

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
December 21, 2020
Regular Meeting**

Board President Mary Sturtevant called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in virtual forum.

All present took the pledge.

Members who are present: Sturtevant, Wenberg, Burrell, Good, Daniels, Kraus, Allen

Members absent: None

Additional Agenda Items:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Burrell, supported by Wenberg to approve the November 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes; November 23, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, December 7, 2020 Work Session Minutes, December 14, 2020 Closed Session Minutes, December 14, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. Discussion: None. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Kraus, supported by Burrell to approve the December board bills. Discussion: None. Ayes:7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Elementary Principal/Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Report

Bryan Mey, Elementary Principal reported the following information

- Elementary has added an additional day of counseling for students. Students now have two days a week where they can meet with a counselor. Once in person learning resumes Harbor Circle will begin having group counseling sessions again for students.
- Increased proficiency with staff and students on virtual learning platforms, and also an increase in participation.
- Focusing on “red flag” students to get them to participate in learning. There are approximately 8-10 in elementary. We have low numbers of non-participation because we have made it a goal to meet kids, “where they are at.” The priority then, isn’t virtual meeting as much as getting each individual student the help they need on their level, and using the tools they have available.

MS/HS Principal’s Report

Chad Paine reported the following information

- Mr. Westgate held a small holiday party for his special education students who are coming in for Tutoring. He was able to connect with 2 local businesses who combined donated \$950.00 for his student’s. He was able to fulfill their holiday wish lists and give them some wonderful gifts.
- Secondary staff have dropped off goods to families in need over the last week.
- Middle school and High school have also created a “red flag” list to focus on students with little or zero participation. This has worked well and high school is between 80- 90 percent participation, and middle school is at 95-98 percent participation.
- Computer lab access began last week. There has steadily been 3-4 students in daily to complete assignments, and gain access to their remote classrooms.
- Secondary support staff have begun trauma training while we have been in a remote setting. This is the first group to train in this program offered by the NCRESA. The teachers will hopefully train soon as well.

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MS/HS Principal's Report Continued:

- The high school and middle school have had a week of loss. Middle school lost a female student last week, or thoughts continue to go out to her friends and family.
- Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Grodus both lost their fathers. We send our condolences to them during this difficult holiday season.

Student Report

Isabelle Rumsey, Senior class of 2021 presented the following information

- College ambassador training took place online
- Isabel Truskoski has been doing lots of things to encourage students to apply for FAFSA. She has put together goodie bags for applicants, she has a contest going on her ambassador Instagram account, and has been reaching out to students to help them apply.
- National Honors Society gave out applications to new recruits last week.
- Be Nice will be having a meeting once school is back in session
- Senior Class chose their colors, song, and quote for the graduation.

Superintendent's Report

Vaughn White, Superintendent reported the following information

- Governor spoke on Friday. She is allowing High Schools to go back in session as scheduled. Winter sports can resume on January 15th. Fall tournaments will be held so those seasons can be completed.
- Seeing a downward trend in the spread of Corona Virus and positive cases.
- We will continue virtual board meetings through the end of March.
- Vaccine news was released and educators will be in the second wave of the vaccine.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment

None

Public Comment on Action Items

None

Informational Items

None

Action Items:

Motion by Allen, supported by Kraus to approve the board meeting Calendar for 2021 as presented.

Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Wenberg, supported by Good to approve the Superintendent's evaluation deemed as effective.

Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Kraus, supported by Allen to approve hiring a Mrs. Debra Claeys as the 8th grade girls' basketball coach for the 20/21 season. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

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Action Items Continued:

Motion by Allen supported by Kraus to nominate Mr. Ryan Good as the region 3 MASB board of director's representative. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Wenberg supported by Good to approve the Covid-19 Extended School Year Plan. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Informational Items:

We have three board members leaving us this evening, Mary Sturtevant, Scott Wenberg, and Julie Burrell. Mr. Vaughn White Superintendent thanked them for their dedication to the district and acknowledged their commitment to the students. He also shared the following information:

This last term of 6 years, the time spent in board meetings for the exiting members are...

Mary has attended 132 meetings. That is 13,146 minutes, which equals 219 hours equivalent to 9.12 days spent in board meetings.

Scott has attended 155 meetings. That is 15,306 minutes which equals 255 hours equivalent to 10.62 days spent in board meetings.

Julie has attended 41 meetings. That is 3,334 minutes which equals 55 hours equivalent to 2.29 days spent in board meetings.

Discussion Items:

Scott Wenberg, spoke to the public at his last meeting stating his thanks to the staff and support team that helps carry out the day-to-day work that makes our district so great.

Thanks the administration team of Mary Shaffer, Stephanie Price, and Amy Budde for stepping in and making the transition into their roles so seamlessly. Thanked Patricia Budde, former business manager, for helping the district in their time of need and coming back to help support the new administration team.

Thanks Mr. Vaughn White for stepping into the district during difficult times, and that the district could not have hired anyone better. Bryan Mey, has the capability and will be a superintendent someday. Chad Paine for doing such a great job and stepping into the interim principal role. The district would be lucky to keep you on as principal in a permanent position. Also thanked all of his members of the board for helping create the best district they could through discussion, and cooperation.

Mary Sturtevant spoke next, saying she was glad that Scott prepared something because she could not have said it so well. Thanks everyone for six wonderful years.

Julie Burrell also spoke stating that she will continue to be an active parent in the district.

She then changed gears to speak about coordinating with NCRESA, Fremont Area Foundation, and Gerber Life about career opportunities for our community graduates at Gerber Life. Also, spoke about a great series she is participating in called, "Stronger Together," which begins with two local co-authors of the book "Wounded." The series focuses on diversity, ethnicity, and inclusion in our modern times. Suggests we look into this as part of our diversity curriculum.

Ryan good spoke of MASB course CBA101 offered to members of the MASB organization. He recommends the course for all new board members. It reminds the participant of thing we know but often forget to apply, when we get caught up in the detail of day-to-day decision making.

Al Daniels' agreed with Julie Burrell that the more diversity, ethnicity, and inclusion we can teach to our student body the better. As a remote district we need to expose our students to as much culture as we can, and prepare them for adult life outside of our community.

Adjournment

Motion by Burrell, supported by Wenberg to Adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Michelle Allen, Secretary

Mary Sturtevant, Board President