

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
November 16, 2020  
Regular Meeting**

Board President Mary Sturtevant called the Special Meeting to order at 7:05 PM in virtual forum.

All present took the pledge.

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

Members absent: Allen

Additional Agenda Items:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Burrell, supported by Wenberg to approve the October 19, 2020 regular meeting minutes; November 2, 2020 special meeting minutes. Discussion: None. Ayes 6. Nays 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Wenberg, supported by Kraus to approve the November board bills.  
Discussion: None. Ayes: 6. Nays 0. Motion passes 6-0.

MS/HS Principal's Report

Chad Paine reported the following information

- Lindsey Walker, Amy Fairchild, and Melissa Baker created a virtual Veterans Day assembly. It was well received by the community, and featured on WZZM 13 news. Great job to these staff members.
- MS/HS staff are working with Google classroom, and continuing to grow in their knowledge of use, and expanding their instructional tool box for virtual learning.
- Jennifer Sherburn shared some applications available for use to communicate with students.
- A lot of time has been spent ensuring contact tracing is thorough and accurate.

Elementary Principal/Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Report

Bryan Mey, Elementary Principal reported the following information

- Elementary library open
- Teachers continue to work on both in person and virtual lessons.

Student Report

None

Superintendent's Report

Vaughn White, Superintendent reported the following information

- Everyone is on edge with how the recent rise in cases in Newaygo and Oceana County will affect the district.
- It is known that in person learning is best
- Staff and Parents have been amazing
- This weekend was a turning point with the Governor's announcement to close High Schools and put them in a 3 weeks of remote learning.
- Delay of test results, along with more positive cases among staff
- Administrative staff recommends moving to a remote learning

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Correspondence:

None

Public Comment

Melissa Hasty, congratulated Mr. Chad Paine on his promotion. Thanked the district for doing such a great job.

Katey Nerbanson: Concerned with how long it is taking to get test results back. Also voiced concern about Teachers, families, community and what a state wide quarantine could do to financial stability.

Genevieve Stookey: Thanked Mr. White. Was glad to have a chance to share how scary it is as a teacher. Feels she is not able to keep kids safe. She feels as though in person learning is not a safe plan right now. Does not want remote but feels we should do it for everyone's safety.

Public Comment on Action Items

None

Informational Items

None

Board Discussion

- Discussion surround Panther Virtual in the elementary level.
- Discussion surrounding GEERS act dollars. The business manager is currently working on a budget. Al requested a budget for these dollars be presented to the board.
- Discussion of PPE and the distribution of sanitizer to classrooms was discussed, with the conclusion that if staff have concerns they need to address them with their building principals.
- The question of how close we are to 1 on 1 with Chromebook was asked. The district is about 200 shy of 1 on 1 but our initial purchase is close to expiring.
  
- The discussion of a raise for nonunion staff was discussed. The board requested to see an analysis of the overall cost to the district for these raises.
- Superintendent, was instructed to take his 2 percent raise as previously granted by the board at his annual review.

Action Items:

Motion by Daniels, supported by Wenberg to approve hiring Mrs. Susan Smith as a 4 (four) hour cook. Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Good, supported by Burrell to approve the second reading and approval of the updated school board policies. Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Wenberg, supported by Burrell to approve the Covid-19 extended school year plan. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

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Discussion Items:

There was discussion around moving to remote following the “deer day” holiday weekend. Discussion about the rise in cases, and the state wide high school shutdown by the health department. The concern for children’s mental wellbeing being a major concern as they return to a more isolated environment.

WiFi access point near McClaren lake available.

Staff would need to report.

Additional Action Item:

Motion by Kraus, supported by Daniels to move to remote learning district wide beginning Tuesday, November 17, 2020 until January 11, 2020. Roll Call Vote: Kraus, Aye; Burrell, Aye; Allen, Absent; Daniels, Aye; Good, Aye; Sturtevant, Aye; Wenberg, Aye. Motion passes 6-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Daniels, supported by Burrell to Adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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Michelle Allen, Secretary

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Mary Sturtevant, Board President