



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
7:00 PM
517-339-8242

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

Staff: Lindbert/Jensen/Gustafson/Batten/Bloxom/Heins/Horwath/Oviedo/Winslow/Wood

Guests: R. Pacis/R. Pacis/X. Pacis/Q. Sheppard

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Spring Performances – Haslett Middle School and Haslett High School

The Haslett Middle School spring musical was *Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood* and was performed on February 23 and 24, 2024. Congratulations to the cast, crew, staff, and volunteers for successful performances.

Haslett High School's spring theatre production will be *James and the Giant Peach*. Performance dates and times are March 8 and 9 at 7:30 PM in the Performing Arts Center.

2. Student Board of Education Representative

Associate Superintendent Lindbert welcomed Xavier Pacis to tonight's board meeting. Xavier was invited to attend the Haslett Board of Education meeting as a Student Representative to report on district activities and events. He is a sophomore at Haslett High School and a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee.

IV. STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Xavier Pacis, a Haslett High School Sophomore and member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, reported on school activities and events happening throughout the district. Board members thanked Xavier for participating at the Board of Education Meeting.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Empower – A New Creative Arts Class at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center

Jill Batten (Creative Arts Teacher) presented the new Empower Creative Arts class that is being offered at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center this school year. Empower strives to teach children the power of their voices and choices, develop empathy, gratitude, coping and self-advocacy strategies and personal skills for learning. Through a Responsive Classroom approach, students engage in greetings, cooperative games and activities, sharing, and lessons based upon social-emotional learning. Empower takes place in the World Room where students work to understand the impact of their choices on the world around them and how important each one of them is to our community.

Mrs. Batten extended an invitation to board members to attend an Empower classroom lesson.

Board members asked questions regarding the World Room location, the best part of a Responsive Classroom approach, and if other school districts in the area are using the Empower creative arts class curriculum or a comparable curriculum.

2. **The Peace Path Positive Behavior Support at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center**
Lauren Heins (Kindergarten Teacher) and Ali Winslow (Social Worker) from Wilkshire Early Childhood Center presented The Peace Path for Early Childhood and Visual Learners. The Peace Path is a peer-based conflict resolution tool used to communicate feelings with “I-Statements,” providing students the opportunity to listen, be heard, and take responsibility. At the early childhood level, it is challenging for students to use a verbal script independently to express emotion and what they need. The Peace Path uses a visual script to promote independence in problem solving.

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

Board Correspondence

Secretary Wheeler shared correspondence was received from Principal Erin North regarding Ralya’s STEAM Night scheduled for February 29, 2024, at 5:30 PM. She also received correspondence from a High School English 12 student regarding United States History in schools and how it relates to marginalized groups and deepening education.

Comments from the Public

There was no public comment.

VII. **BOARD REPORTS**

1. **Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting**
No report.
2. **Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting**
No report.
3. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
Associate Superintendent Lindbert reported the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Committee is comprised of three subcommittees (Family Engagement, Incidence of Bias, and Hiring and Retention). These subcommittees have been meeting periodically since the Fall of 2023, and will meet with the DEI Leadership Committee to discuss their recommendations on May 6, 2024, at 6 PM.
4. **Items from Board Members**
None.

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO APPROVE:

1. THE FEBRUARY 12, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE PURCHASE OF 70 ARUBA WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS FROM SEHI COMPUTER PRODUCTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,297. THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE PURCHASED USING SINKING FUND DOLLARS.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2024, at 8:00 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.

2. A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024, at 7:45 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
3. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on March 11, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO ADJOURN AT 7:43 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)