

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020 AT 7:00 PM, IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM

PRESENT: NICHOLSON, MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS, DAWSON, GAMBLE, LINDSEY, DAVIS, JONES, DESMET JOINED THE MEETING AT 7:40 PM

ABSENT: NONE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Nicholson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Lindsey.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Middleton, supported by Lindsey, that the agenda be approved as presented. A vote carried the motion unanimously. President DeSmet was not present for the vote.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHT

LITERACY AT WALTERS ELEMENTARY: Walters Elementary Principal Paul Holbrook was joined by Walters Reading Specialist Kim Rugg to highlight the extra efforts they have focused on toward literacy this year in their building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUTES AND PERSONNEL

Items included on the consent agenda were minutes of the January 27, 2020 Special Session, January 27, 2020 Business Session, January 27, 2020 Executive/Closed Sessions and February 10, 2020 Work Session; January disbursements in the amount of \$2,638,246.29; and the employments Craig Davis as bus driver and Victoria Williams as paraprofessional at Marshall High School; School of Choice Resolution for 2020/-2021; and renew the appointment of Carolyn Gilg to represent the district on the Albion District Library Board.

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Dawson, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda – Minutes and Personnel as presented. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously. President DeSmet was not present for the vote.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

- HIRES – Superintendent Davis presented to the Board for employment the new hires; he shared their educational background information.
- RETIREMENT – Superintendent Davis recognized and thanked retiring staff member Carol Amos, who retired February 18, 2020.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS: Superintendent Davis indicated that Leadership Team members were in attendance and available to respond to questions from board members regarding reports on their buildings/departments. There were none.

KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KCC) PRESS RELEASE: Superintendent Davis shared a recent press release from KCC announcing upgrades at KCC's Easter Academic Center campus in Albion to be completed this spring.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Director of Business Operations Becky Jones indicated work on the 2020-2021 School Calendar is occurring and that administration will be meeting with the teachers' union March 3rd anticipating that the calendar will be agreed upon soon. The first day of instruction for students is August 26, 2020.

CANCEL THE MARCH 9, 2020 WORK SESSION: Superintendent Davis suggested the March 9, 2020 work session be canceled and that the March 23, 2020 session would be a combined work / business session. All members of the Board were present and were in agreement to make this change.

CALHOUN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (CISD) GENERAL FUND BUDGET: Superintendent Davis read the requirements of the district as it relates to the CISD's General Fund Budget; a resolution will be brought before the Board for action prior to June 1, 2020 as required.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM – FINANCIAL – BUDGET

Approve the first general fund budget amendment to the 2019-2020 Budget. Director of Business Operations Becky Jones explained changes since the budget was approved last June. She provided a summary of expenditures compared to revenue for it and explained areas affected in the budget.

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

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM – FINANCIAL – OTHER

APPROVE LEASING TWO BUSES FOR TRANSPORTING MICHIGAN YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY (MYCA) STUDENTS: Award the bid to purchase two new 84-passenger regular education busses, for transporting MYCA students, to Midwest Transit at a cost of \$28,625 per bus, per year, for two years.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

President DeSmet called for any members of the audience to address the Board.

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

President DeSmet called for any board members for comment.

Superintendent Davis asked Board members to review the list of upcoming events included in their packet and to add applicable events to their calendars.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

LISA MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

BECKY JONES, RECORDING SECRETARY