedule, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Organizational Affiliations

Mr. Drzewicki presented the annual Michigan Association of School Boards membership. He stated the organization supports Michigan school boards and is a valuable resource. Mr. Drzewicki recommends approval for affiliation.

Tom Curtis made and Kurt Creamer supported a motion to authorize the district's 2015-16 membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards at a cost of \$5,394.00. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to enter closed session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brimley, Cheney, Creamer, Curtis, Fenger, Rogers; No - None. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board entered closed session at 8:17 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.

IUOE CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

Julie Rogers made and Tom Curtis supported a motion to approve IUOE Custodial/Maintenance tentative agreement, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

2015-16 CENTRAL OFFICE SUPPORT LETTERS OF AGREEMENT

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to approve 2015-16 Central Office Support letters of agreement, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

2015-16 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT LETTERS OF AGREEMENT

Julie Rogers made and Kurt Creamer supported a motion to approve 2015-16 Information Technology Support letters of agreement, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Laura Fenger
Secretary