

MASON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

December 12, 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, December 12, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Ralph Beebe, President.

Present: Ralph Beebe, Becky Brimley, Laura Fenger, Julie Rogers, Laura Cheney, Kurt Creamer, and Tom Curtis

Absent:

Also Present: Ron Drzewicki, Superintendent; Cheryl S. Wald, Chief Financial Officer; Matt Stuard, Director of Curriculum; Rick Brooks, Director of Human Resources; Tom Cochran, State Representative of Michigan's 67th District, Mason staff and community members

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kurt Creamer made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to approve the agenda as amended. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Beebe recognized community members for their attendance.

Mr. Peter Robinson thanked the exiting board members for a combined 38 years of service to Mason Public Schools. He expressed his sincere gratitude to each board member for what they have done for district students.

SPECIAL REPORTS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Tom Cochran, State Representative of Michigan's 67th District, presented a framed certificate signed by himself and Governor Rick Snyder to Becky Brimley, Julie Rogers and Laura Fenger. Representative Cochran spoke regarding the service of each exiting board member and stated "more community members need to know what you do." He congratulated the board members on the length of time they gave to the community.

Superintendent Drzewicki presented each exiting board member with an engraved plaque made in the arts departments of the district. He recognized the members hard work, dedication, hours committed and support since his coming.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Julie Rogers made and Becky Brimley supported a motion to approve the consent agenda, including approval of minutes of the November 14, regular meeting; November 14, closed session; Personnel Report No. 13; Financial Report No. 14; including payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,576,267.13, Food Service Fund bills in the amount of \$75,381.51, Student Activities Fund bills in the amount of \$50,591.62, and Sinking Fund bills in the amount of \$51,977.98. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Finance and Property

Kurt Creamer referred to minutes from the December 5, 2016 meeting. The committee discussed a proposed project for upgrades and additions to the wireless capabilities of the district during the 2017-18 school year. Cheryl S. Wald presented an updated budget through October 31, 2016. The committee discussed Vevay and Aurelius Township summer tax collection. The townships agreed to change the calculation of those costs to save the district approximately \$3500.00. Proposed budget amendments were discussed. Discussion will continue in January of 2017. Superintendent Drzewicki provided a School Study Committee update. The committee entered closed session for attorney/client privilege.

Annual Summer Tax Resolution

Kurt Creamer made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes – Aurelius Township

Kurt Creamer made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes to Aurelius Township, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes – Vevay Township

Kurt Creamer made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes to Vevay Township, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2017. The meeting time was changed to 5:30 p.m.

Community and Staff Relations

Becky Brimley referred to minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting. Rick Brooks presented a staffing update. Superintendent Drzewicki discussed the communication plan. Best Practices for district communication are in the development process. The communication team developed the district's Keynotes newsletter. Rick Brooks updated the committee on substitute teacher shortages. The minutes were amended to reflect, "School Study Committee is well attended." The next School study Committee will meet on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 4:15 p.m.

President Beebe publically thanked Becky Brimley for chairing the Community and Staff Committee.

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Policy and Curriculum

Laura Cheney referred to minutes from the November 28, 2016 meeting. Matt Stuard provided an update on the K-12 ELA Study Committee. Committee members were invited to attend two ELA Study Committee meetings to interview publishers on December 13, 2016 and January 10, 2017 from 4:15 – 8:00 p.m. in the high school library. NEOLA policy additions, revisions and deletions were reviewed with the committee. The updates were recommended by NEOLA based on their periodic review of school board policies. Updates will be proposed to the board for first reading in January. Policy series 5000 was reviewed and will be recommended to the Board for first reading in January.

3000 Series, Professional Staff – 2nd Reading

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the 3000 Series, Professional Staff, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

4000 Series, Support Staff – 2nd Reading

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve 4000 Series, Support Staff, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER MATTERS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Dates for future committee meetings will be confirmed following the organizational meeting on January 9, 2017 once committee chairs are established.

CLOSED SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING [CN-161702]

Laura Cheney made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting a student discipline hearing. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Roll Call Vote: Beebe, Brimley, Cheney, Creamer, Curtis, Fenger, Rogers

The Board entered closed session at 7:20 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 9:18 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE RESOLUTION [CN-161702]

Julie Rogers made and Becky Brimley supported a motion to expel student CN-161702 subject to reinstatement after June 9, 2017. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION – ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE

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Julie Rogers made and Laura Cheney supported a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of attorney/client privilege. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Roll Call Vote: Beebe, Brimley, Cheney, Creamer, Curtis, Fenger, Rogers

The Board entered closed session at 9:26 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 9:50 p.m.

J & J PROPERTIES OF MASON, L.L.C., SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, GENERAL RELEASE, AND ASSOCIATED EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Kurt Creamer made and Julie Rogers supported a motion to approve the J & J Properties of Mason, L.L.C., settlement agreement, general release and associated easement agreement, as presented. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie Rogers made and Kurt Creamer supported a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. All yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Laura Fenger
Secretary

