



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
6:00 PM
517-339-8242

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

Staff: Cook/Lindbert/Jensen/Gustafson/Birchman/Booth/Lerch/Wood

Guests: H. Batten/E. Dunbar/T. Geiersbach/J. Kessner/P. McPhee

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Staff Resignations

Superintendent Cook is in receipt of the following staff retirements:

- A. Stephanie Brookhouse (Haslett Middle School Mathematics Teacher) has submitted her retirement resignation, with an effective date of June 28, 2024. She has served the district for 25 years. Stephanie was wished well in her retirement and thanked for her years of service.
- B. Paula Oricchio (Haslett High School Library Coordinator) has submitted her retirement resignation, with an effective date of June 7, 2024. She has served the district for 13 years. Paula was wished well in her retirement and thanked for her years of service.

2. Director of Special Education Recommendation

Superintendent Cook is pleased to recommend for hire Nick Hamilton for the Director of Special Education position. He has a BA in Education with an emphasis in Emotional Impairments from Olivet College, an MA in Educational Leadership from Concordia University, and his Special Education Director Degree from Eastern Michigan University. Nick was previously employed as the Director of Student Support Services at East Lansing Public Schools.

3. Personnel Recommendations

The following teachers are being recommended for hire by Superintendent Cook:

- A. Holly Orr is being recommended for hire as a School Psychologist at Murphy Elementary School. She has a BA in Education from the University of Michigan and an MA and Educational Specialist Degree from National-Louis University in Illinois. Holly was previously employed as a School Psychologist at Farmington Public Schools.
- B. Heidi Rhodes is being recommended for hire as an Art Teacher at Ralya Elementary School. She has a BA in Visual Arts Education from Spring Arbor University. Heidi was previously employed as a K-12 Visual Arts Teacher at Springport Public Schools.

- C. Kelsie Rourke is being recommended for hire as an MTSS Teacher at Ralya Elementary School. She has a BA in Elementary Education and an MA in Teaching and Curriculum from Michigan State University. Kelsie was previously employed as a Grade 2 Teacher at East Lansing Public Schools.

4. **End-of-Year Activities**

Staff and community members were invited to participate in the following end-of-year activities:

May 21 (7:30 PM) – High School Band Spring Awards Concert – Performing Arts Center

May 23 (9:00 AM) – High School Senior Recognition – Performing Arts Center

May 29 (8:00 PM) – High School Choir Pops Concert – Performing Arts Center

June 2 (1:00 PM) – High School Graduation – MSU Breslin Center

Building newsletters and the district calendar found on the website will have information regarding dates and times for upcoming activities.

5. **National Board Certification Grant Recipients**

Karen Amachree, Danijela Horn, Jody Leung, Shannon Murton, and Becky Park each received a \$4,000 National Board Certification Award. Criteria for this award includes holding a National Board Certification by January 2024, holding a valid teaching certification, teaching students at least 50% of the day, and serving as a teacher leader or coach.

6. **Student Board of Education Representative**

Superintendent Cook welcomed Farah Saba to tonight’s board meeting. Farah was invited to attend the Haslett Board of Education meeting as a Student Representative to report on district activities and events. She is a Freshman at Haslett High School and a member of the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee.

IV. **STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Farah Saba, a Haslett High School Freshman and member of the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee, reported on school activities and events happening throughout the district. Board members thanked Farah for participating at the Board of Education Meeting.

V. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Green School Award – Haslett Middle School**

Bridget Booth (Middle School Science Teacher), along with her students Harrison Batten, Mya Beauregard, and Elena Dunbar gave a presentation on “Greening Haslett Schools.” To receive their Green School Certification, a school needs to complete at least two activities in each of the four areas of criteria (Reduce/Reuse, Energy, Environmental Production, and Miscellaneous). The Haslett Middle School Student Environmental Activism Leadership (SEAL) team completed 15 total activities to receive the Emerald School certification. It is the goal of the team, with district and administrative support, to make every school in the district a green school. Board members asked questions regarding elementary school involvement and how many students are on the SEAL team.

