



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840
7:00 PM
517-339-8242

Present: Bird/Clark/Collins/Wawrzynski/Wheeler

Absent with Notice: Polverento

Staff: Cook/Lindbert/Jensen/Gustafson/Feeney/Ford/Hatch/Schaibly

Guests: L. Arendt/C. Arendt/T. Geiersbach/J. Kessner/P. McPhee/E. Mueller/O. Mueller/R. Schaibly/L. Thomas

Due to the absence of President Polverento, Vice President Bird served as the Acting President for this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. **Successful Start of the New School Year**

Superintendent Cook thanked the teaching, support, and technology staff for their roles in ensuring a successful start to the 2023-24 school year for Haslett students on August 23, 2023.

2. **Dinner for New Teachers – September 25, 2023**

The Board will host a special “Welcome Dinner” on Monday, September 25, 2023, for all new teachers. Dinner will be served in the Middle School Library/Media Center from 5-5:30 PM, with a presentation beginning at 5:30 PM.

3. **Celebrating our American Constitution**

Superintendent Cook recommended the Haslett Board of Education approve the proclamation commemorating the 236th Anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America. Public Law 915 guarantees the issuance of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States designating September 17 – September 23, 2023, as Constitution Week.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Out-of-State Field Trip Request – Choir Students to New York City, New York**

Mr. Matthew Callaghan and Mrs. Samara Valla (Choir Directors) presented an out-of-state field trip request for the High School Choirs to travel to New York City, New York. The choir would leave on May 2, 2024, and return on May 5, 2024. This field trip will be available to all juniors and seniors participating in the choir program. Fundraising opportunities will be offered, and the Choir Boosters will continue to offer scholarships and fund an additional portion of each student's trip total. The board asked questions relating to the number of students who typically attend the trip, the meals that are offered as part of the trip cost, and the availability of a needs-based scholarship program. A parent meeting to discuss trip details is scheduled to be held in the Choir Room on September 18, 2023, at 7 PM.

Mrs. Valla also shared the High School musical this year will be *Cinderella*.

2. **Murphy Elementary School Student Council**

Murphy Principal Kevin Hatch, Student Council Advisors Kelli Ford and Mrs. Christina Feeney, and students from the Murphy Student Council presented a recap of the Murphy Student Council's 2022-23 year. The Murphy Student Council is made up of two students from each classroom (8 students from

each grade level, and 32 students total across the building). The students work throughout the year to promote collaboration between student members in different classes and grade levels, empower students to help make Murphy an A+ school, and inspire students to help give back to the local community. The Murphy Student Council has helped to support the Haslett Community Church's Food Drive/Holiday Basket Program, the Coins and Card Drive for the Meridian Township Police and Fire Department, the Food Drive for the Ronald McDonald House, and Murphy students with "Popcorn Fridays."

Board members thanked Principal Hatch, the teachers, and parents for engaging and motivating the Murphy Student Council students. Principal Hatch shared he is very proud of the students and teachers involved in the program.

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: J. Kessner and T. Geiersbach.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

1. **Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting**

Policy/Personnel Committee Chairperson Bird reported the committee met on September 7, 2023. Director of Student Services Newman discussed the MiPSE program that will be used county wide for IEP and 504 plans and reviewed the Crisis Team Intervention Prevention Training that has been provided to district staff. Associate Superintendent Lindbert discussed the Next Generation Science Curriculum the district will be adopting for the 2024-25 school year, along with reviewing the Consolidated Grant components and 2022-23 M-STEP scores. The committee also received an update on current enrollment numbers.

2. **Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting**

Finance/Facilities Committee Chairperson Collins reported the committee met on September 5, 2023, to discuss a similar agenda as the Policy/Personnel Committee. Director of Student Services Newman attended the meeting to discuss the MiPSE training, along with the Crisis Intervention Prevention training provided to district staff. Associate Superintendent Lindbert reviewed the Consolidated Grant and M-STEP data, comparing districts within our county.

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

Superintendent Cook reported he, Associate Superintendent Lindbert, and DEI Coordinator Livingston met with DEI coaches on September 7, 2023. The Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee will be meeting on September 14, 2023. It is the hope one of these committee members will also serve as the Student Representative for the Board of Education meetings. Superintendent Cook shared they identified individuals from the new Freshman class to serve on the committee.

Superintendent Cook reported the first district-wide DEI meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023. Future dates will be posted on the district website.

The board thanked DEI Coordinator Livingston and all of the DEI coaches for their hard work.

4. **Items from Board Members**

A. Acting President Bird thanked the teachers, district staff, and students for a successful start to the 2023-24 school year.

VII. ACTION ITEM

1. The MASB Annual Leadership Conference will be held on November 9 – 12, 2023, at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Boards of Education are asked to designate a voting delegate(s) and alternate(s).

Delegates will decide MASB's position on a wide variety of issues affecting education, including MASB's position on proposed legislation and issues being considered by the State Board of Education. The Delegate Assembly will begin on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7 PM.

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED BY CLARK TO APPOINT MRS. TRACY COLLINS TO SERVE AS A VOTING DELEGATE TO REPRESENT THE HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE MASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023, AT 7 PM AT THE LANSING CENTER IN LANSING, MICHIGAN.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0

MOTION BY WHEELER, SECONDED BY COLLINS TO APPOINT MRS. KORINE WAWRZYNSKI TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE AT THE MASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEETING.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY WAWRZYNSKI TO APPROVE:

1. THE AUGUST 28, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2023, MINUTES FROM THE POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE PROCLAMATION INDICATING THE DISTRICT WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2023, AS CONSTITUTION WEEK.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A "Welcome Dinner" will be hosted by the Haslett Board of Education for new teachers on September 25, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the Haslett Middle School Library/Media Center.
2. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on September 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building.
3. A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting has been scheduled for October 3, 2023, at 7:45 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
4. A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting has been scheduled for October 4, 2023, at 8:00 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
5. 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY WAWRZYNSKI TO ADJOURN AT 7:44 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 5-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)