

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
March 18, 2024
Regular Meeting**

Al Daniels, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 5 p.m. in the High School Media Center for the Regular Meeting.

Pledge/Roll Call

Board Members Present: Daniels, Maynard, Rumsey, Good

Board Members Absent: Mark Kraus, Michelle Allen

Present Virtually: Jason Newman

Additional Agenda Items:

None

Presentations:

- Kingscott: 5:02
- French Associates: 5:59 pm

Architecture Firms Presented their proposal for Facilities Assessments and potential subsequent recommendations, including Pre-Bond and Bond work.

- Panther Robotics Club
 - Competed in first competition over the past weekend
 - 550 Teams in Michigan Hesperia is ranked 260
 - Stand out rookie team-Award
 - Dan Postema-Coach
 - Tim Fraley-coach
 - Mike Gerard-co coach/lead engineer
 - Madison Berry-Art Director
 - Zac Temple-Lead programmer/scoring
 - Aiden Maxwell Brant-Driver
 - Eli Larkey-Technician/lead scorer/timing shots
 - Brandon Zavala-Junior
 - Karma Bennett-Stickers/tech club
 - Hoping to build into something/schedule B position to keep as part of Hesperia's culture
 - Raising money for next year
 - Mighty Lube-\$1000 donation
 - Competition in GR in two weeks Thur/Fri and compete Saturday to determine state competitors

Consent Agenda:

Approve February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approve February 12, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Approve March 4, 2024 Work Session Minutes

Approve March 4, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Maynard supported by Rumsey approve Consent Agenda as presented

Ayes: 4. Nays: 0 Motion passed 4-0.

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Approval of Bills

Motion by Good supported by Maynard to approve the bills as presented. Discussion: None.
Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Local Bills

Tabled-No Quorum

Motion by Good supported by Maynard to table approval of the bills as presented until the next meeting. Discussion: None. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion passed 4-0.

Food Service Report

- February was a fun month-chocolate covered strawberries
 - 400 cases sold to staff for \$7 a half dozen
 - Will repeat next year and future Holidays
- Participation Breakfast increase due to limiting options
 - Breakfast Burritos
 - Adding condiments
- Started ice cream in MS/HS cafe for \$1.50 Smart Snack approved
 - Lower in calories
 - Cedar Crest-received with milk order
- PD attended All Day cost control seminar with 20 other directors

3 team work awards to Amy and Liz and Sue nominated by peers/teamwork pins and \$50 gift cards to their choice

Faculty menu-working on

Salad

Google Docs form for STaff orders will be out after spring break

Tomorrow is Wrestling Banquet

Chicken breast/potatoes/hawaiian rolls/butter/baked pies

Maintenance Report

- Grounds
 - We have been cleaning up the yard after winter.
 - We are getting the flower beds cleaned out and working on the weeding.
 - We are also working on the track, trying to get events ready.
 - Long jump pit
 - Looking for a quote to have some of the cracks repaired and the track restriped.
 - Cleaned up the baseball and softball fields.
 - Working on the irrigation system.
 - Replaced a breaker broken in the baseball dugout closet.
- Building
 - We have closed 50 work orders this last month.
 - Wheels on a couple of kitchen carts had gotten loose
 - Re-keyed locks, room 111 and 127.
 - Repaired the weather stripping on the kitchen cooler that was coming loose.
Repaired air conditioner for elementary computer lab, the blower motor was bad.
 - Adjusted door closers, had several doors not closing correctly.

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- Repaired track barn door

Elementary Principal Report

- Family Literacy Night March 12 5:00-6:30 Glow Theme
- Monica McAree, Kathy Blair and Stephanie Lynch planned a great event for our students and parents.
 - It was a blast.
- The bookfair was also a success the week of March 11-15. Over \$9,00 in sales
- Elementary Conferences -March 27th 5:00-8:00
- Part Time Math Interventionist
 - Pattie Bartolini will be returning to support our kids as a math interventionist 2 days a week. (today was her first day) Made it to every teacher in building
- Monica and I were asked to participate in the HIL (High Impact Leadership) literacy instructional rounds at Ludington Elementary on Tuesday, March 19th.
- MAISA's 'Leader Series: Refining Toward Robust Adult Learning Systems'
- Monica McAree, Claudia Rumsey, Leslie Smith -NCRESA and I will be participating in this great professional learning opportunity to learn, grow, and plan/prepare for the 2024-25 school year with a network of local, county, and state leaders! April 15 and 16th we will attend a 2 day training at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City to refine our adult learning systems in our organization. We will use this training to plan supports for next school year.
- Clevertouch Interactive Monitors
 - The elementary monitor will be traveling from classroom to classroom over the next several weeks for staff and students to play with. Staff were able to be notified ahead of time or will get a surprise when they arrive at school in the morning. Still looking forward to sending several staff to another district before the school year ends to see them in action.
- March is Reading Month
 - Our PBIS committee put together a great calendar of events for March is reading month including door decorating contest, mystery guest readers, and a school wide reading competition,

MS/HS Principal's Report

- OK2Say - We are planning a schoolwide and community event for the week of September 16th, 2024 with local agencies to provide guidance for Suicide Awareness month. A culmination of the events will take place at the home football game on September 20th.
- SAT/PSAT prep - We have been preparing for the upcoming tests on April 10th. Mrs. Fairchild has met with staff and prepped everyone for the new digital test this year. Our tech department is confident that everything will run smoothly.
- Dan Homan Memorial Fishing Tournament - This past Saturday.
- Staff - Professional conferences have been completed and second semester evaluations are underway.
- Athletic Director - I am planning to put together a committee for AD interviews after spring break.

