

# CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 Falcon Drive, Constantine, MI 49042

## Board of Education Organizational & Regular Board Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Constantine High School - Media Center

Notice: Individuals wishing to express comments to the Board of Education will be able to do so during the designated Public Comment time.

I. The Board of Education Regular Meeting was called to order by \_Stamp\_ at \_6:00\_ PM.

### II. Roll Call

Hall - \_✓\_, Moord - \_✓\_, Rodewald - \_✓\_, Gray - \_✓\_, Alger- \_✓\_,

Komins - \_✓\_, Stamp - \_✓\_

Members Present: All Members Present

Members Absent: None

### III. Pledge of Allegiance

### IV. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by \_Hall\_ and seconded by \_Moord\_, that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**\*\*Any Discussion?:**

#### Voice Vote:

*All those in favor signify by saying:*

*Aye - \_7\_, Opposed - \_0\_*

Motion: Passes, 7-0

### V. Raffirm Bylaws

A. Organizational Meeting - 1st regular meeting in Calendar year will be our annual organizational meeting. May have additional organizational meetings as needed, will be setting the 2025/2026 Board meeting schedule after the school calendar is published.

B. Board Officers will be elected annually and must serve as a member on the board - Elected Officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

C. Meeting Requirements

- 1 regular meeting/month (Mondays @ 6pm), 3 work sessions/year, 2 of those meetings per school year will be scheduled in Cass County
2. Special Board Meetings - may be called by Superintendent, President or 2 board members and proper notice given.
3. Designate Superintendent, Communications Specialist/Executive Assistant or designee to post Board Meeting notices under the Open Meetings Act.

D. Procedure for conducting board meetings

1. Consent Agenda for routine items with no discussion. May pull items out of the consent agenda for discussion and vote on them separately as needed.
2. Public Participation at meetings - each person's requesting to speak must state name and address, each person's public comments are limited to 5 minutes.

E. Board committee system & procedures

1. Policy, Facilities, Finance are three committees - Establish committee members:
  - a) Policy - Rodwald, Komins, Gray
  - b) Facilities - Jody, Komins, Stamp

- c) Finance - Moord, Gray, Hall
  - 2. Establish Association Reps:
    - a) St. Joe County School Board Association Representative: Hall
      - (1) St. Joe County School Board Association Alternate Rep: Gray
    - b) MASB Legislative Relations Network Rep: Gray
      - (1) MASB Legislative Relations Network Alternate Rep: Moord
- F. Compensation system for reimbursement
  - 1. Board members will receive \$30 per Board meeting and committee meeting attended
- G. Training/Travel Reimbursement
  - 1. Training - Reminder - MDE may reimburse the district up to \$100 for training intended to enhance board member knowledge.
  - 2. Travel - \$50 per diem on meals, as long as meal is not included w/ registration, lodging. Private vehicles used to travel for Board duties may be reimbursed at standard IRS rate.
- H. Procedure for filling vacancies on the board
  - 1. Board Member Vacancy
    - a) Publicize vacancy notice on website, social media, word of mouth
    - b) Accept letters of interest to Superintendent and/or Board President (then forward to board as received).
    - c) Interview applicants in open session (unless applicant requests application to remain confidential then may go into closed session)
  - 2. Utilize MASB Guide

**Motion to reaffirm by laws as reviewed for the calendar year.**

Moved by   Rodewald   and seconded by   Komins  

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Voice Vote:**

*All those in favor signify by saying:*

*Aye -   7  , Opposed -   0*

Motion: Passes, 7-0

**VI. Action Items:**

- A. **At this time, nominations for the office of President of the Constantine School Board will be taken.**

Rodewald nominated MaRinda Stamp to office of President, Komins supported, no other nominations, Stamp accepted

Moved by   Rodewald   and seconded by   Komins   to approve   MaRinda Stamp   as President of the Board of Education.

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Roll Call Vote:**

Komins-   A  , Stamp-   abstain  , Moord-   abstain  , Rodewald-   A  , Gray-   A  , Hall-   A  , Alger-   A  

Motion: Passes, 5-Ayes, 2 abstain

- B. **At this time, nominations for the office of Vice President of the Constantine School Board will be taken.**

Moord nominated Hall to office of Vice President, Stamp supported, no other nominations, Hall accepted

Moved by \_Rodewald\_ and seconded by \_Moord\_ to approve \_Amy Hall\_ as Vice President of the Board of Education.

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alger- \_A\_, Moord- \_A\_, Rodewald- \_A\_, Stamp- \_A\_, Hall- \_abstain\_, Gray- \_A\_, Komins- \_abstain\_

Motion: Passes, 5-Ayes, 2-abstain

**C. At this time, nominations for the office of Secretary of the Constantine School Board will be taken.**

Moord nominated Wendy Rodewald to office of Secretary, Hall supported, no other nominations, Rodewald accepted

Moved by \_Alger\_ and seconded by \_Hall\_ to approve \_Wendy Rodewald\_ as Secretary of the Board of Education.

