



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
7:00 PM
517-339-8242

Present: Bird/Clark/Collins/Polverento/Stoliker/Wawrzynski/Wheeler

Staff: Cook/Lindbert/Jensen/Gustafson/Amachree/Batten/Birchman/Bloxom/Burgtorf/Cassin/Fielbrandt/Grabemeyer
Hampton/Hatch/Heins/Horn/Leeman/Mahler/Muller-Gornick/North/Oviedo/Ward/Waugh/Wood

Guests: K. Amachree/O. Amachree/M. Bloxom/H. Czekalski/K. Flagg/T. Geiersbach/A. Gross/J. Kessner/K. Leeman
P. McPhee/M. Quinn/A. Schmidt/P. Tsernoglou

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Visit by State Representative – Penelope Tsernoglou

State Representative Penelope Tsernoglou attended the board meeting to provide a brief introduction and to thank the Haslett Board of Education for their service to the community.

2. Kindergarten Round-Up Activities

The online registration for Kindergarten Round-Up began on March 1, 2024. Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for April 25, 26, and 29 at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center, with a parent meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Haslett High School.

3. Student Board of Education Representative

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

4. Staff Retirement

Superintendent Cook is in receipt of the following staff retirement:

- A. Diane Newman (Director of Student Services) has submitted her retirement resignation, with an effective date to be determined. She has served the district for 28 years. Diane was wished well in her retirement and thanked for her years of service to the district.

5. Building the Reading Brain Film Screening

Associate Superintendent Lindbert shared the MSU Child Development Preschool, along with Haslett Public Schools, is presenting the "Building the Reading Brain" film screening on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 6:30-7:30 PM at the High School Performing Arts Center. This film explores the science of reading and the different ways to help ready children for this complex task. Child care will be provided the evening of this screening.

IV. STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

V. SUPERINTENDENT COOK RETIREMENT NOTICE

After 20 years of service to Haslett Public Schools, Superintendent Steven Cook announced his retirement from the district, effective August 31, 2024. He thanked the Board of Education, along with the staff, students, and the community for their support and confidence as he served as Superintendent of Haslett Schools for the past eight years. The district has contracted with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to facilitate the process of hiring a new superintendent. Additional information on the process and timeline will be forthcoming in the days and weeks ahead.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recommendation to Purchase Computers and Chromebooks

Director of Technology Cassin is recommending the purchase of 98 Hewlett Packard desktop computers to replace existing equipment as part of the district’s annual computer replacement plan. The computers will be purchased through the Statewide Device Purchasing Program, which satisfies district bidding requirements. The total cost of this purchase will not exceed \$57,820 and will be charged to the 2024-25 Technology Capital Outlay budget.

Additionally, Mr. Cassin is recommending the purchase of 690 HP 11 Chromebooks and 18 HP 11 Touchscreen Chromebooks to replace devices that are five years old. These Chromebooks will also be purchased through the Statewide Device Purchasing Program. The total cost of this purchase will not exceed \$180,900, and this purchase will be charged to the Sinking Fund account.

The recommendation to purchase Computers and Chromebooks will be on the Consent Agenda of the April 8, 2024, Board of Education Meeting.

2. Sex Education Curriculum Recommendation

Associate Superintendent Lindbert shared the Sex Education Advisory Board met on February 28, 2024, to review the Puberty and the Wonder Years curriculum, along with the Michigan Model Lessons that were recommended by grade 4, 5, and 6 teachers. The Sex Education Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend the adoption of the curriculums to the Haslett Board of Education. Associate Superintendent Lindbert discussed the recommended curriculums and the process used by the Sex Education Advisory Board.

Board members asked questions regarding how often the sex education curriculum is reviewed and the backgrounds of members serving on the Sex Education Advisory Committee.

3. 2023-24 Proposed Budget Amendment

Director of Finance Jensen recommended revisions to the 2023-24 General Operating Fund Budget. The 2023-24 proposed budget amendment and 2024-25 budget projections were discussed at the Finance/Facilities Meeting on March 4, 2024. The proposed budget amendment will be on the consent agenda at the April 8, 2024, Board of Education meeting. Mr. Jensen also provided an overview of the Governor’s proposal for the 2024-25 school year and the next steps for the Governor and Legislature in determining funding for next year.

