



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
7:00 PM
517-339-8242

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

Staff: Cook/Lindbert/Jensen/Gustafson/Wawro

Guests: T. Comstock, T. Goldberg, J. Kessner, N. Mahn, P. McPhee, R. Pacis, R. Pacis, X. Pacis, S. Pawar

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Successful Homecoming Events

Superintendent Cook saluted our High School staff, students, and volunteers for a successful Homecoming, despite the weather. A special thank you to Diane Littleton and her crew (Mike Sass, Rosalea Mann, Kathy Burns, Ali Djoko, Alex Smith, Rachel Wawro, and Tia Dabler) for making the parade happen, the Haslett Marching Band for their performance, and the Foundation for Haslett Schools for arranging the food trucks and special activities.

2. Fall Musical – Cinderella

Tickets will be available on October 25, 2023, 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

3. Student Board of Education Representative

Superintendent Cook welcomed Xavier Pacis to tonight's board meeting. Xavier is a sophomore at Haslett High School and a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee.

4. Other Comments

Superintendent Cook congratulated the Varsity Football Team on qualifying for the MHSAA playoffs. Haslett's playoff game is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2023, against Adrian High School. Per MHSAA rules, all attendees will need a ticket for entry into the game. Tickets are \$7 and available online only. No passes will be accepted, and senior citizens will be required to pay full admission.

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 attending and his parents for supporting his participation in the meeting.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Out-of-Country Field Trip – High School Spanish Students to Peru

Rachel Wawro (High School World Language Teacher) attended the meeting requesting to take a group of Haslett High School students to Peru in the Spring of 2025. The proposed trip is scheduled for March 22 – March 30, 2025 (Spring Break), and would allow students to experience Peruvian culture, visit Machu Picchu and other historical sites, along with practicing their Spanish speaking skills.

Board members posed questions relating to the total trip cost, available payment plans and fundraising opportunities, trip insurance options, attendance of chaperones, and eligible students.

This request will be on the Consent Agenda of the November 13, 2023, board meeting.

2. 2022-23 District Audit Presentation

Mr. Nick West from Maner Costerisan reviewed the 2022-23 District Audit and reported a designation of “unqualified opinion,” which represents a clean audit and is the highest opinion that can be issued from the auditors. Mr. West previously met with the Finance/Facilities Committee on October 4, 2023, to review the findings. The 2022-23 Audit Report can be found on the district website.

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

Board Correspondence

Secretary Wheeler shared she received correspondence from Patty McPhee regarding school area safety concerns and Jeff Kessner regarding public comment.

Comments from the Public

The following individuals presented a public comment: Jeff Kessner and Simar Pawar.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

1. Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting

No report.

2. Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

No report.

3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Superintendent Cook reported the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee selected new Freshmen students, and these two new members will attend their first meeting in November 2023. He also thanked Xavier Pacis for attending tonight’s meeting as a student representative.

4. Items from Board Members

A. Vice President Bird wished the Haslett Varsity Football Team well for their Friday game against Adrian. As he is an Adrian graduate, he requested a close game with no injuries.

B. Trustee Clark reported that purchasing online tickets is very easy for district sporting events.

C. Trustee Wawrzynski congratulated the Haslett Middle School Choir on their fall concert this past week.

D. President Polverento thanked the many parents, students, staff, and community volunteers that help to support district events.

- E. Secretary Wheeler shared she would not be able to attend the Ingham Schools Officers Association Meeting on November 1, 2023 (8-9:30 AM). As this group will be touring the Wilson Talent Center during that meeting, Mrs. Wheeler requested any interested board member let her know if they would like to attend the meeting in her place. Vice President Bird indicated he would be interested in attending.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY STOLIKER, SECONDED BY WAWRZYNSKI TO APPROVE:

- 1. THE OCTOBER 9, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The MASB Annual Leadership Conference is scheduled for November 9 – 12, 2023, at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Please contact Michelle Gustafson if you plan to register for the conference.
- 2. The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on November 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.
- 3. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on November 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

X. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY CLARK SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO MOVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:48 PM, PURSUANT TO SECTION MCL 15.268 (h) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0 (Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays)

MOTION BY COLLINS SECONDED BY WAWRZYNSKI TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:40 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY WHEELER TO ADJOURN AT 8:41 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 7-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)