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Roll Call Vote:**

Hall- \_A\_, Alger- \_A\_, Gray- \_A\_, Moord- \_A\_, Stamp- \_A\_, Komins- \_A\_, Rodewald- \_abstain\_

Motion: Passes, 6-ayes, 1 abstain

**D. At this time, nominations for the office of Treasurer of the Constantine School Board will be taken.**

Gray nominated Moord for office of Treasurer, Alger supported, no other nominations, Moord accepted

Moved by \_Gray\_ and seconded by \_Hall\_ to approve \_Cheryl Moord\_ as Treasurer of the Board of Education.

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Roll Call Vote:**

Moord- \_abstain\_, Gray- \_A\_, Rodewald- \_A\_, Hall- \_A\_, Alger- \_A\_, Komins- \_A\_, Stamp- \_abstain\_

Motion: Passes, 5-ayes, 2-abstain

**E. Motion to approve the Superintendent and Business Manager to invest school funds and designate the Business Manager as the Electronic Transfer Officer.**

Moved by \_Moord\_ and seconded by \_Hall\_

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rodewald- \_A\_, Hall- \_A\_, Stamp- \_A\_, Komins- \_A\_, Gray- \_A\_, Alger- \_A\_, Moord- \_A\_

Motion: Passes, 7-0

**F. Motion to approve retainer contracts with: Attorney - Thrun Law Firm, P.C., Accounting Firm - Gabridge & Company.**

Moved by \_Rodewald\_ and seconded by \_Komins\_

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Roll Call Vote:**

Stamp- \_A\_, Rodewald- \_A\_, Hall- \_A\_, Komins- \_A\_, Moord- \_A\_, Gray- \_A\_, Alger- \_A\_

Motion: Passes, 7-0

**G. Motion to designate Bank of America, Southern Michigan Bank & Trust and MILAF as depositories for school funds.**

Moved by Moord and seconded by Gray

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alger- A, Rodewald- A, Komins- A, Moord- A, Stamp- A, Gray- A,  
Hall- A

Motion: Passes, 7-0

**VII. Presentations:**

A. Technology - Brent Smith

1. E-Rate presentation - pays for infrastructure filtering, currently using LineWize and Palo Alto

B. Middle School - Mr. Vincent Church

1. New Special Ed Teacher started after break, Standards for Success update, Semester 1 Honor Roll - 46% of all CMS students made Honor Roll, 3rd annual Staff vs. Student Basketball game before break, Annual Career day in March, Annual fundraiser update, completed winter NWEA testing, Panorama Wellness Surveys will begin January, Curriculum Mapping update, School Improvement team meeting in January

C. High School - Mr. Darrin VandenBerg

1. Total # of absences have decreased by 28%, failures by 16%, suspensions up 41%, no paper reports card sent home will be available in PowerSchool, working on info to share with parents on how to access, Friday morning focus update (AI in classroom, SIOP, Curriculum mapping, setting up gradebook in Schoology & PowerSchool), weighing options for Wood Shop space - working with CTE for possible program partnership, all new furniture has been delivered.

**VIII. Superintendent Report:**

- A. January is School Board Recognition month. Thank you extended to the Board.
- B. Winter Newsletter went digital before break
- C. Title IX Policy vacated by federal court. Will work with Thrun for latest updates
- D. PowerSchool Cyber Security update
- E. Met with CTE director, Jim Berry, on possible programs for Woodshop Space. Continuing to look at options.
- F. Bus trips - looking into updating process/policy
- G. Roof - Contract signed - work to begin in June and be completed before school resumes in August
- H. Staffing Updates - in process of reviewing applicants for Boys Soccer HC, Boys Varsity Track HC, and EL teacher.

**IX. Discussion Items:**

- A. MASB Diamond Giveback - Giveback funds will be utilized towards contract negotiations

**X. Action Items:**

- A. Motion to approve meeting minutes from:
  - 12.9.24 Regular Board Meeting
  - 12.9.24 Closed Session

Moved by Komins and seconded by Moord

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Voice Vote:**

*All those in favor signify by saying:*

*Aye - \_7\_, Opposed - \_0\_*

Motion: Passes, 7-0

- B. Motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$323,283.39.

Moved by \_Hall\_ seconded by \_Moord\_

**“Any Discussion?”**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Komins- \_A\_, Stamp- \_A\_, Moord- \_A\_, Rodewald- \_A\_, Gray- \_A\_, Hall- \_A\_,  
Alger- \_A\_

Motion: Passes, 7-0

- C. Motion to approve JV Boys Basketball Coach, Shawn Griffith.

Moved by \_Rodewald\_ and seconded by \_Alger\_

**“Any Discussion?”**

**Voice Vote:**

*All those in favor signify by saying:*

*Aye - \_7\_, Opposed - \_0\_*

Motion: Passes, 7-0

- XI. **Audience with Individuals and Public Comment Time:**

None

- XII. **Comments from Board Members:**

Moord - Thank you to Board, appreciation to Pat, MaRinda, all of you

Komins - Appreciation to Board

Stamp - appreciation to all of you guys

- XIII. **Adjournment**

Moved by \_Komins\_ and seconded by \_Hall\_, to approve adjourning the meeting at \_7:21\_  
PM.

**Voice Vote:**

*All those in favor signify by saying:*

*Aye - \_7\_, Opposed - \_0\_*

Motion: Passes, 7-0

*Meeting Adjourned*

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Wendy Rodewald  
Board of Education Secretary