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

Board Correspondence

Secretary Wheeler shared correspondence was received from the Ralya Librarian regarding a visit from illustrator Kate Cosgrove during the month of March at the elementary buildings. Correspondence was also received from

Kathleen Burns (High School Teacher) regarding a mock primary presidential debate which will be hosted at the High School Performing Arts Center during 3rd hour on March 18, 2024.

Public Comments

The following individuals presented a public comment: Jeff Kessner, Teri Geiersbach, the Kindergarten Team at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center (Karen Amachree, Ryan Ward, Amy Fielbrandt, Nichole Leemon, Danijela Horn, Camille Burgdorf, Lauren Heins, and Sarah Grabemeyer), and Patty McPhee.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

1. Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting

Chairperson Korine Wawrzynski reported the Finance/Facilities Committee met on March 4, 2024, to receive an update from High School Principal Butcher regarding the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MME) proposed schedule, in addition to information on the new ruling that is in effect that allows districts to offer virtual learning for students who do not test. Wilkshire Principal Horwath shared highlights of her first year as a principal, along with various accomplishments of the building teams, including positive behavior supports and a behavior matrix. Associate Superintendent Lindbert reported on the 23g Grant (MI Kids Back on Track) that is intended to support programs provided before, during, and after school to help students get back to grade-level academic standards. Director of Finance Jensen discussed amendments to this year's budget proposal and Governor Whitmer's proposed budget for the 2024-25 school year. Superintendent Cook reported on how area superintendents are discussing Special Education funding with the ISD, presented an enrollment update, a staffing update, and indicated open positions will be posted after returning from Spring Break. Trustee Polverento added that the Finance/Facilities Committee also discussed SAT assessments.

2. Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

Chairperson Collins reported the Policy/Personnel Committee met on March 5, 2024, to receive an update from High School Principal Butcher on the proposed schedule for all mandated testing. Wilkshire Principal Horwath shared with the committee various events that have occurred at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center, and Associate Superintendent Lindbert discussed the 23g Grant (MI Kids Back on Track) and shared how funding for this grant is being distributed to the MTSS program, after-school homework/tutoring sessions, and professional development. Associate Superintendent Lindbert also reported the Sex Education Advisory Board met on February 28, 2024, to review the Puberty and the Wonder Years curriculum, along with Michigan Model Lessons recommended by grade 4, 5, and 6 teachers. Associate Superintendent Lindbert also discussed the NWEA Longitudinal data and provided a chart and an explanation for the State of Michigan's testing requirements.

3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Superintendent Cook reported the subcommittees for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Committee have been meeting periodically since the Fall of 2023. The subcommittees will be meeting with the DEI Leadership Committee on May 6, 2024, at 6 PM to discuss their findings.

4. Items from Board Members

- A. Trustee Clark reported she attended the Ingham School Officers Association's (ISOA) Executive Board Meeting on March 6, 2024. The symposium discussed AI technology and professional development opportunities for educational staff. Trustee Clark will distribute this information when received.
- B. Trustee Polverento shared winter sports are wrapping up for the season. The Varsity Girls Basketball Team is currently playing their first game in the MHSAA Division II Regionals and one of our Varsity Drivers qualified for state competition. Trustee Polverento congratulated the students, parents, and coaches for a wonderful winter sports season.

- C. Vice President Collins indicated she met with NEOLA representative, Patrick Kreiger, to discuss the NEOLA policy updates for Spring 2024. She also attended professional development this past week featuring Anita Archer as the keynote speaker.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO APPROVE:

1. THE FEBRUARY 26, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE MARCH 4, 2024, FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE MARCH 5, 2024, POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROPOSALS, AS PRESENTED.
5. THE RATIFICATION RESOLUTION FOR THE ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FINANCING, AS PRESENTED.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2024, at 7:45 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
2. A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
3. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on April 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY WHEELER, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO ADJOURN AT 8:12 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)