

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 Falcon Drive, Constantine, MI 49042

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2022, @ 6 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 Salisbury at 6:01 PM.

- II. Roll Call**
Metzger-Absent, Moord-Present, Stamp-Present, Rodewald-Present, Gray-Present, Salisbury-Present
Present: 5 Absent: 1

- III. Pledge of Allegiance & Comments from Board President**

- IV. Adoption of Agenda**
Moved by Stamp and seconded by Moord, that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting November 14, 2022, be adopted as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Absent, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald -Aye, Gray - Aye, Salisbury - Aye
Motion: Carried 5 Aye 1 Absent

- V. Food Service Report**
Presented by Diane Northrup, Chartwell Food Service Director
Middle School receiving line remodel is complete, within the next month or so, 15 new tables will be delivered for the middle school cafeteria. Chartwell has catered several events since the start of the school year, Hall of Fame, P/T conferences, and the Veterans Day Breakfast. She has an outstanding staff. Activities in the different buildings have included; apple crunch day, iced coffee tasting and a Student Choice Day in the high school on election day, with Bok Choy Chinese beat out Macaroni and Cheese. The focus of this year is having more fun with the students at all levels. She will be asking folks to take a turn on the Smoothie Bike as that will be one of the next fun activities. This is the second year for the free dinner for all students, this program is going very well and has allowed her employees to become full time employees and it has helped with turnover. Constantine Chartwell received the Regional Account of the Year which places them in the top 7 in the US, she is very appreciative of everyone.

VI. Principal Reports

A. Middle School presented by Vinnie Church

Chromebook distribution went very well. All teachers have completed their self-assessments, goals, and second milestones. The middle school is continuing to work on their Academic Goals. Social/Emotional Health, Mrs. Sorensen is teaching the WHY TRY program once a week at the 6th grade level.

Parent/Teacher conferences were held Oct. 19th and 20th, between the two days 541 parent teacher conferences were held. Picture Day with LifeTouch was held Sept. 23rd with fall retakes on Nov. 11th. Honor Roll numbers were reported. Week 10 Core Value Lesson is Confidence (Manners/politeness).

B. High School presented by Darrin Vandenberg

Friday morning work has been going well, some of the items the high school staff has been working on are; EL accommodations, website development, prevention strategies, special education, SAT teams, Standards based grading. Curriculum and Guidance; CTE Welding is working on purchasing mobile ventilation units and approximately 7 new booths, Culinary had it's first ever Advisory Committee meeting, a grant was received for Geometry and Independent Woods students to build a putt putt portable golf course, ELA and Math have had PD days with CBD. Mrs. Sherd-Chew is still recovering from the car accident. Ruby Mathews is still filling the open Social Studies position. Homecoming went well, thank you Mrs. Fish and Student Senate, thanks to Dorothy Brueck and Art club for a great Trunk or Treat, thanks to Brent Smith and tech for getting the new chromebooks, Choir Concert was nice and the NHS induction was held, with Ms. Brezden doing a great job.

VII. Superintendent Report

Presented by Joe Holloway

Brent Smith has completed setup on 675 new Chromebooks for the Middle School and High School these will be distributed over the next few weeks in the two buildings. These Chromebooks were part of the ECF grant, the total value of the grant was \$261,000.

NHS induction took place over the weekend. I was very pleased to be part of this ceremony. We have 12 new inductees, this was a great opportunity to see some of the best and brightest students we have here at Constantine and honor them for their hard work.

Veteran Day was last Friday very thankful for everyone that was involved in the planning. Kathy Messner for putting everything together, Dianna and her group did a great job adjusting as we had only planned for 50 guests and that number was much higher.

October 31st PD

- Core departments met as a group to review the WHY behind our journey to implement standards-based teaching and learning K-12. The focus was creating a guaranteed and viable curriculum across the district. They then broke out into department teams to review the work they did on priority standards and prepared for working on proficiency scales.

- Elective departments worked with Pete Grostic from CBD on identifying priority standards.

