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MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education of the Mooresville Graded School District met during a regular monthly session on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at the Performing Arts Center at Mooresville High School, 659 E. Center Avenue, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Board Members Present: Mr. Roger Hyatt, Chairman; Mr. Greg Whitfield, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Debbie Marsh; Mrs. Kerry Pennell; and Mr. Rakeem Brawley were present.

Dr. Stephen Mauney, Superintendent, and Mr. Kevin Donaldson, Board Attorney, were present.

Mrs. Angie Davis, Chief Finance Officer; Dr. Todd Black, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction and CTE; Dr. Quinetta Hall Pratt, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction; Dr. Sandra Albert, Chief Student Services Officer; Dr. Scott Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services; Dr. Ingrid Medlock, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Dr. Michael Royal, Chief Operations Officer; Mrs. Tanae McLean, Chief Communications Officer and Title IX Coordinator; and Mrs. Sylvia Martinez, Board Clerk, were present.

Media Representative: *Kate Stevens, Mooresville Tribune*
Mike Furhman, Iredell Free News

Mr. Hyatt called the meeting to order and in honor of Black History Month shared the “Dream like Martin” quote. He held a moment of silence and introduced Tityana Taylor, 10th grade student at NF Woods - MIWAYE Program, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Dr. Marsh, the board voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

On a motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022, Called Emergency Meeting, the January 10, 2022, Special Called Meeting, and the January 11, 2021, Regular Meeting as presented.

Student of the Month: The Board of Education recognized and awarded the February Student of the Month Award to Tityana Taylor; 10th grade student at NF Woods - MIWAYE Program. Tityana was nominated by her teachers, Mr. Amselo and Ms. Coonfield, who wrote the following on the nomination form: *Mr. Anselmo wrote* - “Tityana has been through a lot this year. Her dad passed away, and her family was forced to move shortly after. This has not affected her attitude towards school as she exhibits a positive attitude daily. She works very hard to keep up with and complete her assignments. She always asks questions when help is needed. Furthermore, she is a pleasure to teach and really has stepped up after dealing with great loss. She has never once

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complained in class. All MI-WAYE teachers are very proud of her.” *Ms. Coonfield* wrote - “Tityana has made considerable growth in our program since joining us last year. She is a very hard worker, asks lots of questions, and she gets her work caught up if she is absent. If she continues with this great progress, and we know she will, Tityana will be on the A/B Honor Roll at the end of the 9-weeks grading period.”

Artist of the Month: The Board of Education recognized and awarded the February Artist of the Month Award to Nicole Lewis; 10th grade student at NF Woods - MIWAYE Program. Nicole was nominated by her teacher, Ms. Stone, who wrote the following on the nomination form: “Be on the lookout in years to come for this up-and-coming artist. That’s right, we believe Nicole will do “big things” when it comes to her artistic impressions and art representations of the animate and inanimate. Nicole is a passionate artist, and her drawings and paintings reflect this. She is meticulous in her works, taking the time to make them perfect! She is hoping to go into the art field, possibly as an animation artist, to put her skills to work. Once again, we know that she is going to do big things!”

ABCD Award(s): The February Above and Beyond Call of Duty Award was presented to Ms. Terri Tidwell, Math & Movement Teacher Assistant at EMIS. She was nominated by Mrs. Pratt-Dixon, Principal at EMIS, who wrote the following on the nomination form; “Terri Tidwell is simply amazing. In addition to teaching our math and movement enhancement class, she leads Guys in Ties, assists teachers in classrooms, mentors’ students throughout the building, and she helps connect families with community resources. She wears a constant smile and is a bundle of energy and positivity. She is always ready to step in where needed in the building. We are beyond fortunate to have Mrs. Tidwell with us at EMIS.”

Dr. Mauney presented Dr. Todd Black, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction, with a retirement plaque in honor of his upcoming retirement in March. Dr. Mauney thanked Dr. Black for all of his years of service to MGSD and wished him well in his retirement and future endeavors.

Staff Reports: Due to the 2021-2022 Mid-Year School Improvement Plan update presentations, staff reports were not provided.

Instructional Highlights - 2021-2022 Mid-Year School Improvement Plan Updates:

Dr. Mauney advised that the 2021-2022 Mid-Year School Improvement Plans updates would provide the board with an update on each school's progress in achieving their school goals, performing on benchmarks and other assessments, and the school’s focus for the remainder of the school year. He introduced Dr. Pratt, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction, who provided a brief description of the programs being utilized throughout the district and that would be discussed throughout the presentation. Programs currently being utilized in our K-6 schools

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include: Letterland, Heggerty, flyleaf Decodables, Fountas and Pinnell, Bridges Math, and Open Up Math. Dr. Mauney introduced each of the district administrators who presented their 2021-2022 Mid-Year School Improvement Plan update presentations that included a review of their School Goals and School Indicators; the methods, strategies, instructional materials, and programs being utilized at their schools to help them meet their school goals & the needs of their students. Also included in the presentations was a review of the school's 2021-2022 mid-year academic data; BOY & MOY, Check Ins #1 & #2, Sub-Group data, and Social and Emotional Screener data. School administrators compared their 2021-2022 academic data with the academic data from the 2020-2021 school year and reflected on the data decreases and areas of growth. They also provided overviews of their schools; Social and Emotional Learning curriculum, student remediation, interventions, MTSS, enrichments, student clubs, teacher professional development, teacher collaborations, PLC's, etc. Dr. Mauney thanked the administrators for providing their mid-year SIP updates and for their continued dedication and hard work. The 2021-2022 School Improvement Plans can be accessed on the Mooresville Graded School District Website.

