

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
November 13, 2023  
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Al Daniels, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the High School Media Center for the Regular Meeting.

Pledge/Roll Call

Board Members Present: Daniels, Kraus, Newman, Good, Maynard

Board Members Absent: Rumsey

Present Virtually: Michelle Allen

Additional Agenda Items:

None

Closed Session: Motion by Maynard, supported by Kraus Ayes: 5. Nays: 0.  
Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

Elementary parent and middle school parent commented on the need for a bullying plan for the school.

MICIP Presentation: Bryan Mey, Superintendent presented a slide show

Approval of Bills

Motion by Kraus supported by Maynard to approve the bills as presented. Discussion: None.  
Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion passed 5-0.

Food Service Report

Will be emailed to Board Members

Maintenance Report

We have gotten the reading bus shrink wrapped in order to store it outside for the winter. I am hoping to get the pole barn cleaned out and organized to free up some space.

We are trying to keep up on the leaves and lawn maintenance.

The tractor tires that were thrown out in the woods have been removed. Still have more work out there to do.

Out buildings have been winterized (water heaters drained and shut off, lines blown out, and glycol added to traps)

Building

I replaced the heating actuator in room 322. Room 113 has an issue with a damper motor that I'm looking at. The high school cafeteria has a heating valve that is not working correctly, looking into that.

Conference banners hung up in the middle school gym.

50 work orders closed (volleyball net repair, freezer handle, and various heat issues)

PD

I've completed 4 classes for MSBO certification. Team leadership, Effective communication, Maintenance operation, and Purchasing.

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Elementary Principal Report  
**Arbor Circle Therapist in the Elementary**

After a few rounds of interviews, we have finally found a candidate that will fill the Arbor Circle therapist position in the elementary. Ava Frees lives here in Hesperia with her family. She has a Masters in Social Work and has been working with Bethany Christian Services for the past few years. She will be starting at the end of November.

**Strategic planning Survey and Input Sessions**

October 23 and November 2 -The building with the most participation (elementary/MS/HS) will win a luncheon on Nov. 29th (1/2 day) Elementary had a total of 14 staff participate, MS had 7 and HS had 11.

**Sine Program at Ferris State University -Tuesday, Oct. 24**

Today a few members from the Fremont Lions came to deliver the glasses to students from the SINE program.

**Elementary Conferences Nov. 8 and 9**

Panther Parent Club provided dinner both nights for the teachers. We had great participation during conferences with families in the building both nights.

**West Shore ESD Bookworms Learning Lab at MCC**

Nov. 13, 14, 16 our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers will be going to Mason County Central to observe our new Bookworms program. This is a great opportunity to watch other teachers and ask questions.

**November 21 Thanksgiving Meal**

Staff have an opportunity to serve food to the students during our holiday meal.

**MS/HS Principal's Report**

**Student and Teacher Exchange** - November 21st we will be hosting Whitehall students and a staff member for the WMC student/teacher exchange activity.

**Language Arts Club** - Update: Our ELA club took first place in the first WMC activities meet this year. Great start for our academic activities team.

Mrs. Troughton is also assembling a middle school club previously known as young authors to prepare ms students for the hs ELA club.

**E- Hall Pass** - Tech and I have met with Securly systems about securing our hallways with E - Hall pass. We will have a staff training on November 29th before we start the 30 day free trial of the software.

**Thanksgiving Luncheon** - Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 21st.

**New Flag** - As you enter the HS office doors, you may notice a new flag. Mr. Saari's class added a State of Michigan flag to our HS flagpole last week.

**Marking Period 1** - MP1 has been completed as of Friday, November 3rd.

**Staff Evaluations** - I expect to have all semester one formal evaluations for MS/HS staff done by Thanksgiving.

**Veteran's Day breakfast and Assembly** - November 10th.

**Blood Drive** - NHS held a very successful Blood drive a few weeks ago. I will let Mia give the details as to their success.

**Student Representative Report**

None

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Special Education Report

Staff have been working hard at behavior plans and consistency with students, this is especially true in the elementary with aide support, but progress on behaviors is noted in all buildings with our high flying students.

A large majority of aides attended CPI awareness training and a few new staff were added to the CPI comprehensive training which concluded this week.

We have a new social worker for special education, she's in district 4 days per week (not Wednesday). She has been active in classrooms and with community agencies. She is conscious of her contact time and students are being seen more than they have in the last few years.

There is a behavior interventionist to support k-12 in district 2.5 days per week. He is also getting in classrooms and starting to develop behavior plans for students.

Our special education determinations report came out which is based on a combination of data from 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. We have met expectations, while overall the county is ranked as needs intervention.

Athletic Director's Report

West Michigan Conference All Conference Honors:

- 4 First Team, 2 Honorable Mention
  - Cross Country
    - Andrew Sherburn - 1st Team (8th overall)
  - Football
    - Skyler Stalbaum - 1st Team Running Back / Linebacker
    - Noah Walker - 1st Team Defensive Line
    - Blake Hernandez - Honorable Mention Center
    - Blake Sayer - Honorable Mention Punter
  - Volleyball
    - Kayla Rumsey - 1st Team Outside Hitter

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- First Team All-Conference will attend the all-conference picture session and luncheon on Tuesday, November 14th hosted by Orchard View (lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings)

West Michigan Conference Fall Sports Finish:

- Cross Country
  - Boys - 4th
  - Girls - 5th
  - Middle School finished 2nd for both boys and girls
- Girls Golf - 9th (combined Rivers/Lakes)
- Football - 6th
- Volleyball - 6th
  
- Student Section Update
  - Middle School had their first Boys Basketball student section on Monday, November 6th. They created posters that are hanging in the middle school gym and have a reserved section that we are working on.

End of Season Surveys

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Superintendent's Report

Bryan Mey, Superintendent, discussed the following items:

- 10 year Operating Millage was approved (passed 65/35)
- Thanked the Board and Community for their support
- NCRESA Vocational and Special Education Millage renewals passed (80/20)
- Thank you ad will be placed in the paper
- New PERA legislation will take effect in February

Correspondence

NHS Invitation

Public Comment on Action Item

None

Action Items

Motion by Maynard; supported by Kraus to approve hiring Mr. Killian Richeson as a Middle School Science Teacher at MA Step 3 of the HEA Contract.

Amend: Motion amend Kraus/Maynard hire MA 7 5/0

Discussion none. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Good; supported by Kraus to approve hiring Mr. Jerald Dent as a Middle School Special Education Teacher at MA +30 Step 5.

Discussion none. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Kraus; supported by Good to approve hiring Ms. Marcy Tanner as a 5.75 Hour Teacher Assistant.

Discussion none. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Good; supported by Kraus to approve contracting with Arbor Circle through the E3 Grant for Elementary Counseling Services via the Memo of Understanding as presented, for the 23'24' School Year.

Discussion none. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion passed 5-0.

Board Discussion

None

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Closed Session

Motion by Kraus; supported by Maynard to go into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations with no action anticipated upon return to open session. Roll call: Daniels-yes; Kraus-yes; Newman-yes; Good-yes; Maynard-yes; Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. The board adjourned to closed session at 8:30 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Kraus; supported by Maynard to adjourn. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm

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Michelle Allen, Secretary

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Al Daniels, Board President