

# CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 Falcon Drive, Constantine, MI 49042

## Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024 @ 6:00 PM - 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: 7

Members Absent: 1

### III. Pledge of Allegiance

### IV. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Hall and seconded by Alger, that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2024, be adopted as presented.

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

#### Voice Vote:

*All those in favor signify by saying:*

Aye - 7, Opposed - 0

Motion: Passes

### V. Superintendent Report

- A. Celebrations: Homecoming week is next week, Communication Survey complete with informative results, Everyone worked well to address the heat days - Donation of Fans from Hawk Enterprises of Elkhart, Inc. to Eastside, Community Engagement Committee - met 9.12.24 & reviewed district communication survey results, discussed strategies on informing community about the upcoming operating millage. Met with Mike Styles at WBET - goal is to have "Falcon Focus" on air two times per month, Hall of Fame is 9.21.24
- B. Staffing: hired 3 new bus drivers (2 need trained, 1 trained), new SRO - Officer Matt Stark, extensive background in K9s - recently was given a dog to work in schools, there is potential for that in the future for us
- C. General updates:
  1. Standards Based Learning Night - 9.23.24.
  2. Roofing update - Have had contractors gather information on roofs as the scope of the bid is being put together. 9.9.24 - Breen met with ABM and received a breakdown of cost from ABM on 30 yr Garland roof (included savings similar to what was presented in the past). Breakdown included both CHS & CMS roofs completed at same time and separately. ABM is also working on another proposal with other roofing options that could potentially bring costs down. ABM would like to propose when ready. Breen recommends facilities meeting soon to discuss overall approach on roof type, warranty and scope of work.

3. Internal Newsletter this year, first one will go out very soon, Constantine Tech is now a Title 1 school, ES & RS will receive Mulch replenishment next week, Admin met last week - preliminary discussion on strategies to improve Community perception of CPS and address enrollment needs.

**VI. Presentations:**

A. Middle School - Vincent Church

1. SFS, Constitution Day (9.17.24), Falcon Weekly, Mackinac Trip will be 5.19.25-5.21.25, NWEA Testing - completed, Panorama Wellness Survey completed, Student Assistance Team (SAT), Picture day - 9.20.24
2. Crisis Prevention Training - MS staff went through verbal training on 9.13.24, CPI team will go through full training on 9.25.24.
3. Standard Based Learning - Informational Meeting for Parents on 9.23.24 @ 5pm at CHS LGI
4. School improvement Team - 1st meeting on 9.25.24
  - a) MS Academic Goal is to improve reading (as of now)
5. Core Value Lessons - daily in homerooms

B. High School - Darrin Vandenberg

1. Standard Based Learning - partnering with CMS on Parent information night 9.23.24. Reports card goin thru update to align
2. Mental Health - Panorama Wellness given today (9.16.24). Mental Health Specialist spent summer getting certified in movement therapy - yoga and breathing based.
3. Modified Open Campus - 127 meet criteria to participate. Area to target is absenteeism. LY averaged 1.03 absences/student. TY so far at .72 absences/student
4. Homecoming next week - 9.23-9.27, NWEA testing completed last week, Parent Teacher Conferences - 10.9.24. PSAT/NMSQT recognition, EMC co-hort recognition (one of the larger groups CHS has had), Friday Morning training - mental health, SIOP, Narcon.
5. Classroom - Mr. Baker's digital media class is working on making videos that model handbook expectations. Also, looking at bringing to light fundraisers and other activities

**VII. Discussion Items:**

A. Personnel Committee - Committee update

Recommended dissolving Personnel Committee

- Do not meet routinely
- Sole Employee is Superintendent
- If there is a need in the future, can reassemble
- No objections to recommendation

**VIII. Action Items:**

- A. Moved by \_Alger\_ and seconded by \_Komins\_, to approve minutes from August 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

***“Any Discussion?”***

**Voice Vote:**

*All those in favor signify by saying:*

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

Motion: Passes

- B. Moved by \_Rodewald\_ and seconded by \_Gray\_, to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$481,058.81.

***“Any Discussion?”***

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion: Passes

- C. Moved by \_Rodewald\_ and seconded by \_Gray\_, to approve the building handbooks as presented.

***“Any Discussion?”***

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion: Passes

- D. Moved by \_Hall\_ and seconded by \_Moord\_, to approve Acting Superintendent Contract as presented.

***“Any Discussion?”***

*Gray - Question/Concern with possible need for temporary/interim Assistant Superintendent.*

*Stamp - Redirected for questions pertaining to the contract presented*

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ayes: 6      Nays: 0      Abstain: 1

Motion: Passes

**IX. Audience with Individuals and Public Comment Time:**

A. Shirley Metzger

1. High School phones - called twice with no answer, able to leave a message for call back. Phone system has to have options, if emergency how is anyone supposed to get into contact with someone at the school.
2. Cannon at football game - thought to impact to individuals in crowd - Witnessed two infants with hands over their ears, there are autistic individuals with sensitivity to loud noises, veterans with trauma in attendance. Ask for your consideration for all.
  - a) Shared in the past - periodically a bell would ring for touchdowns, with cannon at end of the game.

**X. Comments from Board Members:**

- A. Alger - Thank you to Hawk Enterprises
- B. Moord - Thank you Pat & Syntia communication, organization
- C. Stamp - Thank you Shirley for coming
- D. Komins - Thank you Pat for updates/communication

**XI. Adjournment**

Moved by \_Hall\_ and seconded by \_Moord\_, to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:08 PM.

**Voice Vote:**

*All those in favor signify by saying:*

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

Motion: Passes

*Meeting Adjourned*

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Wendy Rodewald  
Board of Education Secretary