

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
November 19, 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: Kraus, Sturtevant, Wenberg, and Daniels.
Board Members Absent: Allen and Good

All present took the pledge.

Good arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Presentation – New York Trip

Casmara Karris presented information on a student trip to New York City by bus. This will be an all-inclusive trip through World Strides, the bus company. The trip will be scheduled for June of 2020. The cost of the trip is \$1,075 per student. There will be scholarship money available for the students who qualify. We are looking for 30-35 students to participate. There was consensus with the Board members that this is an excellent opportunity for the students to participate in.

Jeff Knapp, Athletic Director, was introduced to the Board members.

Board Appointment Candidate Interviews

The Board interviewed two candidates for the open Board seat. The candidates were Julie Burrell and Mark Balcom. The interviews concluded at 8:06 p.m. The Board adjourned the meeting until 8:15 p.m. and then resumed the meeting.

Discussion on Board Candidates

The Board President went around the table and asked each Board member to summarize their thoughts on the candidates. Julie Burrell's work experience with different agencies is seen as an asset; she serves on a variety of organizational boards; she spoke to district culture and the value of education; and she is a parent of a current student. Mark Balcom has a wealth of educational, negotiation, and union experience. He is a retired teacher and being retired, he may miss a few meetings for personal traveling. He has served on a local township board and is a very good communicator. We have two very well qualified candidates to choose from and thank both of them for applying.

Motion by Daniels supported by Kraus to accept Mr. Patrick Broton's resignation letter effective October 26, 2018. Discussion comments included thanking him for his time on the Board. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Good to appoint Julie Burrell to the open Board seat. Roll call vote: Daniels-yes; Good-yes; Kraus-yes; Sturtevant-yes; and Wenberg-yes. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion passed. The Board welcomed Julie Burrell to the Board.

Acceptance/Oath of Office

Patricia Budde, Notary (Business Manager), gave the new and newly elected Board members the Oath of Office. All members (Good, Kraus, and Burrell) signed the required notarized forms.

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Additional Agenda Items

There were no additional agenda items.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Daniels supported by Good to approve the consent agenda. Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Daniels supported by Good to approve the bills as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.

Elementary Principal/Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Report

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

- A summary of the parent/teacher conferences was given. We had over 90% participation.
- The Instructional Management Team meeting was held. This is the first of four meetings.
- The Elementary Christmas Program for grades K-3 will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018, during the school day and prior to the holiday parties. The fourth grade will have a program in the spring.
- The elementary welcomes donations of winter outdoor clothing. (Hats, gloves, socks, boots, coats, snow pants)
- We have received the Additional Instructional Time Grant in the amount of a little over \$15,000. The grant money will be spent on Level Library materials, assessment kits, and early literacy professional development.

MS/HS Principal's Report

David LaPrairie gave a report on the following items:

- A summary of the Veterans Day K-12 Assembly was given. The assembly was very well received and appreciated by the community members.
- The annual Thanksgiving Turkey Feast is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Staff members will be helping serve the students.
- The upcoming testing and test preparation was discussed.
- A picture of the high school staff dressed in Camo for Halloween dress up day was shared.

Superintendent Report

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

- Mr. White passed out copies of his final evaluation last year for reference for this year's evaluation. He also passed out the updated version of the evaluation from MASB and his self-assessment. There will be a closed session on December 11th for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation. A comparison of three years of data of MSTEP progress towards instructional goals was also presented. Board members Kraus and Burrell will need to schedule the Superintendent evaluation training.
- Also discussed was the need for a snow sweeper system to replace the current one which is worn out. We have received quotes on a new system. We will use some of the insurance money from the claim of the stolen side-by-side. We will be determining as to

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whether we need to replace the side-by-side. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead and purchase the snow sweeper system.

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

Bill and Stacey VanAvery commented on the situation with their daughter and another student and the discipline that was given. They suggested that the Board members review the situation and look at the video.

Public Comment on Action Item

There were no public comments on the action items.

Action Items

Motion by Kraus supported by Burrell to accept Mrs. Kathy Eichenberg's retirement letter effective December 21, 2018. Discussion comments included appreciation and thanks for her many years of service. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Kraus supported by Good to approve hiring Mrs. Stephanie Price as the payroll clerk at the rate of \$33,000, prorated starting November 20, 2018. Discussion comments included that we are excited for the district and administration office that she will be here. She will be good fit. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Sturtevant to approve hiring Ms. Stephanie Lynch as a two (2) hour elementary lunch aide at the rate of \$9.94 per hour retro back to October 19, 2018. Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Kraus to approve hiring Mr. Jason Niblick as a five and three-quarters (5.75) hour elementary special education teacher assistant at the rate of \$10.34 per hour retro back to October 29, 2018. Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Good supported by Sturtevant to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Mr. Rory Lancaster for the middle school wrestling coach for the 2018-2019 winter season pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating. Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.

Informational Item

- The RFP for the hot lunch manager was discussed. The process for doing the RFP is very technical and it will take three to four weeks to get approval. We are now looking at having the company start late in January or more likely in February. We will be meeting with the hot lunch staff to create a plan for work coverage if the management company is not able to start until February.

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Board Discussion

Board member Sturtevant discussed a survey she thought was given this fall and questioned if the survey was shared with the Board. The Superintendent stated that no survey was issued this fall. He explained that an MEA survey was put out last fall (2017) for the purpose of input to the administration. He explained that the Board had him develop a survey that was put out last spring and he sent it to staff. The results were reported in his update. He will provide a clarification in his next update.

Adjournment

Motion by Burrell supported by Kraus to adjourn Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.


Michelle Allen, Secretary


Scott Wenberg, Board President