

MASON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2017
Harvey Education Center
400 South Cedar Street
7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Mason Board of Education was held at the Harvey Education Center on November 13, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Kurt Creamer, President

Present: Kurt Creamer, Laura Cheney, Ralph Beebe, Tim Ayres, Liz Evans, Christopher Mumby, and Steve Duane

Absent:

Also Present: Ronald 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

Ralph Beebe made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to approve the agenda as printed. All yes. Motion carried 7-0

SPECIAL REPORTS/RECOGNITION

Mason Capitol Area Prescription Drug Task Force Media Competition Winners were announced. Chief John Stressman, Mason Police Department, and Nick Toodzio, MHS Assistant Principal, presented awards to four MHS students. The students participated in the county-wide media competition held by a partnership between Mason Police Department, Ingham County Health Department, and Mason Public Schools.

The Board watched the video advertisement aired on WILX and created by Joshua Geyer, Benjamin Davis, and Hayden Bond. The creators will share a \$750 prize. Jayna Bennett received a \$500 award for her poster and logo. The poster will be used to promote the task force and the logo will be featured on task force letterhead.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Laura Cheney made and Christopher Mumby supported a motion to approve the consent agenda, including approval of minutes of the October 9, 2017, regular meeting; Personnel Report No. 11; Financial Report No. 12; including payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,611,831.38, Food Service Fund bills in the amount of \$67,934.19, Student Activities Fund bills in the amount of \$28,303.67, and Sinking Fund bills in the amount of \$179,002.90. All yes. Motion carried 7-0

Kurt Creamer acknowledged Marvin DeKett for his 26 years of service to the district.

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COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Finance and Property

The Finance and Property Committee met on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Ralph Beebe shared that there are many changes to future plans as a result of the passage of the bond. The Sinking Fund projects will need revisiting. A third Maintenance I position will be posted. M-DOT has announced a grant to provide a flashing light cross walk at the intersection of Steele Street and Ash Street. The crossing guard currently in place will continue to assist elementary age children at the intersection.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Community and Staff Relations

Liz Evans referred to minutes from the October 16, 2017 meeting. Rick Brooks provided a staffing update. One night custodian position has been reinstated for the elementary buildings and a new Technology I person has been hired. Mr. Brooks shared information regarding the Educator Evaluation initiative.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Policy and Curriculum

Laura Cheney referred to minutes from the October 23, 2017 meeting. Matt Stuard provided materials regarding an updated Reproductive Health curriculum. More information was needed. Matt Stuard shared information on the Educator Evaluation initiative, provided staff feedback regarding Wonders and StudySync programs. Superintendent Drzewicki shared a bond proposal update.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Out-of-State Field Trip - Indianapolis, IN, October 23-27, 2018

Laura Cheney made and Liz Evans supported a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip request for high school students to travel to Indianapolis, IN, October 23-27, 2018, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0

Out-of-State Field Trip - Sandusky, OH, May 25, 2018

Laura Cheney made and Liz Evans supported a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip request for high school students to travel to Sandusky, OH on May 25, 2018, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0

Out-of-Country Field Trip - Longlac, Ontario, June 11-16, 2018

Tim Ayers inquired about obtaining passports for participants. Laura Cheney shared that all is in order and Mr. Pete Barnum is aware of all required documents and many parent volunteers to support the trip.

Laura Cheney made and Liz Evans supported a motion to approve the out-of-country field trip request for high school students to travel to Longlac, Ontario, June 11-16, 2018, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0

APPOINTING OF A LIAISON TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION

President Kurt Creamer appointed a Board member to the following organization:

Mason Promise Scholarship Board: Tim Ayres

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INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Ralph Beebe thanked the members of the board involved with the Yes Mason! Committee. Tim Ayres shared that their efforts moved many people to vote yes.

Christopher Mumby congratulated the Mason Robotics team for hosting the middle school competition. MHS teacher, Ben Shoemaker, and his wife Amanda, did an amazing job. There were 36 teams participating in this well attended event. Superintendent Drzewicki shared there are ten new elementary teams with 150 students involved.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Drzewicki shared information regarding the Capital Improvement Project. A May sale of bonds was recommended to reduce interest and other considerations need to be decided by the Board in the next few months. A Technology Consultant Request for Proposal has been prepared.

Kevin Doty is working on the replacement cycle for new buses.

Kurt Creamer shared the need to determine communication between the Capital Improvement Project and the Board of Education. A structure should be in place by December or January as how the board will process information. Steve Duane suggested that MASB may offer training.

Tim Ayres inquired about replacement scoreboards and MMS and MHS. The equipment will be upgraded and the memorial signage will remain.

CLOSED SESSION - STUDENT REINSTATEMENT REQUEST [CN-151602]

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayres-yes, Evans-yes, Duane-yes, Beebe-yes, Mumby-yes, Creamer-yes, Cheney-yes.
Motion carried 7-0

The Board entered closed session at 7:40 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 8:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS AND PROPERTY

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

Roll Call Vote: Cheney-yes, Creamer-yes, Mumby-yes, Beebe-yes, Duane-yes, Evans-yes, Ayres-yes.
Motion carried 7-0

The Board entered closed session at 8:02 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 9:14 p.m.



ADJOURNMENT

Christopher Mumby made and Liz Evans supported a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Laura Cheney, Secretary

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