

The September 20th Board of Education meeting was held in the DHS Center for the Performing Arts to allow a larger number of community members to attend.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES**

##### **Superintendent Update**

Superintendent Dr. Chris Timmis shared the District is in dire need of substitute teachers and paraeducators at all buildings, bus drivers and custodians. Interested parties can find job listings on the DCS Human Resources website at <https://www.dexterschools.org/departments/human-resources/jobs>.

The administration is working with the Washtenaw County Health Department on protocols for students and staff experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms. WCHD is recommending these individuals get a COVID-19 test, and DCS is working with Jensen's Community Pharmacy to provide testing with a 6-hour turnaround in order to keep students and staff in school as much as safely possible.

Dr. Timmis recognized Creekside Intermediate art teacher Jane Montero, who was recently named Middle Level Art Educator of the Year by the Michigan Art Education Association. He also directed the Board's attention to two recent DCS publications, the [Back to School Wayfinder](#) and the [2020-2021 DreadWatch Athletics Newsletter](#).

##### **Board President Update**

BOE President Mara Greatorex noted that it has been proposed to replace the regular meeting on October 4th with a workshop to be held earlier. Also, the Michigan Associations of School Boards (MASB) is holding their Behind the Scenes conference on September 29<sup>th</sup>, which usually includes a few community members. Greatorex asked if another Board member could head up inviting and coordinating plans with community members.

##### **Student Representatives Update**

Aidan Naughton shared that Wylie 4<sup>th</sup> graders recently had the opportunity to apply for both student council and safety patrol. Beacon Elementary is holding their annual mum sale/ice cream social on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and their Fun Run is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>. Beacon will also be holding a kindness-themed event sometime in November.

Griffin Patel reported that the high school is focusing on kindness and empathy this year. DHS will be holding Homecoming on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Al Ritt stadium; this year's theme is "Cereal Boxes." Mill Creek 7<sup>th</sup> graders recently attended 7<sup>th</sup> grade camp, which was a great success. And, as Dr. Timmis mentioned earlier, Creekside art teacher Jane Montero was recently named MAEA Middle Level Art Educator of the Year.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Trustees unanimously approved the evening's consent items in bulk, including the hiring of Cecilia Gardner (Wylie, World Language) and James Mercier (DHS, French); they also received the August Budget Report.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Schedule Board Workshop**

The Board voted to change the October 4th meeting to a workshop, to be held at 5:00pm at the WISD.

### **MASB Behind the Scenes**

Trustees unanimously approved registration fees and travel costs for any board members, student representatives or invited community members who wish to attend( up to a total of 10 people) the MASB annual Behind the Scenes at the Capitol conference September 29, 2021 in Lansing

### **MASB Annual Leadership Conference**

The Board unanimously approved registration fees and travel costs for any interested board members to attend the conference and to take up to six CBA classes at MASB's 2021 Leadership Conference November 11-14, 2021 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

### **MASB Delegate**

Delegates selected by boards of education across the state will decide MASB's positions on a wide variety of issues affecting education. The Board unanimously nominated President Mara Greatorex as delegate for the and Trustee Jennifer Kangas as alternate to represent DCS at the Delegate Assembly November 11th.

### **Comprehensive Course Catalog Update**

Trustees unanimously approved the Comprehensive Course Catalog Update, which included adding courses approved by the Board since 2019 and approving name changes for existing courses that were made to bring the courses into alignment with NCAA requirements.

### **Policies - Second Reading**

At its June 14, 2021 meeting, the Board of Education approved for first reading draft policies 1422, 3122, 4122 (nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity), 1623, 3123, 4123 (section 504/ADA prohibition against disability discrimination in employment), 1662, 3362, 4362 and 5517 (antiharassment). NEOLA had updated these policies based on changes in the law. At that meeting, it was suggested that *gender expression* be added to the types of prohibited discrimination, pending attorney review. The inclusion was recommended. Trustees unanimously approved the policies for second reading and final approval as amended [correction of the compliance officer Ryan Bruder's contact information in policies 1422 and 1623].

### **Policies - First Reading**

At its September 10, 2021 meeting, the policy committee reviewed NEOLA-recommended updates to policies 2260.01 (section 504/ADA prohibition against discrimination based on disability), 5341 (emergency medical authorization), 5342 (new - DNR orders for minor students), 5343 (new - physician order for scope of treatment), 7440.01 (video surveillance and electronic monitoring), 8321 (criminal justice information security), 8330 (student records), 8400 (school safety information), and 8500 (food services). The Board unanimously approved these drafts for first reading as amended. [On page 2 of policy 2260.01, compliance officers should be listed "on the district website." The quoted phrase was mistakenly struck, and should be reinstated. On page 3 of policy 2260.01, some wording was accidentally deleted and should say, "Unless expressly stated, the term day or day(s)..." ]

### **SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A DHS parent asked Trustees for an update on his previous request for a review of DHS scheduling practices. He also asked the Board to include an agenda item at future meetings to discuss current DCS academic performance and mental health.

Another DHS parent asked about the District's plan to hire a part-time nurse for COVID-19 testing. She wanted to know who would be tested and how the position is to be funded.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Bruderly updated the Board on the latest Policy Committee meeting (minutes included in Board packet). She shared that the committee reviewed the policies just approved for first and second reading above, as well as some outstanding policy issues. The committee determined that policy 7250 (naming school buildings) meets our District needs and will not be amended further. Other policies under discussion include 2522 (movie policy), 8510 (wellness policy) and 2025 (media usage; waiting on legal guidance).

President Greatorex reported that the Educational Foundation of Dexter committee met last week, and have opened the application process for their fall teacher grant cycle.

Trustee Melanie Szawara shared that the elementary schools started NWEA testing this week.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Board Bulletin 8/30/2021
2. Draft Policy Minutes
3. DCS Wayfinder
4. DreadWatch Athletics Newsletter
5. Jane Montero Art Educator Award
6. Nice Job Notes July-August

### **CLOSED SESSION (per MCL 15.268h)**

#### **Superintendent Quarterly Evaluation**

The Board adjourned to closed session to perform the Superintendent Quarterly Evaluation.

### **BOARD CALENDAR**

Monday, October 4 – 5:00 p.m. - Board Workshop - WISD

Monday, October 18 – 7:00 p.m. - Board Meeting - Bates