2. **Superintendent Candidate Search – Question Development/Candidate Selection**

Mark Palmer (MASB Consultant) led a discussion and answered questions from the board on question development and candidate selection for the Superintendent Candidate Search.

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

Board Correspondence

No board correspondence was received.

Public Comments

The following individuals presented a public comment: Jeff Kessner and Terri Geiersbach.

VII. **BOARD REPORTS**

1. **Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting**

Policy/Personnel Committee Chairperson Collins reported the Policy/Personnel Committee met on May 7, 2024, to receive an update from Greg Daza (Director of Kids Connection) regarding current and summer programming plans. Superintendent Cook updated the committee on staffing for the 2024-25 school year, and Associate Superintendent Lindbert gave a K-12 spring testing update, reported on accomplishments from the department chairs, and recognized the five teachers who received a \$4,000 National Board Certification Award.

2. **Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting**

Finance/Facilities Committee Chairperson Wawrzynski reported the Finance/Facilities Committee met on May 8, 2024, to receive an update from Greg Daza (Director of Kids Connection) on plans for the remainder of the school year and summer programming. Superintendent Cook updated the committee on the hiring process and staffing, and provided the committee with a current update on the Ingham County General Education Budget, along with an update on the debt millage and future bond proposal. Director of Finance Jensen reported on the progress of the State Aid Budget for the 2024-25 school year and proposal recently released from the Governor, Senate, and House.

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

Superintendent Cook reported the Districtwide DEI Committee met on May 6, 2024, to receive recommendations from the three subcommittees. The building teams also met on May 13, 2024, to discuss district vacancies. Treasurer Wawrzynski commended Stephanie Livingston on her tremendous leadership, and indicated she is excited about the recommendations from her Incidence of Bias committee. Trustee Polverento also shared she appreciates the efforts of everyone involved in the DEI process. Trustee Stoliker indicated he appreciated the selection of qualified candidates, and Trustee Clark recognized Mrs. Livingston for her wealth of knowledge and amazing leadership.

4. **Items from Board Members**

- A. Trustee Stoliker indicated he has completed all of his school board training and thanked the district for providing this training.
- B. Vice President Collins congratulated the girls soccer team for their CAAC Red League Championship and wished the High School students luck on their AP exams this upcoming week.
- C. Trustee Polverento thanked the parents and staff for their assistance in transitioning students from one grade to the next and from one building to another.
- D. Trustee Clark also thanked the staff for their roles in transitioning students from one grade to the next.
- E. President Bird expressed a belated thank you to all moms for Mother's Day.

VIII. ACTION ITEM

1. 2024-25 Ingham ISD Proposed General Fund Budget

This action item is regarding a resolution to support or a resolution to disapprove the Ingham Intermediate School District's 2024-25 Proposed General Fund Budget. Based on the information the board received at the May 8, 2024, Finance/Facility Committee Meeting, the board was in agreement to approve the resolution in support of the 2024-25 General Fund Budget of the Ingham ISD as presented in Attachment B2 of the May 13, 2024, board agenda.

MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO APPROVE THE INGHAM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BUDGET RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2024-25 GENERAL FUND BUDGET OF THE INGHAM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS PRESENTED IN ATTACHMENT B2 OF THE MAY 13, 2024, BOARD AGENDA.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote. 6-0

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO APPROVE:

1. THE APRIL 22, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE MAY 7, 2024, POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE MAY 8, 2024, FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE RECOMMENDED PROPOSED NEW, REVISED, AND RESCINDED BOARD POLICIES, AS PRESENTED.
5. THE RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE NICK HAMILTON AS THE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.
6. THE HIRING OF THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR:
 - A. HOLLY ORR AS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AT MURPHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
 - B. HEIDI RHODES AS AN ART TEACHER AT RALYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
 - C. KELSIE ROURKE HAS AN MTSS TEACHER AT RALYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A Special Board of Education Meeting (First Round Superintendent Interviews) will be held on May 21, 2024, at 6 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.
2. A Special Board of Education Meeting (First Round Superintendent Interviews) will be held on May 22, 2024, at 6 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.
3. A Special Board of Education Meeting (Final Superintendent Interviews) will be held on May 28, 2024, at 6 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO ADJOURN AT 8:13 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)