



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023  
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840  
7:00 PM  
517-339-8242

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

Absent with Notice: Polverento

Staff: Cook/Lindbert/Jensen/Gustafson/K. Bennett/S. Brunnschweiler/V. Butikofer/J. Garmon/K. Hessinger  
S. Humanchuk/S. Lerch/E. Proctor

Guests: D. Brunnschweiler/A. Garmon/B. Garmon/T. Geiersbach/A. Hessinger/G. Jorgenson-Hauke/J. Kessner  
P. McPhee/B. Misaras/B. Misaras/H. Misaras

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**1. Fall Musical - *Cinderella***

Tickets are available for the Fall Musical – *Cinderella*. Performance times are:

Thursday, November 16 (7 PM – Staff Night)

Friday, November 17 (7:30 PM – Opening Night)

Saturday, November 18 (2 PM and 7:30 PM)

Tickets are \$12 for evening shows and \$10 for matinee shows, and all performances will be held at the Performing Arts Center.

**2. Weather-Related School Closings**

Information is available on the district website and mobile app regarding how the district makes the decision to close school and how parents and guardians are notified when there is a weather-related school closing. Parents always have the right to keep their child home if they believe conditions are not safe.

**3. Fall Sports Accolades**

Superintendent Cook congratulated the Football Team as District Champions; the Girls Swim and Dive Team as CAAC Red Champions, with Alicia Viaches winning regionals and qualifying for state competition; the Girls Golf Team who had two state qualifiers (Mina Yoo and Molly Fortier); and the Cross Country Team who had three state qualifiers (Dora Henry, Dylan Lydic, and Nate Carmody).

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Ralya Student Leadership Team**

Members of the Ralya Student Leadership Team (Diego Brunnschweiler, Alexandra Garmon, Aubree Hessinger, Gus Jorgenson-Hauke, and Blake Misaras), along with Katie Bennett and Emily Proctor (Ralya Elementary Teachers) presented to the board on projects they have been working on recently at Ralya Elementary School.

The Ralya Student Leadership Team members visit classrooms at least twice a month to share information and gather student ideas and “shout outs” to report at school-wide Monday morning meetings. The Leadership Team has also participated in school activities, including supporting second grade students at the Scholastic Book Fair, introducing and organizing the Can and Coin Drive, and introducing monthly “be nice.” activities.

2. **Ralya Loves Local – Community Partnerships**

Team members from Ralya Elementary School (Erin North, Katina Hessinger, Stephanie Humanchuk, Valerie Butikofer, Katie Bennett, Emily Proctor, and Sonia Lerch) shared the Ralya Loves Local partnership between the school and the community.

Ralya Loves Local is a team committed to a 4-pronged approach to connecting students to their community through community outreach, family connection events, local field trips, and community give back. Ralya staff has reached out to various neighborhoods for family literacy nights, and Ralya’s Care Closet is available for students who may need items such as snacks, coats, snowpants, and school supplies. Students have also enjoyed local field trips, and family connection events have been scheduled throughout the school year.

The Ralya Loves Local Team has been “giving back” by helping the Haslett Beautification Association with flower beds and organizing the First Responder’s Can and Coin Drive for Sparrow pediatric cancer patients.

Vice President Bird thanked the staff and students for their extra effort and giving of their free time to create this culture of giving.

3. **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion District Update**

DEI Coordinator Stephanie Livingston shared what Building Equity Teams are working on this school year and district progress on the Equity Plan. She discussed the goals of the District DEI Leadership Team’s subcommittees as well: Responding to Incidents of Bias, Hiring and Retention, and Family and Community Engagement. She also shared the results of the district’s first equity audit. The audit included demographic and enrollment information and an analysis of data relating to discipline referrals, assessments, and student perceptions K-12. Data revealed areas for growth for the district in creating a more equitable and inclusive experience for students, in addition to areas of strength. The audit summarized initiatives in progress to close achievement gaps and made recommendations for the future.

Trustee Clark and Treasurer Collins thanked Mrs. Livingston for her hard work in assembling and presenting the DEI information.

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

**Board Correspondence**

Secretary Wheeler shared she received correspondence from Elana Waugh regarding STEAM Night, which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center from 6-7:30 PM.

**Comments from the Public**

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

VI. **BOARD REPORTS**

1. **Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting**

Finance/Facilities Committee Chairman Collins reported the committee met on November 7, 2023, to receive an update from Principal Erin North on Ralya’s Community Outreach Program, along with a DEI Update from District DEI Coordinator Stephanie Livingston. Director of Finance Rick Jensen reported on the progress of the inclusive elementary playground equipment scheduled to be installed during the summer of 2024. Superintendent Cook also updated the committee on the policy for closing school due to inclement weather.

2. **Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting**

Policy/Personnel Committee Chairman Bird reported the committee met on November 8, 2023, to discuss the same topics as the Finance/Facilities Committee, with the addition of Associate Superintendent Lindbert reporting on K-12 Department meetings that were held for English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science in October 2023.

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

Superintendent Cook reported he met with the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee on November 9, 2023. At the second board meeting of each month, a student from the Superintendent's Advisory Committee serves as the board student representative to report on school events.

4. **Items from Board Members**

A. Treasurer Collins shared she attended the MASB conference at the Lansing Center last week as the school board voting delegate. Over 530 different school boards were represented at this conference. Mrs. Collins also attended three professional learning workshops (Board Member and School Leader Guide to MI School Data, Four Keys to Improving Educator Retention and Building Healthier Staff Cultures, and Working as a Governance Team to Support Superintendents). She encouraged fellow board members to consider attending the MASB conference in the future.

B. Trustee Wawrzynski thanked the board for supporting her attendance at the MASB Conference. She also attended the MI School Data workshop and attended a session on the Future of Learning Responsible AI, Creating Your Master Planning Roadmap, and the CBA 101 Workshop for new school board members.

C. Trustee Clark also thanked the board for supporting her attendance at the MASB conference. She attended the workshops on Public Speaking and Sharing Public Opinion and noted it was wonderful to meet with other school board members. Trustee Clark shared she and Trustee Stoliker attended the Ingham Schools Officers Association Meeting on November 1, 2023, and toured the Wilson Talent Center. She also noted the Murphy Family Literacy Night is scheduled for November 14, 2023, from 5:30-7:30 PM.

D. Trustee Stoliker reported he was proud to attend the Wilson Talent Center tour. He also reported he watched the literacy movie and found it very educational.

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY STOLIKER, SECONDED BY WAWRZYNSKI TO APPROVE:

1. THE OCTOBER 23, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE OCTOBER 23, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE CLOSED SESSION BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE NOVEMBER 8, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
5. THE REQUEST OF RACHEL WAWRO (HIGH SCHOOL WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER) TO TAKE OUR SPANISH STUDENTS ON AN OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD TRIP TO PERU.

**Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0**

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A Special Board of Education Meeting has been scheduled for November 20, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.
2. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on November 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.
3. A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023, at 7:45 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
4. A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2023, at 8:00 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY STOLIKER, SECONDED BY COLLINS TO ADJOURN AT 8:14 PM.

**Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0**

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

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

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)