

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
April 12, 2021
Work Session/ Special Meeting**

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Board President Al Daniels called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

All present took the pledge.

Members who are present: Kraus, Maynard, Rumsey, Broton, Good, Daniels, Allen

Members absent: None.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

Julie Burrell addressed the board through virtual forum. She stated that there was garbage and debris located on the elementary playground over the weekend. She and her family cleaned up the playground area, and is hoping that the district can continue to keep it clean.

Athletics

Mr. Vaughn White, Superintendent presented the following information:

Athletes continue to have antigen tests during the week for competition and participation in school sanctioned sports. We had 3 positive test results through this testing protocol and those students were quarantined before school began Monday morning.

We continue to improve our before school testing for athletes, testing begins at 6:45 am and we rotate through each team sport so that no one sport has to be first each time.

Antigen tests are specifically supplied for athletes at this time, we have state reporting connected with these tests and cannot facilitate testing the general public.

Facilities Grounds and Technology:

Mr. Vaughn White, Superintendent presented the following information:

The district will need to decide where to focus funds for facilities, grounds, and technology next year.

We had a very productive ad hoc meeting to discuss district needs, and we have a follow up meeting to finalize plans soon.

Additional Public Comment

Additional public comment was allowed during this meeting due to virtual connectivity issues.

Mr. Jeff Knapp, Athletic Director address the board, voicing his concern about the non-renewal of his contract for the 2021-2022 school year. He felt that his review was not a clear reflection of his contribution to the district, and that if he had been given better guidance he could have improved his performance. He also stated that he has built meaningful relationships here in the district with both students and staff, and he would love the opportunity to stay in the district. He thanked the board for the opportunity to speak and hoped that they could provide him with an alternative to not renewing his contract.

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Finance:

Mr. Vaughn White, Superintendent presented the follow information:
ESSER II allocations are still being distributed and uses are being determined by legislation. Districts have currently approved 40% of their total allocation from this grant source. We are hopeful that the remaining 60% will be freed up soon.

Al Daniels commented that when the facilities committee had met earlier that we had discussed using some of these funds to accomplish some needed improvements in the district. He hopes that this is still possible.

Personnel and Policy:

Principal evaluations have been completed.
The decision was made to move Chad Paine from an interim principal position to the full-time Middle School/ High School Principal beginning July 1, 2021. An Ad hoc committee will meet to discuss the creation of a contract on March 3rd, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Curriculum:

Summer School plans are being worked on with the ISD the current plan is to have 1 teacher per grade K-8, 15 students per grade, beginning June 15th, for 8 weeks, held from 8:30-11:30, followed by Summer Magic program as part of the afternoon program.

Credit Recovery plans are similar to summer program focusing on 9-12 grade, staffed by subject area with 4-5 teachers total. The program available to any students who failed courses in the last 2 school years. There will be social emotional support available as well.

Informational Items:

Mr. White, Superintendent presented the following information:
Covid-19 update: the Variant strain of Covid is proving to be more contagious. Infectious rates have increased in our area. We continue to watch our staff and students closely. The Governor requested High Schools go to remote learning for a couple of weeks. We took this into consideration but chose to stay in person, for the following reasons, we are not seeing a high positivity rate in our district, a majority of our staff is vaccinated, we can facilitate structured social distancing, our health department is not instructing us to close.

Public Comment:

Melody Leon- was concerned about the students not wearing masks on the bus. Mr. White and the principals said they will work with transportation to improve these practices.

Personnel/Policy

Non-union support staff contracts for 2021-2022

Discussion for Action Items:

Tenure/Probationary Teachers for 2021-2022 School Year
Contract with EDU Staff for 2021-2022 Fall Coaches
Cook's resignation
Bus Driver's resignation

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Action Items:

Motion by Allen supported by Rumsey to approve the Business Manager's Contract Extension for Mrs. Stephanie Price through June 30, 2022 Discussion: None. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard supported by Kraus to approve the Payroll Clerk's Contract Extension for Mrs. Amy Budde through June 30, 2022 Discussion: None. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Maynard to approve the Accounts Payable Clerks Contract Extension for Ms. Mary Shaffer through June 30, 2022 Discussion: None. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard supported by Allen to approve the Maintenance Coordinator's Contract Extension for Mr. Ken Muckey through June 30, 2022 Discussion: None. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Rumsey supported by Kraus to approve the Technology Director's Contract Extension for Mrs. Mona Vanblargan through June 30, 2022 Discussion: None. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Maynard to approve the Coordinator of Transportation/Mechanic's Contract Extension for Mr. Van Leone through June 20, 2022. 2022 Discussion: None. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard supported by Good to not renew the Athletic Director's Contract for Mr. Jeffery Knapp for the 2021/22 school year. Discussion: The board appreciated that Mr. Knapp came in and shared his thoughts. Board agreed that we must trust our Managers in their roles to make decisions, no matter how difficult the decision may be. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passes 7-0.

Discussion Items:

4 out of 5 wrestlers took the podium at State tournament. Aiden Sturtevant Rosely took 1st place. The district has been awarded a grant through Arbor Circle to have a counselor in the district.

Adjournment:

Motion by Broton, supported by Rumsey to adjourn the meeting. Discussion none. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Michelle Allen, Secretary*

Al Daniels, Board President*

*Signature on File