Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

Present: Jeff Black, Karen Loucks, Dr. Diana Maguire, Dr. Mathanakaran, Maggie Nuss, Brandi Porcello, Michele Spring, Tatymn Lindell (Student Board Member)

Absent: Matthew Kahm, Devine Leacock

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk

Others Present: 3 visitors

1) Call to Order **Call to Order**

2) Pledge to Flag **Pledge**

3) Changes to Agenda-None

4) Public Comment- *The Public Comment section is a time set aside for the community to speak directly to the Board of Education. As per policy 1510, each speaker is given three minutes, with the total allotted time to last no more than 30 minutes. When called, please stand up and state your name and address. Please be respectful in your comments and do not divulge any personal or confidential information. Please demonstrate respect by speaking to the issues, sharing ideas and opinions, but not engaging in personal attacks. Board members, the superintendent and administrators will not answer specific questions or engage in dialogue. The information shared will be carefully considered and the appropriate person will contact you. Rest assured, we are listening carefully, and take seriously what you have to say. The Board appreciates your willingness to share your concerns/celebrations.*

5) Approve Agenda

Motion by Black Second by Loucks **Motion-To Adopt BOE Agenda**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the May 6, 2025, Board of Education Meeting.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations- **Congrats/ Celebrations**

a) We would like to recognize our amazing cafeteria staff for School Lunch Hero Day: Rhonda Herbert, Jenny Zalwsky, Karen DeLong, Sheri Elwell, Deanna Havens, Debbie Oakes, Cheryl See, and Dawn Stoltz.
b) Congrats to Samantha Wight and Jill Prince on their tenure appointment!

c) And this week we are kicking off our Teacher and Staff Appreciation week- 70's theme. A special thank you to all our amazing teachers and staff for their dedication and contributions to our students and staff.
d) This is National Teacher Appreciation Week. We are thankful for the hard work and dedication that our teachers put forth every day. We celebrated with a Taco Bar for Lunch on Cinco de Mayo and Academic Boosters will be hosting a breakfast Friday morning. Thank you to all of our teachers for all that they do for our Gator Community!
e) On April 24-25, the Art Club traveled to Pittsburgh, PA. The trip began with a tour of the historic Frank Lloyd Wright house, Fallingwater, and was followed by free time to explore the Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History. Students (and chaperones) enjoyed dinner and gaming at Dave and Busters before returning to the hotel to swim and, eventually, sleep. The following morning, members took a shaky and slightly disconcerting ride on the Duquesne Incline. Next, the group was treated with free time to explore the wild and wonderful art of Andy Warhol at the Warhol Museum before concluding the journey with time at the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium. Thank you to Art Club advisor, Lynzie Rinamon, for coordinating this opportunity for our students.
f) Congratulations to Mrs. Ayres who is now “Dr. Ayres” for completing her doctoral program at Purdue University. We are so proud to have her here as part of our Gator Family. Congratulations on all of your hard work, Dr. Ayres.
g) All of our 7th and 9th grade students travelled to our region’s annual STEAM fair hosted by Portville Central school. It was a great day for all of our students to interact with representatives from local businesses such as Cutco, Siemens, Napolean Engineering and many more. Thank you to all of the counselors and teachers who made this happen – it was an amazing real-world experience for all of our students.
h) CONGRATULATIONS to our high school Gator artists who took home major awards during the annual Quick Arts Center High School Juried Art Exhibition Opening Reception at St. Bonaventure University. Freshman Bailey Schultz won Best of Show and a $1,000 scholarship to St. Bonaventure for her artwork "Landscape." Also winning Best in Category honors was sophomore June Hilmey in the Photography/Collage/Digital Art category for her photo "Eye," and sophomore Brittany Dunkin in the Drawing/Printmaking category for her pastel drawing "Diamond Eyes."
i) The Allegany-Limestone High School Envirothon teams competed in Cattaraugus County Envirothon on April 30, 2025, at Allegany State Park. The competition was an all-day event in which schools from across Cattaraugus County tested their skills in areas of environmental science such as soils and land use, aquatic ecology, wildlife, forestry, and a current issue presentation. The ALCS teams did not place in the top three but the students gained a great deal of knowledge and had a great time throughout the competition. Thank you to Mr. Waugaman for giving our students the opportunity to participate in this event.

