

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AT 7:00 PM, IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AND IT WAS AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo_Dw2K8ptX5eFKauouPJZQ/

PRESENT: DESMET, NICHOLSON, MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS, GAMBLE, LANKERD, LINDSEY, DAVIS, JONES

ABSENT: NONE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President DeSmet. A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Middleton, that the agenda be approved as presented. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President DeSmet called for any members of the audience to address the Board on agenda items only. There were none.

BOARD TOPICS

BOARD POLICY UPDATES: Superintendent Davis presented the Board with NEOLA Board Policy Updates for Volume 34.2 for a second read. The policies were presented for a first read at the September 28, 2020 business session. There were no comments or questions.

UPDATE – CALHOUN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Davis explained a couple of community members suggested utilizing local physicians, MHS Alumni who are physicians and MPS students to make a video about wearing a mask. With the help of BluFish a video was made. The Mask Up Redhawks video was viewed.

Superintendent Davis reviewed the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Emergency Order under section 2253 of the Public Health Code restricting gathering sizes, requiring face coverings in public spaces and childcare facilities, placing capacity limitations on stores, bars and other public venues and providing for safer workplaces. The order is the result of Michigan Legislative action. It requires the district to report COVID case positives or probable case positives in the district. It is for the purpose of reporting cases that are derived from being in a school building: school associated cases. When the health department determines a staff member or student contracted COVID in the school the district is required to report a COVID positive alert on the front page of the district's website for 48 hours.

Superintendent Davis shared that Eric Pressel shared with the superintendents what he and other health officials put together as an interim guidance to local health departments and school districts for increasing or decreasing its intensity of in-person instruction in school districts across Michigan.

Superintendent Davis explained the circumstances that went into making the decision to go into remote learning at the middle and high school October 12 and 13; and into 100% remote learning for Harrington Elementary October 12-23. Board members asked questions and shared comments.

RESUMPTION OF ALBION CITY REC SERVICES: Superintendent Davis referenced Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-175 items 13. Sports and exercise facilities. and 14. Pools for a list of guidelines on what the district needs to adhere to as it relates to opening school facilities to Albion City Rec Department. He met with the Albion City Manager and the Director of the City Rec Department to review the list and they have agreed they can abide by the requirements outlined in the executive order. The district is responsible for the facilities and the recreation department is responsible for oversight and accountability. It was agreed to move forward with resuming city rec services to kids.

STATE SUPREME COURT RULING ON THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDERS: Superintendent Davis provided an overview of an article published by The Detroit News entitled “*High court strikes down Whitmer's emergency powers; Gov vows to use other means.*” He included two executive orders from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) that were issued to continue practices at the governor’s direction in order to maintain guidelines previously established. The emergency order issued by MDHHS; order 2253 – gathering, prohibitions and mask order continues the practices the governor put in place. The district continues to follow these practices.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: Superintendent Davis shared that he is pleased with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission Education Equity in Michigan report. He encouraged board members to look at the recommendations published in the report and think about how MPS could put into action the recommendations. He wants to see equity, diversity and inclusion embedded in the curriculum at the state level, so all students are required to learn the history of it and be tested on it. He would like to see it adopted by the district and continue to work making it a requirement for all public schools. The district needs to demonstrate intentionality and integrity behind the effort and put things into action to accomplish it. Board members asked questions and shared comments.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM – BOARD POLICY

POLICY REVISIONS AND UPDATES: Approve Board policy updates from Volume 34.2 as presented.

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Gamble, that the Board of Education approve Action Item – Board Policy as presented. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM – BOARD BUSINESS

CHANGE OF LOCATIONS OF BOARD SESSION: Approve changes to the location of work and business sessions of the board of education as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Session</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 26, 2020	Business Session	Albion
November 9, 2020	Combined Work/Business Session	Marshall
December 14, 2020	Combined Work/Business Session	Albion
January 11, 2021	Annual Organizational Meeting & Work Session	Marshall
January 25, 2021	Business Session	Marshall

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Williams, that the Board of Education approve Action Item – Board Business as recommended. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President DeSmet called for any members of the audience to address the Board. There were none.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS FOR WHICH NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING

Trustee Middleton shared her appreciation for the time, dedication and efforts that went into investigations over the weekend related to identifying people in the district’s school buildings that may be put at risk for COVID. And for the communications that occurred. She shared it was a pleasure to sit in the stands at the football game and for a few moments you could be forget all that is going on in the world. She suggested offering kind words or a note to individuals in our schools as everyone is working through these difficult times.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

LISA MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

KIMBERLY VANWORMER, RECORDING SECRETARY