New Teacher Small Groups

Pat has met with each building's new staff to build a mentorship group within each building. They meet in a different teacher's classroom each time and share our experiences while they navigate through a book study to help with the challenges of a first year in a new environment. These meetings have been very successful as the staff has been able to relate to each other and share valuable strategies in and out of the classroom.

Core Value Lessons

- The digital platform to teach Second Steps to all K-8 students has been purchased and will be implemented to give SEL (social and emotional learning) materials through our core values lessons. This is a comprehensive platform with lessons on character building and many other social-emotional topics that align with our core values.

VIII. Discussion Items

- A. Appointment of Amy Hall for open board position
Only one application was received for the vacant position, it was from Amy Hall. Due to only one applicant it is not necessary to do an interview. Hall will be appointed to the BOE for the remainder of the 2 year vacancy. It was discussed that Hall will then resign from the position so that she can be sworn into her elected 6 year term position, from the election held on November 8th. It was discussed that a discussion needs to take place on how to market for the next vacant position.
- B. Approval of David McGee as MS/HS Athletic Director
There was one internal candidate, David McGee, he was interviewed by Holloway, Breen, Fish, VandenBerg and Bates. It was decided to recommend David McGee the MS/HS Athletic Director position that will be a teaching position and athletic director responsibilities and that the position will stay under the teachers contract. It was discussed that the days will still be long and that the funding of \$6000 will stay in the budget to cover Game Management duties in the evening as needed by other people.

IX. Action Items

- A. Moved by Stamp and seconded by Moord, approval of minutes from the BOE regular meeting on October 17, 2022.
Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Absent, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Gray - Aye, Salisbury - Aye
Motion: Carried 5 Aye 1 Absent
- B. Moved by Rodewald and seconded by Moord, approval of minutes from the BOE special meeting on October 24, 2022.
Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Absent, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Gray - Aye, Salisbury - Aye
Motion: Carried 5 Aye 1 Absent

- C. Moved by Stamp and seconded by Rodewald, to approve payment of bills \$302,653.02.
Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Absent, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Gray - Aye, Salisbury - Aye
Motion: Carried 5 Aye 1 Absent
- D. Moved by Stamp and seconded by Gray, approval of hiring David McGee as MS/HS Athletic Director.
Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Absent, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Gray - Aye, Salisbury - Aye
Motion: Carried 5 Aye 1 Absent
- E. Moved by Moord and seconded by Rodewald, to approve the appointment of Amy Hall to the vacant seat on the Board of Education through December 31, 2024.
Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Absent, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Gray - Aye, Salisbury - Aye
Motion: Carried 5 Aye 1 Absent
- F. Moved by Stamp and seconded by Moord, approve purchase of 15 new tables for the middle school cafeteria from DEW-EL at the cost of \$35,161.88 to be expended out of the lunch fund.
Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Absent, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Gray - Aye, Salisbury - Aye
Motion: Carried 5 Aye 1 Absent

X. Audiences with Individuals and Public Comment Time

No one came forward to address the board.

XI. Comments from Board Members

Gray - Completed the MASB Zoom training on Superintendent Evaluations last week and he learned a lot.

Rodewald - Thank you for the very thorough reports.

Moord - Welcome Amy, all of the reports were great

Stamp - Asked that when the Wellness Survey results are in that they are shared with the board so that they can be discussed at a meeting or work session. She attended the ISD BOE update meeting, some of the topics covered were results of the elections, and evaluations. The next meeting will be on February 7th at Burr Oak or Centreville.

Salisbury - There will be no changes to the evaluation tool used, she is looking at training and has reached out to MASB to see what training tools they recommend for goals and other topics. At the December meeting they will go through the officers, the finance committee will report and there will be an update to the budget report. Welcome officially Amy, and congratulations Shad in your new role, and thank you Wendy for on-boarding Jerry and Amy.

XII. Adjournment

Moved by Rodewald, seconded by Stamp, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Metzger- Absent , Moord- Aye, Stamp- Aye, Rodewald- Aye, Gray- Aye, Salisbury - Aye

Motion: Carried 5 Aye 1 Absent

Wendy Rodewald
Board of Education Secretary