

Genesee School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting - Virtual

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The virtual meeting was called to order by Eladio Quintanilla at 7:00pm. Also in attendance were: Kim Schempf, Starr Lucas, Fred Hinz, Gary O'Hare and Virginia Riggs. John Ferguson arrived at 7:09 pm. Dr. Melody Strang and recording secretary, Denise Powell, were also present. There was one guest in attendance.

Motion by Fred Hinz supported by Kim Schempf to approve the **agenda** as presented. Roll Call: Lucas – Yes, O'Hare – Yes, Riggs – Yes, Hinz – Yes, Schempf – Yes, Quintanilla – Yes. Ferguson – Absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz supported by Starr Lucas to approve the **consent agenda** as presented. Roll Call: Riggs – Yes, Schempf – Yes, Hinz – Yes, Lucas – Yes, O'Hare – Yes, Quintanilla – Yes. Ferguson – Absent. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: Madonna Bennett from THA presented the secure entrance/HS office and district carpet project bid results and recommended that the board accept the bid from E L Construction.

Dr. Strang presented the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, which did not have any changes and the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan that did not have any changes from the previous month.

Dr. Strang also reported that this month's district wide two-way interaction participation rate is 97%.

Dr. Strang then presented the Engaged and Challenged Strategic Plan Goal – First Semester Student Achievement Report. It is the school's goal that students will demonstrate gains in reading and math. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has created many challenges with validity of student assessments, but now that the majority of students are back in the building on a daily basis, assessments are easier for staff to monitor and students are making gains.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Fred Hinz supported by Kim Schempf to approve the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Roll Call: Hinz – Yes, O'Hare – Yes Riggs – Yes, Lucas – Yes, Ferguson – Yes, Schempf – Yes, Quintanilla – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Starr Lucas supported by Kim Schempf to approve the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. Roll Call: Riggs – Yes, Schempf – Yes, Hinz – Yes, Lucas – Yes, Ferguson – Yes, O'Hare -Yes, Quintanilla – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kim Schempf supported by John Ferguson to assign Fred Hinz as delegate and Starr Lucas as the alternate for the GISD Annual Budget Hearing representative. Roll Call: Lucas – Yes, Ferguson – Yes, O'Hare – Yes, Riggs – Yes, Hinz – Yes, Schempf – Yes, Quintanilla – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz supported by Gary O'Hare to participate in Section 105 (within county) and Section 105c (within a contiguous county) Schools of Choice programs for grades K-12 during the 2021-22 school year. Roll Call: Ferguson – Yes, Riggs – Yes, Schempf – Yes, Hinz – Yes, Lucas – Yes, O'Hare – Yes, Quintanilla – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz supported by John Ferguson to select Martin “Marty” Ray as the MASB Board Member. Roll Call: Hinz – Yes, O’Hare – Yes Riggs – Yes, Lucas – Yes, Ferguson – Yes, Schempf – Yes, Quintanilla – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kim Schempf supported by Fred Hinz to approve the Genesee Jr./Sr. High School secure entry/HS office and carpet installation project and award the contract to E&L Construction at a total cost of \$350,500. Roll Call: Schempf – Yes, Hinz – Yes, Lucas – Yes, O’Hare – Yes, Riggs – Yes, Ferguson - Yes Quintanilla – Yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dr. Melody Strang has applied for a Future Proud Michigan Educator Grant that will award \$10,000 to 100 districts. With the teacher shortage, the grant is to encourage people to go into teaching. The plan is to grow our own program by getting students to dual enroll and award scholarships for tutoring our students while attending college. We will guarantee an interview to any of our students who complete the program and apply for a position at Genesee. If we don’t receive this grant, Dr. Strang is interested in pursuing a program like this at Genesee.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

Motion by Kim Schempf supported by Fred Hinz to **adjourn**. Roll Call: Riggs – Yes, Lucas – Yes, Ferguson – Yes, O’Hare; - Yes, Hinz – Yes, Schempf – Yes, Quintanilla – Yes. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Secretary, Starr Lucas

President, Eladio Quintanilla