

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
08/26/24
Regular Meeting**

This regular meeting was called to order by Board President Al Daniels at 7:00 pm in the High School Media Center.

Board Members Present: Al Daniels, Scott Rumsey, Barb Maynard, Mark Kraus, Jason Newman, Michelle Allen

Board Members Absent: Ryan Good

All present took the pledge

Additional Agenda Items – none

Adjourning for Closed Session

- motion by Michelle Allen, supported by Mark Kraus at 7:02 pm – motion passes 6-0
- Closed session ended at 7:49 pm. No action

Approval of Consent Agenda

- motion by Mark Kraus, supported by Barb Maynard
- motion passes 6-0

Approval of Bills

- motion by Scott Rumsey, supported by Barb Maynard
- motion passes 6-0

Approval of Local Bills

- motion by Mark Kraus, supported by Michelle Allen
- motion passes 4-0-2

Maintenance Department Update:

- Lots of outside work
- Clearing out old, overgrown flower beds
- Plan to stain outdoor picnic tables, pavilion
- Lots of teacher requests
- The new HVAC unit has been installed and is working great

Food Service Update:

- Fed the teacher staff for professional development, received lots of compliments
- Food Service has 3 open positions
- Breakfast carts were started for the Elementary
- Maintenance staff fixed the produce cooler
- Air merchandiser ordered

Elementary Principal Update:

- The Panther Parent Club did a great job decorating for the first day of school
- Parents were allowed to come in the building with their children for the first day
- Very few tears from the little ones
- 9:30am - 9:45am – teachers sent some students to the cafeteria for late breakfast
- Student count today was 311 kids, plus 50 5th graders, for a total of 361
- Buses were pretty good for first day
- Lack of tech and sound in classrooms caused a little bit of confusion
- Since there is no more access to Microsoft programs for teaching staff, this is causing a bit of a barrier

Middle / High School Principal Update:

- It was a fairly smooth first day
- Kagan training last week was awesome
- The training ratings that came back from the staff averaged to a 4.5 out of 5
- Tech was disappointing today. IT is trying very hard to get everything up and running, though.
- Some CleverTouches are in place

Special Education Update:

- Audrey Fosburg just got back from training in Traverse City
- OG training was last week for 5 special ed staff members
- Last Monday, all staff met at NCRESA to set up a good start to the school year
- Thursday and Friday of last week – had a lot of meetings with parents
- Consents for behavioral specialist
- Behavior pilot is starting for 3 students with NCRESA
- We have 3 co-taught class in the Middle School and 3 in the High School

Athletics Update:

- The osprey nest should be fine to be left on top of the lights. We wouldn't be able to move them this fall, due to their mating season. A chat with Nieboer Electric found that lights and cables are not typically damaged by the osprey nests.

Business Manager Update:

- A quick update on anticipated uses of funds for the 2024-25 school year.
- We will work on the Budget vs. Actual report that will be presented after the audit in September, and then monthly going forward

Superintendent Update:

- Every is working hard to start the year off great
- With the heat, it's going to be very hot tomorrow. We will monitor the heat, as well as the students

Correspondence: - none

Public Comments: - none

Informational Items:

- Website design / maintenance –
 - Aptegy is a new software/company that we are going to use to design and maintain our website. Many surrounding schools are using them
 - In our approved budget, we included an increase in costs for website maintenance. There is an increase of about \$12,500 in the first year, with an annual fee of \$9,500 thereafter. This equals to about \$6,000-\$7,000 increase per year
 - Thrill Share – this allows anyone to upload pictures/videos and then once approved by an administrator, can be sent out immediately to other social media at once.
 - The new system will be more user friendly for staff to work with
 - We will not lose our hesp.net domain by switching to Aptegy
- West Michigan Janitorial –
 - In 2023-24, we had an additional day porter – this will continue for this year
 - There will be a slight increase in their rate – 3%
 - The Board agrees that it sounds like a good idea to keep them

Action Items:

- Approve hiring an elementary teacher – Becky Kamphorst as a retiree under ORS return-to-work guidelines
 - motion by Michelle Allen, supported by Barb Maynard
 - motion passes 6-0

- Approve hiring an Elementary teacher – Krystal Foster as a 3rd grade teacher at BA Step Level 6 of the HEA Contract
 - motion by Mark Kraus, supported by Barb Maynard
 - motion passes 6-0

- Approve hiring an elementary teacher – Danielle Bradley as a 2nd grade teacher at BA Step Level 3 (TEACH) of the HEA Contract
 - motion by Scott Rumsey, supported by Barb Maynard
 - motion passes 6-0

- Approve hiring an MTSS Coordinator – Mary Ingell as the MS/HS MTSS Coordinator
 - motion by Michelle Allen, supported by Mark Kraus
 - motion passes 6-0

- Approve hiring a school nurse – Stacey Sayer as the Hesperia Community Schools Nurse
 - motion by Michelle Allen, supported by BarbMaynard
 - motion passes 6-0

- Approve hiring a MS Administrative Assistant – Aubrey Siersema as the MS Admin Assistant
 - motion by Barb Maynard, supported by Scott Rumsey
 - motion passes 6-0

- Approve hiring a teaching assistant – Leonese Ruhstorfer as a 5.75 hour teaching assistant
 - motion by Michelle Allen, supported by Scott Rumsey
 - motion passes 6-0

- Approve hiring a teaching assistant – Casey Frens as a 5.75 hour teaching assistant
 - motion by Barb Maynard, supported by Mark Kraus
 - motion passes 6-0

- Approve hiring a teaching assistant – Angel Delia as a 5.75 hour teaching assistant
 - motion by Barb Maynard, supported by Mark Kraus
 - motion passes 6-0

- Accept a Teacher Assistant Resignation – Jason Niblick
 - motion by Scott Rumsey, supported by Barb Maynard
 - motion passes 6-0

- Accept a Teacher Assistant Resignation – Rosalyn Swanson
 - motion by Barb Maynard, supported by Mark Kraus
 - motion passes 6-0

- Accept Handbooks as Presented – School and Athletic handbooks
 - motion by Michelle Allen, supported by Mark Kraus
 - motion passes 6-0

Board Discussion:

- Roll call – forgot to call it. Ryan Good is the only absent member
- Huntley’s building – Al Daniels contacted a friend who does commercial leases. He recommends that we use him to do some lease work for the Huntley’s Building.

Motion for closed session – motion by Mark Kraus, supported by Barb Maynard to enter closed session at 8:49 pm.

Closed session meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

- Motion for adjournment by Barb Maynard, supported by Michelle Allen
- Motion passes 6-0

Michelle Allen, Secretary***

Alan Daniels, President***

***Signature on file