

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
March 15, 2021
Regular Meeting**

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Board President Al Daniels called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM
All present took the pledge.
Members who are present: Kraus, Rumsey, Maynard, Broton, Daniels, Good, Allen
Members absent: None

Closed Session

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard, to go into closed session for the purpose of student expulsion. To return to open session upon adjournment. Roll call vote: Kraus- aye; Maynard-aye; Rumsey- aye; Broton- aye; Good- aye; Daniels- aye; Allen- aye. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0. The board adjourned to closed session at 7:04 p.m.

Return to Open Session

The board returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

Additional Agenda Items

Motion by Good, supported by Rumsey, to add Agenda Item as number eight (8) to extend the Covid-19 learning plan as presented; and move action item nine (9) to ten (10). Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Allen, supported by Broton to approve the February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; March 1, 2021 Work Session Meeting minutes; Ad Hoc Finance Meeting Minutes. Discussion: None. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Good, supported by Kraus to approve the March 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

- Shared social media information with the board, and encouraged them to participate and see what the elementary staff is doing.
- Presented SWIS report on PBIS data. The number of referrals for discipline have declined over a three year span. Staff have discussed some ways to continue the trend including; smaller class sizes, cohort classes during lunch and recess, classroom teachers outside during recess, having the same classroom aid at recess for continuity and relationship building.
 - Mark Kraus, board member commented: The new normal, we are learning a lot about the positives that have come from necessity. He was glad to hear an encouraging outcome from the classrooms.
- Yearlong jeans fundraiser, allows staff to wear jeans on Monday for a \$1. The funds go toward providing Thanksgiving meals, Christmas meals, and Easter Baskets.
- Panther Pride theme for the month is “caring for others”. The students have been writing thank you notes, and helping out with clean up and organization throughout the school.

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MS/HS Principal's Report

Chad Paine reported the following information

- Formed a School Improvement team. They have met and begun planning. They have started with social/emotional goals. Peer groups have been implemented, and students have been designated to participate.
- Wrestling Team hosted Pink Out. It was last minute but, a success. The team raised over \$1400 dollars from crowd donations. The team combined these donations with last year's funds and were able to give a gifts to four families in the community. Great jog to the wrestling team and their coaches.
- As the snow melts Ken Muckey, Maintenance coordinator is seeing places for improvement on our activities field. Mrs. Sherburn's advanced chemistry class will be conducting soil sample analyses of each field and helping Mr. Muckey form a plan of action to grow new grass.
- Reported on his attendance to administrative training over mid-winter break. He found the session valuable, and helped summarize many of the items Mr. White had been mentoring him in. He hopes to continue his learning in the administrative role and put into practice the information he learned during training.
- Students will be participating in a youth survey data collection conducted by the ISD focused on how Covid-19 has affected student substance abuse and mental health.

Student Report

Isabelle Rumsey, Senior class of 2021 presented the following information

- Student Council hosted St. Patrick's Day activities. All classes participated.
- Juniors will take SATs soon. Student council plans to make testing goody bags for students.
- Ski club wrapped up their season last week. The club had a good turn out this season.
- College ambassadors have started working on raffle items for Swing Out.

Superintendent's Report

Vaughn White, Superintendent reported the following information

- Reported on ESSER II allocations. We do not know how much we will receive. Approximately 40% of the funds marked for education have been allocated to districts with the goal of at least \$450 per pupil. The remaining 60% is tied up in legislation. We do know that there will be funds available soon for summer learning programs, and credit recovery programs.
 - Pat Broton, board member asked if there were restriction to the funding. Mr. White responded that there are restrictions, but they have been expanded from the original ESSER criteria, giving districts more flexibility in the use.
- There are still budget challenges to consider. One thing that is still uncertain is how MDE will determine student FTEs for the fall. Will it continue with the "super blend" or will it return to the 90/10 formula?
- Covid-19 update- There are no changes to the extended year plan. Covid numbers have risen slightly in Oceana County to 4.5% positivity. Newaygo County has become a concern with a positivity rate of 11.1%. We will continue to watch how this affects our district, and take action if needed.
- Formed an Ad Hoc committee to discuss facilities, grounds, and maintenance five year plan. The meeting will be held in the administration office on Friday, March 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. the committee will consist of Al Daniels, and Mark Kraus.

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Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Public Comment on Action Items

None

Action Items

Motion by Allen, supported by Maynard, to approve contracting with EDUstaff to select and assign Mrs. Mary Hopkins as the Girls' Junior Varsity Softball Coach for the 20/21 spring season pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Kraus to approve Hesperia Community Schools joining the West Michigan Conference and begin competition as a member school in the 2022-2023 school year. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Allen, to accept Mr. James Westgate's resignation letter effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Discussion: Board thanks Mr. Westgate. He has been a fantastic mentor to our schools. A great respect is shared for his loyalty to the district. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Allen, to accept Mr. James VanHall's resignation letter effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Discussion: The Board thanks Mr. VanHall for his many years of service to the district's Special Education program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Rumsey, to approve Mr. Chad Paine the MS/HS Principal's contract as presented. Discussion: The board congratulated Chad on his new role. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Allen, supported by Kraus, to approve Mr. Brian Mey, the Elementary Principal's contract as presented. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard, to approve the Schedule B Contracts as presented for the 2020/2021 School Year. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Good, supported by Allen, to approve the Covid-19 extended year plan as presented. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Good, supported by Kraus, to Expel Student 3.15.21 for 180 school days. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

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Discussion Items

None

Adjournment

Motion by Broton, supported by Good to Adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Michelle Allen, Secretary*

Al Daniels, Board President*

*Signature on File