

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
October 15, 2018
Regular Meeting**

Scott Wenberg, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Pledge/Roll Call

Board Members Present: Broton, Kraus, Sturtevant, Wenberg, Good, Daniels and Allen.
Board Members Absent: None

Presentation – Middle School Reading Incentives

Katina Prado and Louise Troughton, middle school staff members, gave a presentation on the reading incentives that are going on in the middle school. “Soar to Success”, “Stop Drop and Read”, seminar reading and silent reading are some of the incentives that were discussed. Mrs. Prado received a grant from the Fremont Area Foundation for a reading program called “Read Around the World”. Louise Troughton received a grant for \$1,000 from the Fremont Area Foundation to purchase books for her book club program. The remedial programs, ACRI and Read 180 are being used in the middle school to help students increase their reading levels. The middle school staff also has reading libraries in their rooms to give students easy access to books. There is a book fair scheduled for December 10 – December 14 in the High School Media Center.

Additional Agenda Items

There were no additional agenda items.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Kraus supported by Sturtevant to approve the consent agenda. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Good supported by Kraus to approve the bills as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Elementary Principal/Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Report

Bryan Mey gave a report summarized as follows on the items below:

- Professional development activities on the delayed start days were discussed.
- An update on what teachers are working on related to Marzano activities were explained.
- The assessment window opened on October 9.
- Elementary cross country races were held on October 5.
- The CATCH kick-off week was discussed.
- The Hesperia Area Fire Department visited the elementary and helped the third and fourth grade students on family safety plans.

MS/HS Principal’s Report

David LaPraire gave a report on the following items:

- Opportunity for parents to watch a documentary movie on “ScreenAgers” which explores the impact of screen technology on kids. The movie will be shown on October 29 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the high school.

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MS/HS Principal's Report (Cont.)

- Information was presented on the Headway Coalition lead by Rachael Uganski and Jenna Zeerip. The group will be gathering students' responses on topics ranging from ECigs, drugs, alcohol, and prescription pain medication.
- Information on the Youth Prevention Coalition was presented.
- We have student interest in an advanced placement history course.
- The College Ambassador program led by Samantha Hansen, was discussed.
- We have received positive news coverage from WZZM Channel 13 on stories involving Connor VanBuskirk and the Volleyball Team's Sunshine Night honoring Kendra Slater, from Holton, who has cancer.

Superintendent Report

Vaughn White, Superintendent, updated the Board on the following items:

- Reminder of the Board dinner on Thursday, October 18 starting at 5:30 p.m. at Hesperia High School.
- The middle school drain excavation areas will be covered up soon.
- We are down 23 students from the budgeted number.
- We met with Consumers Energy and reviewed our bills. It was recommendation that we make a rate change in order to save money on energy costs.
- A STEM grant was submitted to MDE in the amount of \$100,000 for math training and math supplies.
- There is not enough savings to warrant doing a bond refunding.
- The "Staff Olympics" activities have started. This is a way for staff to get to know each other doing fun activities together.

Board member Sturtevant commented that she thought we would have a computer coding class in the high school. She would like to see a class added if we currently do not have a class scheduled.

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

Melissa Hasty thanked the Board for listening to her concerns regarding the Cheerleading Club. She also discussed some additional concerns and suggested that perhaps instead of cheerleading being a club sport that it be part of the district's athletic team sports. She also discussed the sign issue.

Public Comment on Action Item

There were no public comments on action the items.

Action Items

Motion by Daniels supported by Kraus to accept Mrs. Kelly Palmer's resignation letter effective September 28, 2018. Discussion comments included a suggestion that a letter be sent to her thanking her for her service. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

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Motion by Daniels supported by Allen to accept Mr. Dan Underhill's' resignation letter effective September 26, 2018. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays:0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Good supported by Sturtevant to approve hiring Mr. Jeffrey Knapp as a part-time high school history teacher/ half-time athletic director at the BA Level 4 rate of \$52,000 prorated (retro) back to October 3, 2018. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Good to approve hiring Ms. Jenelle Darke as an elementary special education teacher at the BA Level 5 rate which is paid at Level 4 plus ½ the difference between the Level 4 and Level 5 rate of \$43,646 and prorated from her starting date. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Note: All coaching positions are pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating.

Motion by Allen supported by Kraus to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Mr. Doug Bolles for the Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2018-2019 winter season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Kraus to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Mr. Cregg Bolles for the JV Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2018-2019 winter season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Sturtevant supported by Allen to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Mr. Vince Grodus for the 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2018-2019 fall season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Sturtevant supported by Kraus to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Mr. Vince Grodus for the 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2018-2019 winter season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Kraus to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Mr. Doug Bolles for the Varsity Softball Coach for the 2018-2019 spring season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Kraus to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Ms. Alexis Castillo for the JV Softball Coach for the 2018-2019 spring season. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Board Discussion

The Board discussed the following items:

- The "One Good Thing" coverage by WZZM on the Volleyball Team's Sunshine Night for the Holton student with cancer.

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Board Discussion (Cont.)

The Ad Hoc Athletic committee will meet on October 24 at 5:30 p.m. Members of the committee are Board members Good, Daniels, and Allen. It was suggested that the committee discuss athletic clubs and how to address them in the handbooks. It was also suggested that the committee bring back information to the Board for full board discussion.

Motion by Daniels supported by Kraus to adjourn Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Michelle Allen, Secretary



Scott Wenberg, Board President