



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
7:00 PM
517-339-8242

Present: Bird/Clark/Collins/Stoliker
Absent with Notice: Polverento/Wawrzynski/Wheeler

Staff: Butcher/Cook/Hatch/Lindbert/Jensen/Gustafson/Lerch/Tobe

Guests: T. Geiersbach/J. Kessner/P. McPhee

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Personnel Recommendations

The following teachers are being recommended for hire by Superintendent Cook for the 2024-25 school year.

- A. Destanie Johnson is being recommended for hire as a Grade 4 Teacher at Ralya Elementary School. She has a BA in Early Childhood Development with a Minor in Elementary Education from Grand Valley State University. Destanie was previously employed as a fourth-grade teacher at Delta Center Elementary with Grand Ledge Public Schools.
- B. Hannah Kolk is being recommended for hire as an Elementary Teacher in Special Education at Ralya Elementary School. She has a BS in Elementary Cognitive Impairment and Special Education from Eastern Michigan University. She was previously employed as a long-term substitute teacher with Mason Public Schools.
- C. Barbie Zenner is being recommended for hire as an Elementary Special Education Teacher at Ralya Elementary School. She has a BA in Psychology from the University of Texas and an MA in Special Education from the American College of Education. Barbie was previously employed as a Special Education Resource Teacher with the Alpine School District in Utah.

2. Staff Resignations

Superintendent Cook is in receipt of the following staff resignations:

- A. Catherine Mahler (MTSS Teacher at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center) has resigned from her position, effective June 18, 2024. She has served the district for four years. Catherine was wished well in her future endeavors.
- B. Julie Odom (Fourth Grade Teacher at Ralya Elementary School) has resigned from her position, effective June 27, 2024. She has served the district for seven years. Julie was wished well in her future endeavors.

3. Administrative Retreat Update

Superintendent Cook reported the administrative retreat was held in Grand Rapids on June 11 and 12, 2024. During the retreat the Administrative Team discussed the 2024-25 District Goals, District Security Protocols, and worked on Team Building. Nick Hamilton also joined the retreat and spent time on goals with the other administrators.

IV. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Adoption of Trigonometry/Physics Curriculum**

High School Principal Brandy Butcher and High School Math Teacher Kevin Tobe discussed the need for new Precalculus and AP Calculus textbooks for 2025-2026.

They are proposing to purchase updated textbooks for 2024-25 that would replace the current Trigonometry textbooks at a cost of \$6,574.25. The proposal includes 40 student copies and one teacher edition. President Bird inquired about the online components.

Mr. Tobe discussed the proposal for an addition of AP Physics at the high school level. He explained switching to a calculus-based physics program is important as colleges accept this approach. This curriculum would be offered every other year. Mr. Tobe is proposing a hard copy of the textbook with a digital option. The cost of 50 textbooks is \$9720.00 (\$185 per book). Trustee Clark asked about using one book in the classroom and using the online option at home and Mr. Tobe agreed that most students do not bring a book every day.

AP Earth and Environmental class currently has 42 students enrolled for Fall 2024. The textbook recommendation is *Environmental Science for the AP Course 4th edition* – Friedland & Relyea at a cost of \$8083.95. This quote includes 50 student copies and 1 teacher edition and will use a free online component.

Vice President Collins thanked Mr. Tobe for all of the work in preparing this information and investing in the advanced classes. Trustee Clark thanked Mr. Tobe for trying to meet the AP standards, offering advanced classes and investing this effort in our students.

2. **Adoption of K-8 Science Curriculum**

Murphy Principal Kevin Hatch presented the proposal for the K-8 Science Curriculum, OpenSciEd.

After much review and piloting of the Y5 - 8 Science Curriculum teachers chose to recommend OpenSciEd as the science curriculum beginning August 2024 at the Haslett Middle School with a soft start for the elementary schools. This curriculum is aligned with the Next Generation Science Curriculum and received a “Green” rating as part of EdReport’s science review. The curriculum is completely online in the Google Drive and comes as OSE Certified Ready-To-Teach Science Kits at a cost of \$49,000 for the middle school kits and \$32,000 for one unit of Y5-5 (the cost of the remaining units will be presented to the board during 2024-25 as the units are completed.).

Dr. Rob Stephenson will be training all grade levels starting with the grades 6-8 this August. Elementary will be trained during the school year as kits become available.

President Bird thanked the administrators and teachers for putting in the effort to choose a worthwhile curriculum. He asked about the green rating, what that represents and if the kit purchase prices are a one time expense?

Trustee Clark thanked the administrators and teachers. She is excited about the interactive piece with higher level thinking.

Trustee Collins posed questions regarding the process and implementation of the program. Mr. Hatch explained that elementary should have full implementation by 2025-2026.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Five Minute Time Limit)**

Board Correspondence

Board Secretary Wheeler is not in attendance. Communications will be shared at a later date.

Public Comments

The following individuals presented a public comment: P. McPhee/J. Kessner

VI. BOARD REPORTS

1. **Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting**

No Report.

2. **Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting**

No Report.

3. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Superintendent Cook reported that there is no new information to share.

4. **Items from Board Members**

A. Trustee Stoliker inquired about the question shared by Mr. Kessner.

B. President Bird publicly thanked Michelle Gustafson and Steve Cook for their years of service. Michelle has served the district for 33 years and Steve has worked in Haslett for 20 years, serving as Superintendent since 2016. They are both appreciated for having supported the Board of Education and putting the work in to get things done while improving our district. They were both wished well in their retirements.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY TRUSTEE CLARK, SECONDED BY STOLICKER TO APPROVE:

1. THE JUNE 10, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE 2023-24 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND, AS PRESENTED IN ATTACHMENT C.
3. THE 2024-25 BUDGET OF THE GENERAL FUND AND SCHOOL SERVICES FUND, AS PRESENTED IN ATTACHMENT D.
4. THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID, WHICH ALLOWS THE DISTRICT TO BORROW \$5,000,000 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROJECTED CASH DEFICIENCY.
5. THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: JULY 22, 2024; AUGUST 12 AND 26, 2024; SEPTEMBER 9 AND 23, 2024; OCTOBER 14 AND 28, 2024; NOVEMBER 11 AND 25, 2024; DECEMBER 9, 2024; JANUARY 13 AND 27, 2025; FEBRUARY 10 AND 24, 2025; MARCH 10, 2025; APRIL 14 AND 28, 2025; MAY 12, 2025; JUNE 9 AND 23, 2025; AND JULY 21, 2025. THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HASLETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE.
6. THE HIRING OF THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR:
 - A. DESTANIE JOHNSON AS AN ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT RALYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
 - B. HANNAH KOLK AS AN ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT RALYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
 - C. BARBIE ZENNER AS AN ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT RALYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 4-0

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2024, at 7 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

IX. CLOSED SESSION (NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE)

MOTION BY CLARK SECONDED BY STOLICKER TO MOVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:02 PM PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(1)(c) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO DISCUSS UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 4-0 (Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays)

MOTION BY COLLINS SECONDED BY CLARK TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:22 PM.

Motion Carried. Unanimous vote: 4-0

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COLLINS SECONDED BY CLARK TO ADJOURN AT 8:23 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 4-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(S. Lerch, Recorder)