

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
August 5, 2019
Workshop/Special Meeting**

Board President Scott Wenberg called the work session/special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Board Members Present: Burrell, Kraus, Sturtevant, Wenberg, Good, Daniels, and Allen.

Board Members Absent: None

Bryan Mey, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director, was present in place of Vaughn White, Superintendent, who was on vacation.

All present took the pledge.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Facilities/Grounds/Technology

Discussion items were as follows:

- Bus Routes were discussed. Dan Bailey, Transportation Coordinator, was present to discuss our current bus routes, the number of students on the buses, and the amount of time students are on the bus. The town route and the option to have the students who live in town walk to school was discussed. Consensus was that if we were to implement any changes of this type, we would need to give parents plenty of notice and do a good job of communicating any changes to the routes. Also discussed was the Safe Routes to School Grant and how this may help us with any changes in having some students walk to school. We will be communicating with parents on any changes in bus routes.
- The bus driver shortages were discussed.
- The crossing guard situation was discussed.
- A suggestion was made to have the Transportation Coordinator, attend some Board work sessions in the future and give a periodic transportation report.

Finance

Discussion items were as follows:

- The audit is scheduled for August 12 to August 16.

Personnel Policy

Discussion items were as follows:

The following will be action items for the regular meeting:

- Contract with EDUStaff for the 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach.
- Contract with EDUStaff for the 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach.
- Adopt the Resolution of Support for the Newaygo County Safe Schools Collaborative.
- Accept a paraprofessional's resignation.

Action Items

The principal contracts and grade configurations were discussed. Board member Daniels commented that he felt the board should have had more involvement in the grade level configurations.

Motion by Allen supported by Burrell to approve the amended contract for Bryan Mey, as the Principal for Grades K-6/Coordinator of Curriculum as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion passed 6-1. Daniels voted no.

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Action Items (Continued)

Motion by Allen supported by Burrell to approve the contract for Raymond Thompson, as the Principal for Grades 7-12, as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Curriculum

The school newsletter will be going out.

We have scheduled Orton –Gillingham training from the Michigan Dyslexia Institute as the trainer.

Informational Items

- The NCASB Fall Dinner (appetizers only) Meeting will be held on August 20, 2019 at the Grant Fine Arts Center.

Board Discussion

- Board member Burrell discussed how the Grand Rapids Public Library is allowing patrons to borrow hot spot enabled devices and suggested that this may be something we want to look at for internet access for some of our students who do not have internet at home.
- There was some discussion on towers that use NCATS services for internet.
- Board member Daniels discussed Saturday sports busing and if the mileage to the event is more than 50 miles we have been getting a bus.
- Board member Wenberg gave a brief update on negotiations for both groups.

Adjournment

Motion by Burrell supported by Kraus to adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Michelle Allen, Secretary

Scott Wenberg, Board President