7) Consent Agenda:
Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Spring
To approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion-Approval of Consent Agenda

a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on April 22, 2025.

b) Action Items – Personnel

Substitute Teachers
Katie Furlong
Abbey Gardiner

Substitute Teacher Aide
Katie Furlong

School Volunteers
Janette Keith
Lynzie Bishop
Ann Bushnell
Brandy Tucker

c) Action Items – Business

To accept the Warrant Reports for April 2025:

General Fund	$ 296,513.16
School Lunch Fund	$ 62,028.76
Special Aid Fund	$ 2,443.53
Capital Project	$ 199,449.87

To place on file, the Budget Report thru April 2025.

To accept the Treasurer's Reports and Extraclassroom Activities Reports for April 2025.

Donation of Item
1 book/journal titled Vietnam Reflections 1966-1967 donated to MHS Library from John T. Williams

d) CSE Minutes- April 24, 2025, April 28, 2025 and April 30, 2025

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

8) Discussion-Veteran Tax Exemption **Discussion**

9) Superintendent's Report- **Superintendent's Report**
   a) Testing time at ALCS
   b) MHS-June 11 Geometry exam
   c) Last day of classes for MHS June 16 and then regents start
   d) Teacher Appreciation Week

10) President's Report- **President's Report**

a) Thank you for attending the Meet the Candidate Night-thank you Tatum Lindell for being the moderator-great job!
b) School Budget and Board Vote on May 20 from Noon to 8:00 pm in the MHS Gym

11) Student Board Member Report- **Student BOE Report**

a) Testing time
b) 2nd Annual Boat Race in the pool-Project Lead the Way
c) Gym classes have been moving outdoors with the nicer weather
d) May 22-Arts Festival
e) May 22- Powder Puff Game
f) Prom is May 31-masqurade theme at the Bartlett Country Club

12) Committee Reports-Budget Hearing-May 6 **Committee Reports**

13) Correspondence- **Correspondence**

a) Email from Lynzie Rinamon regarding Art Club Art and Print Sale on May 16 from 5-7 in the MHS Lobby
b) Email from Kim Higley regarding Teacher Retirement Party June 18 at the American Legion-Please RSVP to Kim Higley if you plan to attend
c) 4-8 pm PTO Fundraiser at Chipotle tonight-May 6

14) Action Item – Personnel

a) Motion by Nuss Second by Porcello **Motion-To Accept Resignation**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Kelly Reisman from the position of Art Teacher, effective May 26, 2025.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

b) Motion by Black Second by Loucks **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Chad Carlson, as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Health, effective August 27, 2025, based upon Schedule B, Step 3.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

c) Motion by Black Second by Porcello **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Catherine Stevens,** as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for World Language (Latin/Reading/ESL), effective August 27, 2025 to June 26, 2026, based upon Schedule B, Step 10.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

d) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Black **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Ryan Weseman,** as a full-time Long-Term Substitute Teacher for STEAM, effective May 19, 2025 to June 26, 2025, based upon Schedule B, Step 1.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

e) Motion by Nuss Second by Porcello **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Tinia Ketchner** to the 10-month, part-time probationary position of Food Service Helper, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin August 27, 2025, and end August 27, 2026.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

f) Motion by Black Second by Loucks **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint to **Anne Nolan** to the 12-month, full-time probationary position of Cleaner, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin, May 7, 2025, and end May 7, 2026. (A. Whipple)

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

15) New Business-None

16) Adjournment
Motion by Nuss Second by Black **Motion-To Adjourn**
To adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk
Date: 5/6/25