Halfway through the 2021-2022 Mid-Year School Improvement Plan Update presentation, Mr. Hyatt, Board Chairman, requested a motion for a 5-minute recess. **On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted unanimously for a 5-minute recess.**

Schedule Next Meeting: The next regular school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in the Performing Arts Center at Mooresville High School at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the 2022 NCSBA Legislative Committee Board Nominee: Mr. Hyatt requested board nominations and approval of a 2022 NCSBA Legislative Committee board nominee. The NC School Boards Association's Board of Directors (BOD) invites each local school board to nominate one of its board members to serve on NCSBA's Legislative Committee. Mr. Greg Whitfield, Board Vice-Chairman, volunteered as a nominee to serve on the 2022 NCSBA Legislative Committee. **On a motion by Mr. Hyatt, seconded by Dr. Marsh, the board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Greg Whitfield as the 2022 NCSBA Legislative Committee Board Nominee.**

Approval of the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar: Dr. Royal provided a brief summary of the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar options #1 and #2 that were presented for first read at the January 11, 2022, board meeting and Mrs. McLean presented the board with a summary and the data from the Calendar Survey that was sent to all district stakeholders. She shared that 81% of our district stakeholders chose the 2022-2023 calendar option #1, as the preferred calendar. Dr. Mauney led a discussion with regard to the August 10, 2022, start date on the 2022-2023, Calendar Option #1, and the uncertainty around the calendar law and the legislative school start date. He shared that he believes MGSD has operated under the calendar state law exemption of operating under a modified calendar and requested board approval of the 2022-2023 School Year

Calendar Option #1, with the school year start date of August 10, 2022. Dr. Mauney and the majority of district stakeholders are in agreement that Calendar Option #1, is the most beneficial for our students. **On a motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar Option #1, with the August 10, 2022, start date for the 2022-2023 school year. The board approval of the Calendar Option #1 is with the stipulation that MGSD will use Calendar Option #2, with the August 29, 2022, start date if the NC General Assembly deems our calendar to be out of compliance with the legislated start date of August 29, 2022.**

Approval of Change Order for Selma Burke Middle School: Dr. Royal presented and explained the Change order #1, for the Selma Burke Middle School. The change order is due to the \$10,770,257 increase to the original project amount of \$30,695,028. The project amount increase is due to the increased costs associated with the construction project to ensure the scope of work and program needs are met for the Selma Burke Middle School. MGSD has the required funds available for the new project grand total of \$41,465,285, through the bond funds and additional funding from Iredell County. **On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the board voted unanimously to approve the Change Order #1 for the Selma Burke Middle School as presented.**

Board Policies: For Approval – Dr. Mauney presented and requested board approval of the following 8 board policies that were presented for first read at the January board meeting. **On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted unanimously to approve the board policies as presented.**

<u>Policy Number(s):</u>	<u>Name(s):</u>
1725/4035/7236	Title IX Sexual Harassment - Prohibited Conduct & Reporting Process
1726/4036/7237	Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Process
2300	Board Meetings
2310	Public Participation at Board Meetings
4329/7311	Bully and Harassing Behavior Prohibited
7110	Information
7520	Family and Medical Leave
9020	Facility Design

Public Comments: Mr. Kevin Donaldson, School Board Attorney, provided the MGSD Public Comment guidelines and made the recommendation to adjust the 3-minute per-person time limit to 2-minutes allowing all 13 individuals signed up to speak with the opportunity to address the board during the 30-Minute Public Comment Session. **Mrs. Pennell made the recommendation and first motion to allow 13 individuals the full 3-minutes to address the board. Dr. Marsh made the second motion, and the board voted unanimously to allow each speaker the full 3-minutes to address the board.** Mr. Donaldson introduced each of the

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13 following individuals listed on the public comment sign-up sheet: *Aubrey Davis Brown, 4th Grade Student at Mooresville Intermediate School; Lindsay Davis- Vickery, 125 Butler Drive, Mooresville, NC; Larry Davis, 206 Castle Gate Dr. Mooresville, NC; Ilisa Millermoon, 350 S. Academy Street, Mooresville, NC; Ian Moye, 174 Willow Valley Drive, Mooresville, NC; Brian D'Amico, 117 Snow Fountain Lane, Mooresville, NC; Kristen Belanger, 116 Tulip Drive, Mooresville, NC; Alan Richter, 913 Fieldstone Road, Mooresville, NC; Theresa Knight, 156 Fellspoint Road, Mooresville, NC; Brett Knight, 156 Fellspoint Road, Mooresville, NC; Michael Saxton, 176 Corona Circle, Mooresville, NC; Danielle Plyer, 119 Forest Walk Way, Mooresville, NC;*

