

Genesee School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Eladio Quintanilla at 7:00pm. Also in attendance were: Vice President, Matthew Newcomb, Treasurer Kim Schempf, and trustees Starr Lucas, Fred Hinz and Dalton Flowers. Secretary Daniel Eashoo was absent. Dr. Melody Strang and recording secretary, Denise Powell, were also present. There were ten guests in attendance.

Motion by Fred Hinz supported by Kim Schempf to approve the **agenda** as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Dan Eashoo. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz supported by Starr Lucas to approve the **consent agenda** as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Dan Eashoo. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Lewis and Knopf presented the 2019-2020 audit results. The district received a clean audit.

Dr. Strang recommended updating the plan to include allowing field trips to Ligon Nature Center if we are the only district in attendance; requiring masks for Grades K through 5; Change weekly meetings with bus drivers to once per month; Change weekly communication about wearing a mask on the bus to regular communication that masks are required at all times.

Beth Zito presented the COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan for both the elementary and JH/HS buildings. The goal this year is growth. Students are grouped into tiers in both buildings based upon their learning challenges. All students are in tier 1; students are placed in tier 2 or 3 based upon their need for additional assistance.

Dr. Strang presented the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan and then had each principal report the difficulty that the Hybrid students are experiencing only being in the building two days a week. Elementary Principal, Amanda Johnston, recommended that the Hybrid plan be eliminated and bring those students into the building five-days a week beginning the second marking period. JH/HS Principal, Tim Stein, recommended offering four days a week to struggling students. Due to the nature of a JH/HS schedule, students can begin four days a week immediately.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Union President, Holly Karram, thanked the administration for including the teaching staff in the updating of the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. She also requested that the Board consider adding a public comment toward the end of the meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Motion by Fred Hinz supported by Matt Newcomb to approve the 2019-2020 audit. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Dan Eashoo. Motion carried.

Motion by Kim Schempf supported by Fred Hinz to approve the COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan changes. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Dan Eashoo. Motion carried.

Motion by Matt Newcomb supported by Kim Schempf to approve the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Dan Eashoo. Motion carried.

Motion by Starr Lucas supported by Kim Schempf to approve to adjourn and postpone the disciplinary hearing. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Dan Eashoo. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dr. Strang read through the first reading of board policies: 4362.01, 5610, 5611, 7440, 8450.01, and THRUN Title IX changes.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Dr. Strang announced the fall student count should be in the range of 660 to 664 students.

The Superintendent was proud to announce that the two-way communication rates of students in the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan has been at 97%.

Superintendent, Dr. Strang, also provided the board with information on the new law of the Open Meetings Act for virtual meetings.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Fred Hinz wanted to say that he thought Homecoming was a success.

Motion by Fred Hinz supported by Matt Newcomb to **adjourn**. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Dan Eashoo. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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Secretary, Daniel Eashoo

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President, Eladio Quintanilla