



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024  
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840  
7:00 PM  
517-339-8242

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

Staff: Cook/Lindbert/Jensen/Gustafson/Cassin/Haagensen/North

Guests: A. Adkins/R. Adkins/P. Bailey/A. Coates/C. Coates/D. Coates/N. Colflesh/T. Geiersbach/ T. Goldberg  
M. Haagensen/C. Henry/G. Henry/J. Hull/L. Hull/J. Kessner/E. Ladd/L. Linton/N. Mahn/K. Melser/P. McPhee  
C. Schneemann/A. Trumble/A. Wikstrom/O. Wikstrom/L. Wood

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**1. Staff Retirement**

Superintendent Cook is in receipt of the following staff retirement:

A. Jody Leung (Ralya MTSS Teacher) has submitted her retirement resignation, effective June 6, 2024. She has served the district for 25 years. Jody was wished well in her retirement and thanked for her years of service to the district.

**2. Choir and Band Solo & Ensemble Festivals**

In Choir, 49 Haslett High School soloists and 3 small choral ensembles participated in the MSVMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival on January 19-20, 2024, at Leslie High School. All three ensembles (Chorale, Fermatas, and Select), along with 43 soloists, earned the opportunity to attend MSVMA's State Solo & Ensemble Festival this spring with their perfect scores.

The Haslett Band and Band Boosters hosted the MSBOA High School Solo & Ensemble Festival on February 3, 2024. This event brought in over 850 performers from 18 school districts around the state. Haslett had 52 events perform, with 30 of these events earning first division ratings and 15 events earning second division ratings. All first division ratings will have the opportunity to perform at the MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival, which will also be hosted by Haslett High School in March 2024.

**3. Early Graduation Requests**

Superintendent Cook is in receipt of letters from Principal Butcher recommending that Finn Potts, Yoshia Richardson, and Nick Schlueter be allowed to graduate early. Finn, Yoshia, and Nick completed their high school education at the end of the first semester of the 2023-24 school year. Superintendent Cook is requesting the board approve this request and take action at this meeting.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Ralya Green Team**

Sarah Haagensen (Ralya Grade 5 Teacher) and student members of the Ralya Green Team presented to the Board of Education on recycling and conservation efforts happening in their school building.

Every week, The Green Team collects recycling bins from around Ralya Elementary School. They have created new signs to help students understand what goes in each recycling bin and where the recycling bins belong in the building. It is the goal of The Green Team to become a school tradition that will encourage the community to follow their lead.

Board members asked the students if Ralya Elementary School has been recycling better since the Green Team began their efforts, where the alligator logo come from, and if they had any plans to continue The Green Team at the Middle School when they become 6<sup>th</sup> graders next year.

2. **Technology Update**

Director of Technology Cassin gave an overview of the Technology Department and the latest projects they have been implementing this school year, including website accessibility and cybersecurity. Superintendent Cook thanked Mr. Cassin and his staff (Margy Barile, Colby Bogart, and John Coker) for a job very well done with the accessibility report and in staying ahead of the curve with district technology.

3. **Recommendation to Purchase Wireless Access Points**

Director of Technology Cassin is recommending the purchase of 70 Aruba wireless access points to replace existing access points at Murphy Elementary School and Haslett Middle School. This equipment is eligible for E-rate funding, and a request for proposal was issued in December 2023 to meet the competitive bidding requirements of the E-rate program.

The wireless access points will be purchased from Sehi Computer Products, as they provided the lowest bid at \$45,297. This equipment will be purchased using Sinking Fund dollars. Mr. Cassin is requesting approval for the full price bid, as the district is still waiting on the E-rate program funding.

This equipment will be installed in Summer 2024, so it is in place and operational prior to the 2024-25 school year. The recommendation to purchase wireless access points will be on the Consent Agenda of the February 26, 2024, Board of Education meeting.

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

**Board Correspondence**

Secretary Wheeler shared no correspondence was received.

**Comments from the Public**

The following individuals presented a public comment: Jeff Kessner, Terri Geiersbach, Nancy Colflesh, and Gina Henry.

VI. **BOARD REPORTS**

1. **Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting**

Finance/Facilities Committee Chairperson Korine Wawrzynski reported the committee met on February 8, 2024, to receive an update from Murphy Principal Kevin Hatch on after-school clubs and family events. Director of Finance Jensen shared the final bids and designs for the new playground equipment for the elementary buildings and updated the committee on the High School Pool Dectron Unit installation timeline. Director of Finance Jensen also shared information regarding the State of Michigan Student Loan Payment Program and updated the committee on the status of new grants awarded to the district this school year.

2. **Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting**

Policy/Personnel Committee Member Amy Clark indicated the committee met on February 6, 2024, to receive an update from Murphy Principal Kevin Hatch on clubs and events happening in his building. Director of Finance Jensen shared bids and designs for the elementary playground equipment that will be installed in July 2024, and Associate Superintendent Lindbert discussed the 3-year retention trend

at Haslett Public Schools. She also shared information regarding the National Board Certification for teachers and discussed the process districts must go through to comply with the Civil Rights Data Collection report. Mr. Jeff Kessner shared information with the board on the Wildside Rehabilitation and Education Center in Eaton Rapids.

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

Superintendent Cook reported the next Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2024.

4. **Items from Board Members**

A. Secretary Wheeler shared correspondence was received from Sarah Rolfs (High School English Teacher) regarding letters for change the board will receive from her students. A letter was also received from Lucia Weise regarding 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trips and the costs.

B. Treasurer Wawrzynski thanked the district for supporting CBA classes for board members and shared the classes she has taken have been highly informative.

VII. **ACTION ITEM**

1. **2023-24 MASB Board of Directors Election**

One seat is up for election on the Region 7 Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of School Boards. This seat is for a three-year term.

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED CLARK TO CAST A BALLOT IN SUPPORT OF JACK TEMSEY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REGION 7 OF THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS.

**Motion Carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0**

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY WHEELER, SECONDED BY WAWRZYNSKI TO APPROVE:

1. THE JANUARY 22, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE JANUARY 22, 2024, CLOSED SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE FEBRUARY 6, 2024, POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE FEBRUARY 8, 2024, FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
5. THE REQUEST OF HASLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL TO TAKE OUR GRADE 8 STUDENTS ON AN OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP TO CEDAR POINT IN OHIO ON MAY 31, 2024.
6. THE EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS FOR FINN POTTS, YOSHIA RICHARDSON, AND NICK SCHLUETER TO GRADUATE AT THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR, PENDING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

**Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0**

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on February 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

2. A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2024, at 8:00 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
3. A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024, at 7:45 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
4. 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 POLVERENTO, SECONDED BY CLARK TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 PM.

**Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0**

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)