Dr. Medlock provided an updated Staff COVID-19 Report: since our last regular board meeting on January 11, 2022: A total of **207** COVID-19 staff reports have been made (**137 licensed staff / 70 classified staff**), bringing the total number of COVID-19 staff reports to **597**. Out of the **207** new COVID-19 reports; **91** of those reports are staff who were exposed to someone who tested positive, **94** staff members tested positive. A total of **155** staff members have had to quarantine since January 11, 2022 (**approx. 21% of total staff [750]**) Out of the 207 new COVID reports, **79** staff members provided their vaccination status.

Mrs. McLean provided the updated COVID-19 data for MGSD students and staff, and the breakdown of data for each school since the last regular board meeting on January 11, 2022, and as of 2:45 p.m. today: Total number of individuals quarantined due to being identified as a close contact = **69**; Total number of individuals that are COVID-19 positive and in isolation = **41**; (**5 staff members / 36 students**) (**37 community / 4 school**); Total number of individuals excluded due to being symptomatic = **18** (**7 staff / 11 students**); Total number of individuals excluded due to being identified as a close contact and the exposure was within the home, or they are exhibiting symptoms = **28** (**2 staff / 26 students**); Total number of individuals exempt due to being a mask required district = **162** (**3 staff / 159 students**); Total number of individuals exempt due to being up-to-date on vaccinations = **10** (**2 staff / 8 students**); Total number of individuals exempt due to being COVID positive in previous 90 days = **0**; Current County number = **28.9% positive rate** (30.7 on January 11th); **Cases per 100K = 925** (1409 on January 11th).

Approval of Board Policy: Face Coverings - 4231/5021/7263: Dr. Mauney presented and requested board approval of the MGSD Board Policy: Face Coverings - 4231/5021/7263. In accordance with the requirements in Senate Bill 654, school boards must approve a face covering policy each month for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Mauney reported that Iredell County is still currently categorized as a “Red” County under the CDC County Transmission Map Classification System and presented the board with face covering options to discuss and consider. Dr. Mauney also presented the board with the following Face Coverings Policy recommendations: Option **(a)**: Maintain and approve the current Face Coverings Required

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Policy that was approved at the January 11, 2022, board meeting and until the next board meeting on March 15, 2022. If the board is not in favor of the Face Coverings Required Policy, Dr. Mauney recommended: Option **(b)**: Optional Face Covering Policy with no contact tracing or exclusion of students who are not COVID-19 positive, sick or symptomatic due to the extreme hardship that it would place on the district staff to monitor to enforce. Board members each shared their thoughts and opinions with regard to the MGSD Face Covering Policy, and Board Chair, Mr. Hyatt, requested a motion from the board to recommend and approve a face covering policy for the next month and until the next board meeting on March 15, 2022.

Mrs. Pennell presented her face covering policy recommendation and a first motion for approval. On a first motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the board voted as follows: Mrs. Pennell - yay, Mr. Hyatt - yay, Mr. Whitfield - yay, Dr. Marsh - yay, and Mr. Brawley - nay. With a board vote of 4 - 1, the board approved the MGSD Board Policy: Face Coverings - 4231/5021/7263 as follows: Effective tomorrow, February 9, 2022, Face Coverings are optional with no contact tracing or exclusion of students who are close contacts, not COVID-19 positive, sick, or symptomatic. If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to isolate at home for the full five days and be symptom free before returning to school or other district facilities. If an individual is symptomatic, they will need to stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. The Board will revisit the mask policy at next regular Board of Education meeting on March 15, 2022.

Mr. Hyatt, under G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(6) & (a)(3), announced the board would go into a closed session to review personnel and consult with the board attorney. **On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted unanimously to go into closed session.**

On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Dr. Marsh, the board voted unanimously to adjourn from the closed session.

On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel list as recommended by the Superintendent.

New Employees:

Emily McCord, 4th Grade Teacher, MIS, 02/08/2022

Chelsey Wheeler, 3rd Grade Teacher, PVES, 01/24/2022

Sarah Whitson, EC Teacher, MIS, 02/21/2022

Sara Yakup, English Teacher, MHS, 02/14/2022

Marla Young, Chorus/Theatre Arts Teacher, MMS, 01/25/2022

Josette Flatts, Substitute Teacher, 02/08/2022

Malorie Hudson, Substitute Teacher, 02/08/2022,

Geoffrey McIntosh, EC Teacher Assistant, MHS, New Position, 01/18/2022

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Retirement:

Tori Ammon, Payroll Specialist, CO, 6/1/22, 14.5 years of service to MGSD and the State of NC
Zoe Ann Austin, Training Manager, School Nutrition, 6/1/22, 15 years of service to MGSD and the State of NC

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mr. Roger E. Hyatt
Board of Education

Dr. Stephen A. Mauney, Secretary
Board of Education