

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS 031**

## **Minutes of MADEIRA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Special Meeting  
Held June 2, 2021**

Present: Paula Andruss, Steve Bernicke, David Eberly, Ryan Lex, Richard Palmer

Not Present:

Also present at the meeting were Kenji Matsudo, Dave Bergan, Emily Hauser, Chris Flanagan, Fran Wilson, Tricia Wilson, Michelle Marketos, Darlene Mason, Nicole Prater, Christy Barton, Abigail Seelmeyer, Jeff Corn, Dave Kennedy, Aimee Bates, Jim Hertenstein, Brandon Opichka, Jessica Hunter, Niki Huelsman, Amy Hugentobler, Laura Halonen, Kelly Flick, Jami Couzins, Jennifer Bruening, Chandley Bacher, Mike Grayson, Jonelle Bell and Gretchen Bloomstrom.

**AGENDA (80-21)** – Mr. Lex moved seconded by Mrs. Andruss to approve the agenda the June 2, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education.

**Vote: Mr. Bernicke, aye; Mr. Eberly, aye; Mr. Lex, aye; Mrs. Andruss, aye; Mr. Palmer, aye.**

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – no hearing of the public at this time.**

### **REPORTS**

#### **Madeira High School**

Mr. Kennedy introduced the MHS End-Of-Year Report 2021 website (<https://sites.google.com/madeiracityschoools.org/mhs2021endofyearreport/home> ) and the instructional leaders discussed the unique school year.

Building Wide 2020-2021 Strategies:

- Block scheduling – blue and gold days
- Classroom observations via Zoom
- Live stream and outdoor pep rallies
- Staff and student wellness events
- State send offs, drive thru style
- Virtual staff meetings, parents meetings and conferences

Building Sub

Quarantined staff were able to zoom into class while quarantined while the building sub was present in the classroom. Thank you to the Board of Education and to Josh Dooley, the building sub.

Online Teaching Tools:

- Simulations labs
- Jamboards
- Screencastify Recordings - staff
- Screencastify Recordings – students

Video Lessons:

- Geogebra
- USB Cameras
- Zoom Recordings
- Zoom Help Session
- Screencastify with Smartboard
- Teacher Created Documents

Virtual Field Trips and Speakers:

- UC Speaker to Latin Class
- Taft Museum to French Class
- Art museum to Spanish Class

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### Outdoor learning Spaces:

- Classes were held outside more often to meet with groups safely and have some mask-free learning time
- Guitar students practiced and played out on the field
- AP Spanish students celebrated Earth Day with an outdoor scavenger hunt

High School Scheduling Site – MHS counseling team created a website to help students and families with presentations from counseling and academic departments.

### Successes:

- All labs were able to take place just looked a little different.
- AP Physics E&M flex credit
- Discussion of contemporary world issues
- English Classes Combine for Public Speaking
- Electives
- New 2021-2022 Math Class approved: Social Justice by the Numbers
- MHS Global classroom building team

### Clubs and Activities:

- Streamed everything possible (Jen Jordan)
- Virtual Club Meetings
- Old Traditions New Ways
- New Organization: Social Justice Club – created a Spotify scavenger hunt with Black musical artists
- Video Spanish club
- Model UN virtual conference
- Key club sweet cheeks diaper bank/ Project Linus Blankets
- Hope Squad – Hope week/spreading hope to MES & MMS/therapy dogs
- eSports – Rene Polanco 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in Chess
- Marching Mustangs
- Virtual Art Show
- Theatre held two performances

### **Madeira Elementary School**

Mr. Flanagan introduced the 2020-2021 MES instructional leaders and discussed the highlights of challenging year.

Staff started the year with professional Development over the summer to prepare for teaching throughout a pandemic utilizing creativity and innovation. They began with a story, “There is a Rainbow”. The staff had to build a caring, trusting, safe environment for students and parents alike. The year began talking to the students about the trauma of the year. Students have never been so excited to be in school even with the additional safety measures taken into account.

MES staff worked to break down the walls to reach out to students and parents – some all in person, some all remote, and some a combination of both. The 2020-2021 school year involved a lot of in and out of the classroom due to quarantine requirements. Parent conferences and IEP meetings were able to continue but through Zoom.

Tyler Erwin from Forward Edge had sessions with teachers once a month to teach small bits of something new every time.

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Virtual fieldtrips held:

- Cincinnati Zoo
- Nat Geo Kids
- Google Arts & Culture
- Google Earth

Continued traditions in different and creative ways to maintain safety:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Biography Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Veterans Assembly

Focused on the Wellness of Students and Staff:

- Student spirit weeks
- Mask Break
- Teacher Appreciation Day
- Virtual Wellness with Mrs. Nutley
- Trauma informed framework and strategies for returning to school
- Coping with COVID-19 Wellness Check for Teachers
- Monday munchies cart
- Staff Sunshine Binder – Secret Sunshine

Technology Deep Dive:

- Raz-Kids
- ESGI
- Kami
- Pear Deck
- HMH/Nat Geo

The MES staff redesigned learning experiences, continued with best practices, and always provided grace for students and staff.

Utilized common communication for parents and students:

- Google Classroom
- Zoom
- Smore

Enjoyed outdoor spaces:

- Wellness Wednesday
- Outdoor public library “field trip”
- Got Art?

Despite the masks and social distancing we have come together to create the closest relationships. All hands on deck to support, kids, staff and families.

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**Madeira Middle School**

Mrs. Huelsman introduced the 2020-2021 MMS instructional leaders. She compared the year to running a marathon and explained how important the roll of an instruction leader was this year. The MMS staff took it one day at a time and celebrated small milestones each step of the way.

Mrs. Huelsman and the instructional leaders shared the year through a video (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u50o1X0UiBB5Zcj67gRqTzLUq5vly0Xe/view?usp=sharing> ) exemplifying all of the things the Middle School accomplished this year.

The Board of Education thanked all of the staff for the inspiring work they put in and said they are blown away by how far Madeira has come this year. President Richard Palmer emphasized that the Board hears great feedback on staff each year but this year the feedback was outstanding. The district was able to return in person this year because the Board of Education had complete confidence in the staff.

**ADJOURNMENT (81-21)** – Mr. Lex moved, seconded by Mr. Bernicke that the June 2, 2021 special meeting of the Madeira Board of Education be adjourned.

**Vote: Mr. Bernicke, aye; Mr. Eberly, aye; Mr. Lex, aye; Mrs. Andruss, aye; Mr. Palmer, aye.**

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Board President

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Treasurer