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- Staffing - I have received one verbal retirement notification. We will have a few positions to fill for next year. Once scheduling has been completed, I will have a more clear picture.
- Peer observations - I have offered to staff and will be assisting a group of staff in peer observations in the next two weeks. This is a very valuable opportunity for our staff.
- Interventionist positions - We have three grant funded interventionists in our middle school working with students. These positions have been filled by former teachers and are using our NWEA data to identify and work with low achieving students.
- Mr. Rose - Mr. Rose will be deployed to Iraq in two weeks. His last day was today. In his absence, Mr. Grodus will be returning from retirement to cover his classes.

Special Education Report

- We are gearing up for testing when we return from spring break. All requested accommodations for 8-11th have been approved by the testing board and Amy is working to sort students into groups and provide teachers with instructions.
- We are thankful to have our school psychologist, Nick, back as we have a line up of students for him to assess as a result of child study meetings with multiple more meetings in the process of being scheduled. He is a wealth of experience and provides our behavior support team with a lot of guidance.
- We are going to try to connect with parents at elementary conferences to gain consent for counseling and behavior support that was requested from IMT meetings back in February. Emily Theil (Behavior Support Specialist) and Ava Frees (Arbor Circle Counselor) have been doing a great job connecting with students and staff to help with interventions inside and outside of the classroom. The needs are many.
- NCRESA is tracking all of the referrals for counseling and behavior support and are identifying Hesperia as a high need, which hopefully means we will be able to continue with our current levels of support for next year. I will be advocating for a consistency in staff as they tend to make adjustments and shifts each year which makes progress more complicated.

HS/MS Athletic Director Report:

- 4 home events last week
- 14 team ms wrestling saturday-busy day
 - Lots of helpers; Arbogast and Justin Zeerip
 - Chad and Bryan there most of the day as well
- Boosters donated \$1000 for track equipment
 - used hurdles \$20 a piece 20 hurdles
 - 6 starting blocks
 - shot put
 - High jump crash pad-
- Week with no events-sort things and move spring sport events
- Porta Jons arrived-extra for big track meets
- Need 16 volunteers for 1 track meet

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- 3 home meets in 7 days
- Waiting on Corewell health for physicals in June
 - Free Physical

Superintendent's Report

- Vans
 - Tomorrow white van wrapped Ben taking crew to see the work in action and help the tech check out undercoating
 - Wednesday should be done-pick up
 - Black van undercoated and wrapped in Mid April
- Congratulations:
 - Thank you to Deanna Joppich for great job at wrestling meet
 - 400 matches 504 tickets sold not including kids
- Great job Chad on steelhead tournament
- NCASB Dinner tomorrow at 5:30 at Career Tech
- Legislative Updates
 - Dyslexia bills passed the senate on its way to house-universal screener to give to every student KG or 3rd
 - Intervention prescribed by MDE or ISD
 - Additional prescribed interventions by MDE-
 - Hearing passed week: mandatory kindergarten for year olds.
 - Governor has proposed universal preschool
- Julie Burrell working with MDOT changes proposed to M20 1 lane and turn lane widening the shoulder. Safer for our students. Potential Parking for events. District support if possible

Informational Items:

- Strategic Planning: Implementation Meeting March 20th
 - Wednesday Debby Stair 10 or 11 people (8-10)
 - Steering committee/chairs to create sub committees
 - What are possible Strategies: Communication/Website message delivery system updated
- March 25, Special Meeting
 - Construction Management Interviews at 5 pm
- Business Manager interviews
 - Committee put together
 - Wednesday, March 27, 2024 first round
 - 2nd round potentially a 3rd after Spring Break

Correspondence:

- Michigan Association of School Boards congratulating Michelle Allen Level 3 Board Member Certification work
- Village notice of Open House March 23rd 12-2pm Design Work 23.7 Million Dollar Water System construction

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Public Comments

Roxanne Kammer and Sam Rose
Presented Special Ed. data and County Wide Comparisons

Public Comment on Action Item

None

Action Items

Motion by Good supported by Maynard to Approve Amended Principal Contracts
Discussion:None Ayes: 4. Nays: 0.
Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Good supported by Rumsey to Accept a Resignation Jason Stariha
Discussion: None. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0.
Motion passed 4-0.

Board Discussion

None

Motion by Rumsey supported by Maynard to adjourn. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0.
Motion Passes 4/0
Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Michelle Allen, Secretary ***

Al Daniels, Board President ***

*** Signature on file