

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
January 22, 2024
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Al Daniels, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the High School Media Center for the Regular Meeting.

Pledge/Roll Call

Board Members Present: Daniels, Kraus, Maynard, Rumsey

Board Members Absent: Jason Newman and Ryan Good

Present Virtually: Michelle Allen

Additional Agenda Items:

None

Presentation:

- Board Appreciation
 - Superintendent Mey thanked the board for their hard work.
 - Gifts for all 7 Board Members

Approval of Bills

Motion by Kraus supported by Maynard to approve the bills as presented. Discussion: None. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion passed 4-0.

Food Service Report

- Presented Data
- Dana Gierzak discussed change in menu: Friday, Jan 26 Molly Cow, Smoothie taste test.
- Looking for nominations for her staff-Recognizing 2 outstanding.
 - Winners will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate

Maintenance Report

- Soliciting quotes to replace rooftop units.
- Working on plan to deal with snow-logistics of snow removal
- Last month completed 30+ work orders
- Concession stand window fixed
- Continue to work on heating issues
- Fixed water heaters
- Fixed camera for NFHS streaming service-online scoreboard
- Actuators-ordering a lot of them but they are working

Elementary Principal Report

- January Testing Window:
 - Students will be taking the NWEA test Jan. 8th-29th.
 - As an admin team we will look at the data and update our MICIP goals.
- Wednesday, Jan.24 -All staff chili cook off
 - Elementary PD -Chili Cookoff
- Learning walk around elementary on January 24, 2024
 - I see, I think, I wonder.
 - Spend an hour walking around the building and meet with staff after.

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- Bookworms Reading and Writing Curriculum Learning Lab K-2 watched lesson
 - Third and Fourth and Fifth Grade teachers observed Mason County Eastern and Mason County Central in November
 - In February the K-2 teachers will have an opportunity to go to Mason County Central and Eastern schools to observe the Bookworms Curriculum.
 - They will have time to watch a lesson and meet with the teacher to discuss the program.
 - This is to allow time for the lower elementary to start preparing for the curriculum next year.
 - Monica McAree, Reading Coach will be attending

MS/HS Principal's Report

- Student and Teacher Exchange -
 - Our focus group of students and staff will be visiting Whitehall January 25 for the reciprocal date of the visits. We hosted the first round.
- E- Hall Pass
 - We are currently in the pilot phase of this program.
 - 30 day pilot.
 - 14 classrooms using the program.
 - Working out kinks.
 - Classes using are receptive so far.
- NWEA Testing
 - Winter NWEA testing is currently underway.
- DNR Conversation
 - Conversation with Lt. Wanless from the Michigan DNR. Recent bipartisan support has changed the previous federal law banning hunter, archery and firearm training in schools. We can once again teach hunter's safety and the NASP program in school.
- Staff Chili Cook Off
 - Our annual chili cook off returns this year after a 4 year covid related absence. The competition starts at noon on Wednesday with judging ending around 12:45 and results around 1.
- End of year important dates
 - Graduation on football field weather permitting
 - Swing out changes: Include underclassmen awards same day
 - Roxanne Kammer to post Important Dates on social media around spring break

Student Representative Report

None

Special Education Report

- Due to a social worker leaving at NCRESA some shifting in staff had to take place. We have now been given Emily Theil who will be a behavior support specialist district wide for all K-12 students. This is a general education support that is available with parent consent based on team recommendations. Emily will be with us full time, which is an increase in services from 3 days to 5 days, which is an added benefit. We are working to collect additional parent consents to fill her availability and caseload. Emily has schooling and certifications as a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) and is excited to be in Hesperia full time.
- We are working hard to keep all deadlines for IEPs and evaluations, which was an added challenge the last two weeks with snow days. A number of students are having to be evaluated virtually due to our school psychologist being out on medical leave. He still does not have a return date, so we are utilizing any and all staff available to help fill in our needs.
- Mr. Wells and Mr. Dent are teaming together to create more of a life skill curriculum for their students who are following a certificate of completion track. They are working on community connections and trips that can make learning more real while providing their students with opportunities to build their functional living skills.
- The elementary has their winter IMT day coming up on February 9, 2024. We are still working to finalized schedules for child study meetings from the middle school requests and will be gearing up for additional child study meetings for students that have identified concerns at this February meeting.

