



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024
7:00 PM

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

Absent with notice: Polverento

Staff: Malley/Lindbert/Jensen/Lerch/Dobson/North/Hatch/Horwath/Harden/Rourke/Freedberg/R. Carpenter/
Cummings

Guests: J. Kessner, P. McPhee, T. Geiersbach, L. Savoie, R. Dietzel, C. Iamarino, R. Pacis, M. Pacis

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Fall Musical - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

Superintendent Malley reported about his visit to the set of the Haslett High School fall musical. He is excited to share that the rehearsals are going well preparing for the upcoming performances on November 22 & 23, 2024. *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is an entirely sung-through reimagining of the story of Joseph, his father, Jacob, eleven brothers and the coat of many colors. This magical musical is full of catchy songs and is fun-filled entertainment for the entire family!

2. Staff Retirement

Superintendent Malley is in receipt of retirement notice for Tamarya Beckner, Bus Driver, effective July 1, 2025. She will have served the district for 13 years at the time of her retirement.

3. Town Hall Meeting

Superintendent Malley reminded everyone of the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 29 from 6-7 PM at the Haslett Administration Building.

4. Board of Education Student Advisory Committee Report

Xavier Pacis, Junior at Haslett High School, reported on a variety of district school activities and events. He shared happenings from each of the schools as well as reporting on discussions and insight of the Student Advisory Committee. The committee recently discussed hot topics and participated in a thought exchange survey. They plan to survey fellow students at Haslett High School to achieve broader feedback on a variety of topics.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Thrun Comprehensive Board Policy Package Presentation (Attachment A)

Christopher Iamarino, Attorney, Robert Dietzel, Attorney, and Lucas Savoie, Board Policy Administrator, with Thrun Law Firm, P.C., presented their comprehensive board policy package and answered questions regarding the package, the timeline for the adoption, services provided, and benefits as well as costs to the district. This item will appear on the agenda as an action item for the November 11, 2025, board meeting.

Vice President Collins shared that the policy and personnel committee is recommending a change to Thrun Law Firm based on the firm's experience with public schools in Michigan and their clear, consistent, and customizable policies tailored to Michigan Law.

2. Out of State Field Trip Request

Randy Carpenter, 7th grade Middle School Science Teacher and High School Science Olympiad Coach, requested for the Science Olympiad students to attend the Northview Invitational in Sylvania, Ohio, on Saturday, December 7, 2024. This would be the student's first time competing against other schools

head-to-head this season and would provide the opportunity to test their skills and push their scientific thinking forward through rigorous competition. Students would depart at 6:00 AM, return at 7:00 PM and will travel by Haslett school bus. Lunch and snacks are provided at no cost to students. The field trip will appear on the consent agenda at the November 11, 2024, board meeting.

3. **Intervention Coach presentation for Elementary and Middle School (Attachments B/C)**

Nicky Freedberg, Jessica Harden, Kelsie Rourke and Maggie Cummings, elementary & middle school teachers/coaches, shared information regarding the intervention program PK-8 and instructional coaching. In addition to student instruction this group works with teachers in their classrooms in order to assist in growth around literacy and other academic areas. They shared their celebrations, accomplishments and also their challenges. The value of this program is recognized and appreciated by fellow teachers.

Vice President Collins shared appreciation of their efforts and that she understands the importance of the coaching aspect. Trustee Clark inquired about the inclusion of the high school and the differentiated reading block used also for high achieving students. Trustee Wawrzynski inquired about the coaching aspect of their position and President Bird thanked them for their efforts and also their administrators for supporting their staff.

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, T. Geiersbach

VI. **BOARD REPORTS**

1. Trustee Wawrzynski reported that she attended the MASB leadership conference and one of the sessions involved an informal conversation regarding healthy sleep and later school start times for high school students. Focus is being put on older students requiring more sleep and how starting school later would benefit them. Okemos Public Schools is driving this effort and has invited others to their upcoming informational meetings on November 19, from 7-8 PM at Kinawa Auditorium (open to the public) and January 23, from 5-7 PM (for School Board Trustees, Superintendents, and Athletic Directors).
2. Vice President Collins attended the MASB leadership conference on Thursday as the voting delegate. Resolutions can be found at the MASB site.
3. President Bird shared his appreciation for quick response to the happenings on Friday both here and off campus. The call from township police came in while he was working with Mr. Malley. Mr. Bird was able to witness the district response process and execution first hand. He mentioned that the first priority was for the safety of our students and that communication made it to families in the quickest time frame possible. He commended Superintendent Malley and the team in their execution. Regarding the football game in Jackson, he thanked the football coaching staff, football team, and students for their handling of a chaotic time.

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO APPROVE:

1. THE OCTOBER 14, 2024, MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0

VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on November 11, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

2. A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2024, at 7:45 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.
3. A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2024, at 8:00 AM in the Haslett Administration Building.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY WHEELER TO ADJOURN AT 9:02 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(S. Lerch, Recorder)