

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
December 18, 2017
Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order by Pat Broton, Board President, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Board Members Present: Wenberg, Flanery Sturtevant, Broton, Good, Daniels and Allen.

Board Members Absent: None

All present took the pledge.

A reminder was given about public comments. Anyone wishing to make a public comment will need to fill out a form. If you have asked to be on the agenda for a public comment, you will be allotted up to fifteen minutes. We have a time of thirty minutes total for the public comment section of the meeting. All comments will need to be respectfully made.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Wenberg supported by Flanery to approve the consent agenda. Discussion none.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Flanery supported by Good to approve the bills as presented. Discussion none. Ayes:

7. Nays:0. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

Bryan Mey, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director discussed the following items:

- A summary was given about the Michigan Open Resources Summit (#Go Open) that was attended by the elementary principal. More information on this project will be presented in later meetings.
- The PTO Elementary Holiday Book Fair was held on December 13th and 14th and was a great success.
- Procedures and schedule for all K-12 students to test in NWEA Maps are being developed.
- Discussion comments about the Stanford University Research Project were made. The project was explained and bullet points were reviewed. Hesperia scored higher than some of the wealthier schools showing 5.1 years of growth in a 5-year period with a 67th national percentile ranking and a median income of \$42,000.

David LaPrairie, High School Principal, discussed the following items:

- The Michigan Merit Exam training session was held on December 6th.
- The annual book fair was held on December 4th and 7th for students and parents interested in previewing and purchasing the latest reading materials.
- A presentation on middle school reading initiatives will be presented at the January board meeting.
- The Christmas concerts (5-12 grades) were held on December 7th.
- The Middle School annual food drive raised 1,395 food items which were donated to a local food bank.

Vaughn White, Superintendent, discussed the following items:

- West Michigan Janitorial has new managers who are improving the quality of the cleaning and sanitizing done by their employees.

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
December 18, 2017
Regular Meeting
Page 2**

Superintendent's Report (Continued)

- The staff breakfast was well attended and the decorations were very nice.
- The Elementary Christmas program has been rescheduled to December 19th with grades 1-2 performing at 6:00 p.m. and grades 3-4 at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Daniels supported by Sturtevant to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of action item #5 – Contracting with EDUStaff for a Route Coordinator. Discussion comments included that the topic will be discussed in January. Ayes: 7. Nays:0. Motion passed 7-0.

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

Dan Yates commented on the letter that he received asking that he not be in attendance during the wrestling practices as a volunteer coach. Some parents and family have requested help from him to work with their kids in the wrestling room. He feels that the board is morally and ethically judging him and he is present to let everyone know who he actually is. Dan commented that he was exposed to sex and the extremes of the world when he was sexually active as a youth with a 35-year-old mother in the community. He explained that he went through an investigation recently regarding having underage sex with another male person and was found within his rights because of his age. When he was a student at U of M and was at party, he came on to a minor student, but did not realize the student was minor because he was drunk. He and the student are good friends now and the student would have come to the meeting to support him if he was able. Dan commented that he has a porn career and that people should look at the consumer for blame for the consumption of porn. He feels that you don't blame the dealer or producer as porn is legal. Dan explained the different types of porn genre and talked about "twinks" which is a widely consumed type of porn where people involved are barely legal. This is a legal genre and the actors are young looking. Incest porn is widely consumed and Dan commented that the superintendent probably does this. At this point, Dan was reminded not to make slanderous comments. Dan stated that he has run thousands of clinics with not ever being judged before. He stated that he has lots of support on Facebook from all over the country. He claims that it is not the money he has given but it is the fact that he has been there for people and have helped them through issues. He stated he has given over \$2,000 of metal to make sleds for the football team and it is just setting in a heap as the school did not do their part to put it together. Dan stated that if he is not able to practice as a volunteer coach with the wrestlers, that he will take the case to the Supreme Court as the porn industry needs a case to go there. He commented on the reference in the letter to his preference for boyish figures and he stated that he does prefer mature, yet younger looking bodies. Dan stated that there are only some parents pushing the issue that he not help with coaching and that most of the kids want him there. Dan stated that he has given so much to charity and that he would like to develop a charity for the school in some sort of wrestler's endowment, but states he is still being denied access. Dan commented that if it ends up that he is not allowed to help in the wrestling room, that he has provided a gift to the board that consists of a television and camera. The equipment would be installed in the wrestling room and he would then be able to view the wrestlers and help coach remotely. He commented that he feels that his

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
December 18, 2017
Regular Meeting
Page 3**

Public Comments (Continued)

personal lifestyle choices have no impact on his ability to morally and ethically work with students as a coach.

Tanya Figueroa commented that she would like Dan to help coach her son in the wrestling room. She stated that if we have concerns about Dan, that we should be watchful over the gay bus driver we hired as she had experienced issues of inappropriateness with this driver when she was transportation supervisor and had dismissed him from the job. She commented that he is the only adult on the bus with the students.

Melissa Hasty commented on the moral basis of age and asked if the doors are locked during practice.

Public Comment on Action Item

None

Action Items

Motion by Wenberg supported by Sturtevant to approve the General Fund Budget Amendment for the 2017-2018 budget as presented. Discussion comments included that the cooperation in negotiations from both union groups helped us get to the point of a balanced budget. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Wenberg to approve hiring Ms. Kathy Scripps as a bus driver. Rates as per contract. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Sturtevant to approve hiring Ms. Sonni Bartolini as a two-hour elementary school lunch aide at the rate of \$9.58 per hour retro back to November 27, 2017. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Good supported by Wenberg to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Mrs. Stephanie Dood as a MS Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 winter season pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Sturtevant to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Mr. Vince Grodus as a MS Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 winter season pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Wenberg supported by Flanery to approve the second reading and approval of the updated school board policies as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
December 18, 2017
Regular Meeting
Page 4**

Action Items (Continued)

Motion by Daniels supported by Sturtevant to approve the Board meeting calendar for 2018 as presented. Discussion comments included that the dates look ok. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Good supported by Wenberg to approve the HESPA Master Agreement as presented. Discussion comments were made by Sturtevant that she would have to vote no as there were too many unanswered questions about items taken out and not understood correctly. Broton commented he would have to abstain as his wife is in the support group. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1. Abstention: 1. Motion passed 5-1-1. Sturtevant voted no and Broton abstained.

Additional Public Comments

Dan Yates commented that he normally does not like to speak to his personal accolades, however he has won many wrestling awards, received scholarships, donated funds, and feels that his coaching would be an asset to the wrestling program. If some of the parents would like him to coach, perhaps he could be given this opportunity if the parents were to sign waivers allowing him to coach their children. Dan commented that his only goal would be to help improve the wrestling program.

Melissa Hasty commented that Dan could be given a room to wrestle in and that with all of his expertise, perhaps we should consider having Dan be the coach in place of our current wrestling coach.

Board Discussion

There was no board discussion other than to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" with the hope that everyone gets a chance to enjoy and spend time with friends and family.

Motion by Daniels supported by Wenberg to adjourn. Ayes: 7 Nays:0. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Michelle Allen, Secretary


Pat Broton, Board President