HS/MS Athletic Director Report:

- Middle/High School Athletic Director
- Boys basketball: 5/7 conference 3/4
- Girls Grade Level Sports Meetings
 - To address the culture of the girls programs in our athletic department, with Bryan and Chad's support we are starting grade level meetings. The meetings will focus on examining the culture and perception of the program from the girls point of view
- Exploring HUDL and Final Forms as a Department:
 - - one stop online system that allows submission of physical forms, concussion forms, student handbooks, reminders to athletes/parents, etc. on one platform. Coaches can also rack attendance using this. Most schools in the conference and area are using it.

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- Hudl - consolidating into one program for all sports (currently being used for football, volleyball, girls basketball). Platform would include potentially an indoor and outdoor camera and could livestream games/practices, etc.
- More information to come budget dependent
- Roxanne Mentioned Hesperia has a wonderful concession stand

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Mey thanked everyone for coming on Saturday to the Strategic Planning Retreat.
 - Validations
 - Eye openers
 - Continues to need work
 - Good productive work/vulnerable to people who put time and energy everyday
 - Debbie did a great job
 - Clear priorities on strategies to meet goals
- Legislative Updates: light/nothing to report
- Meet with Joel and Ed and Sandy to look at 5 year technology plan
 - Answered questions about discretionary budget
 - Replacements 23/24 could replace up to 200 chromebooks and 80 ipads based on end of life
 - Esser money/Grant money/Title V
 - Upgrade classroom Tech/projectors/bulbs expensive
 - Classroom audio systems
- Meet with Jeff Scott of Scott's Consulting Tomorrow January 23, 2024
 - Esser III
 - RFQ for architectural firms to present to the board
 - Commit next month
 - Decided by late February/after next meeting
 - Listed specifics/later write amendment for good reason
- Website:
 - Meeting February
 - Upgrade website/get app/going to be more expensive than have now
 - \$3000 Foxbright
 - \$5000-8000? that much per year possibly
 - One stop shop
 - Compare with other District

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Information Items: Policy Update 2nd Reading

- Second reading
- Bring us into compliance

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

None

Public Comment on Action Item

None

Action Items

Motion by Maynard supported by Kraus to 23/24 Retirement Notice Incentive \$2500 approve Retirement Notice Discussion: Deadline end of March. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Rumsey supported by Kraus to Approve a Policy Update Discussion none. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Maynard supported by Rumsey to Approve Hiring a middle school wrestling coach, Lucas Medeles. Discussion: Jason excited to have him. He has been volunteering. Audrey Fosburg added building substitute and he is looking into teaching. Roxanne Kammer adds that her kids love him. Denise: His children moved here 2nd/4th grade. Military background. Great addition Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Maynard supported by Kraus to Accept a Resignation, Leanne Klemundt Discussion: Thank her for her time. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion passed 4-0.

Board Discussion

- Bryan Mey February meeting Rod Green is coming back.
- School Van
 - Have purchased one van.
 - 9 passenger.
 - 4 transit high top 2019 60,000.
 - Deur Speet.
 - Ben Westgage working hand and hand with them.

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Board Discussion

- Multipoint inspection everything passed.
- Cost \$39,000 original cost.
- Board approved purchase of 2 vans.
- Bryan recommends purchasing another one.
- Per original plan. 2004 van runs in am and pm and mid day for kids on partial day (Audrey)
- Other Factor: Have to jump on them when they come in.
- Looking for 10 passenger with high top.
- Where is the board at with purchasing another van.
- Mrs. Kammer commented she and her husband would drive kids during golf.
- Audrey Fosburg special ed would love one too.
- Barb Maynard agrees if junk when it dies and not leave around school.
- Audrey districts have heard that we have one and now we are fighting for the van.
- Mark: New fleet of vehicles sitting outside, any way to cover.
- Bryan rust proof/undercoat Zbart.
- Pole barn cleaned out-store there.

Board Discussion Continued:

- Power wash:Al.
- Maynard: don't get one now, won't get one.

Mark Kraus: Newaygo County School Board Meeting in February 6th. Annual Meeting

Motion by Rumsey supported by Kraus to enter closed session: 8:04 pm
Attorney Client Privilege

Entered Open Session: 8:19 pm

Motion by Rumsey supported by Kraus to adjourn. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Michelle Allen, Secretary***

Al Daniels, Board President***

***Signature on file