



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 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/Bennett/Birchman/Butikofer/Dobson/Hessinger/Lerch/North/Oviedo/Proctor

Guests: K. Church/T. Geiersbach/A. Gill/M. Gill/P. Gill/A. Hessinger/J. Kessner/A. Larsen/K. Larsen/P. McPhee

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Award Winners

Every year, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan invites all Greater Lansing area 6th – 8th and 9th – 11th graders to participate in celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by entering an essay writing contest. Superintendent Cook congratulated Mr. Newcombe (Haslett Middle School Teacher) and two of his students who won in the 6th – 8th grade category. The winners were:

Aikem Gill – 8th Grade – 1st Place

Abyan Cooley – 8th Grade – 3rd Place

These students and their families were honored at the “Day of Celebration” held at the Lansing Center on Monday, January 15, 2024. Aikem Gill read her 1st place poem and was congratulated by board members.

2. Out-of-State Field Trip Request – 8th Grade Cedar Point Trip

An out-of-state field trip request was received from Haslett Middle School to take our 8th grade students to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, on Friday, May 31, 2024. This request will be on the Consent Agenda for the February 12, 2024, board meeting.

3. Staff Retirements

Superintendent Cook is in receipt of the following staff retirements:

A. Connie Daiss (Administration Building Administrative Assistant) has submitted her retirement resignation, effective June 30, 2024. She has served the district for 7 years. Connie was wished well in her retirement and thanked for her years of service to the district.

B. Timothy Grove (Ralya Custodian) has submitted his retirement resignation, effective July 5, 2024. He has served the district for 28.5 years. Tim was wished well in his retirement and thanked for his years of service to the district.

C. Michelle Gustafson (Administration Building Administrative Assistant) has submitted her retirement resignation, effective July 31, 2024. She has served the district for 33 years. Michelle was wished well in her retirement and thanked for her years of service to the district.

- D. Elizabeth Napolitano (Ralya Art Teacher) has submitted her retirement resignation, effective June 30, 2024. She has served the district for 29 years. Liz was wished well in her retirement and thanked for her years of service to the district.
- E. Philip Rutkowski (Middle School Physical Education Teacher) has submitted his retirement resignation, effective June 6, 2024. He has served the district for 25 years. Phil was wished well in his retirement and thanked for his years of service to the district.
- F. Melinda Townsend (Middle School Food Service Worker) has submitted her retirement resignation, effective June 6, 2024. She has served the district for 31 years. Melinda was wished well in her retirement and thanked for her years of service to the district.

4. **Student Board of Education Representative**

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

IV. **STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE**

Kate Church, a Haslett High School Sophomore and member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, reported on school activities and events happening throughout the district. Trustee Clark asked Kate about volunteering at the elementary schools and how the school clubs interact with students. Board members thanked Kate for participating in the Board of Education meeting.

V. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Ralya Student Leadership Team Update**

With the leadership of Katie Bennett and Emily Proctor (Ralya Teachers), Erin North (Ralya Principal), and Sonia Lerch (Ralya Administrative Assistant), students from the Ralya Student Leadership Team (Aubree Hessinger and Audrey Larsen) presented an update for the Haslett Board of Education on projects they have been working on recently at Ralya Elementary School. The students reported on "Smencil" sales, the Santa First Responder Parade, and various school activities.

Board members asked the students questions about "Smencil" flavors and sales, along with their favorite Ralya Leadership Team experience. President Bird thanked the students and their teachers for presenting.

2. **Basharat Arts Foundation Gallery Program**

Erin North (Ralya Principal) shared a presentation on the Besharat Arts Foundation Gallery (Faces of Innocence) collection of art that is displayed around the district. The goal of the Besharat Arts Foundation is to nurture sympathy and empathy among children of all ages. There are 23 pieces of art displayed at a time and are rotated mid-year. Pictures are displayed by country, and maps and infographics about each country are posted with each collection.

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

Board Correspondence

Secretary Wheeler shared she received correspondence from Adam Stacey regarding community access to the High School pool.

Comments from the Public

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

VII. BOARD REPORTS

1. Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting

Finance/Facilities Committee Chairperson Korine Wawrzynski reported the committee met on January 16, 2024, to receive an update from Middle School Principal Dobson on new clubs and after-school activities at the middle school. Mrs. Dobson also reported Aikem Gill (8th grade student) received 1st place for her poem and Abyan Cooley (8th grade student) received 3rd place for her essay. Aikem's poem and Abyan's essay were entered into the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan essay contest. The committee also received updates on the mid-year progress made on the 2023-24 Administrative Goals, the Ingham Intermediate School District funding formulas, the results from the Revenue Consensus meeting, and the timeline for the budget process.

2. Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

Policy/Personnel Committee Chairperson Collins indicated the committee met on January 16, 2024, to also discuss the new clubs and after-school activities at Haslett Middle School and to receive an update on the mid-year progress of the 2023-24 Administrative Goals. In addition, the committee discussed WIDA testing, received an update on the Sex Education Committee that held their first meeting of the year in January, and discussed information from Associate Superintendent Lindbert regarding Child Study Teams and the referral process. Trustee Clark posed a question regarding scheduling gym time for sports teams.

3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Superintendent Cook reported the next Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2024.

4. Items from Board Members

- A. President Bird shared the Haslett Robotics Team hosted a VRC tournament on January 20, 2024, at Haslett High School and congratulated the team on their accomplishments.
- B. Trustee Polverento recognized the Varsity Swim and Dive Team and Choral Solo and Ensemble participants on their achievements. She thanked the coaches, teachers, and parents for their support.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO APPROVE:

- 1. THE JANUARY 8, 2024, ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
- 2. THE JANUARY 16, 2024, POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
- 3. THE JANUARY 16, 2024, FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
- 4. THE RECOMMENDED PROPOSED NEW AND REVISED BOARD POLICIES, AS PRESENTED.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2024, at 7:45 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
- 2. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on February 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.
- 3. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on February 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

X. CLOSED SESSION (NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE)

MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:59 PM, PER THE REQUEST OF SUPERINTENDENT COOK, TO DISCUSS UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, MCL 15.268, SECTION 8(c).

Roll Call: Yes: Bird/Clark/Collins/Polverento/Stoliker/Wawrzynski/Wheeler
No: None

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:37 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY WAWRZYNSKI TO ADJOURN AT 8:38 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)