

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
March 19, 2018  
Regular Meeting**

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

Board Members Present: Allen, Broton, Good, Flanery, Daniels & Wenberg  
Board Members Absent: Sturtevant

All present took the pledge.

Recommendation for Audit Services

Pat Budde, Business Manager, gave a review of the audit proposals that were received. We received six proposals back. There were no firms that indicated that they would do the single audit only. Rehmann Robson was recommended to provide audit services through June 30, 2020. The cost for the three-year bid was as follows: \$14,000 (2017-2018); \$14,500 (2018-2019); and \$15,000 (2019-2020). The cost is more than what we are currently paying. References were checked and other school audit clients were contacted. Each school gave positive comments and indicated that the firm was easy to work with and very helpful. The current audit firm was contacted and given notice that we were unable to find a firm to do just the single audit.

Sturtevant arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Thank you to Karl Drake of Drake CPA's for providing years of service as our auditor. His decision not to do single audits led us to change auditors.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Good supported by Sturtevant to approve the consent agenda. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Daniels supported by Broton 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:

- Congratulations to Mrs. Pattie Bartolini for being selected as the Exceptional People in Community Schools (EPIC) award winner for 2018.
- Elementary Family Literacy Night will be Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. along with the PTO book fair. Gift certificates to the book fair will be given out to the first 50 families. Family engagement is a requirement of Title I.
- Muskegon Lumberjack players were here today reading to students.
- Third assessment window is open now. Data will be presented at the April work session.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Graders will travel to the State capital on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Two teachers, Mrs. Balkema and Mrs. Kammer went to MACUL conference. They will share conference information with other staff during April delayed start mornings.
- Enrollment numbers were presented.

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

- Middle school reading initiatives update – book club, silent sustained reading, ACRI, Read180 mini grant, SSB grant, FAF grant, student voting for favorite book
- MHSAA – we are “C” classification
- Stop, Drop and Read – positive comments
- Panther Paw circling the center hallway in the middle school building

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- PRIDE assembly
- BE NICE – counselors will be here to help support positive mental health. Posters have been purchased.
- Oceana Math Competition winners – hand out of picture of winners
- Assessments begin in April
- Sign-up for next year's classes take place during the next two weeks.

Thank you to the teachers for getting the middle school reading grants.

Vaughn White, Superintendent, discussed the following items:

- We have been chosen as a finalist in the 2017 Consumers Energy Project of the Year Award – Small Commercial Category. The winning participants will receive \$15,000. A ceremony is March 28, 2018, at the University Club of Michigan State University.
- We may be getting fencing from NC RESA for the elementary playground.
- We are working on contracting with Holton Public Schools for bus repairs.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Daniels supported by Broton to approve the agenda as presented. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Correspondence

Allen read the following correspondence:

- MEA recognition of Pattie Bartolini for EPICS Award. Ceremony will be April 24, 2018 at Ravenna Moss Ridge Golf Club and Banquet Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- MASB recognition of Board members Allen and Sturtevant for accomplishing Level 1 Certified Board Member Award and Level 2 Award of Merit.
- State recognition of Patricia St. Clair Elementary PBIS successful implementation as assessed by data & NC RESA Representatives.
- A letter from Laura Leary, parent, addressing her concern for our not helping students deal with trauma.

Public Comments

- Scott and Ronda Norris, and Kim Montague, parents of suspended students, questioned why their students were suspended. Parents cannot be given answers concerning students at a public meeting. They were told to return to the upcoming work session if they do not have an answer by then.
- Melissa Hasty, parent, gave thanks to the following: Superintendent White for his letter after the last meeting; Mr. Conkle; Ms. Fairchild and Ms. Walker for addressing an issue during the middle school book club; Mrs. Purvis; Mr. Jason, track coach; wrestling banquet; the middle school book club; Principals; and all the board members.

Public Comment on Action Items

Mrs. Dean-Rumsey and Mrs. Purvis voiced their support for Mr. David LaPrairie, 6th – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Principal.

Action Items

Motion by Allen supported by Sturtevant to approve contracting with EDUStaff to select and assign Ms. Alexis Castillo as the JV Softball Coach for the 2017-2018 spring season pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

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Motion by Daniels supported by Sturtevant to approve hiring Rehmann Robson as auditors for fiscal years 6/30/2018 to 6/30/2020 as presented. Discussion: okay to approve with the background research and references. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Good supported by Daniels to approve the administrative contract for Mr. Bryan Mey as the K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal and Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for Grades K-12 as presented. Discussion: Daniels -Superintendent's trust, stability in administration. Sturtevant - need more data, long way to go, still issues, and need more positive discipline, 1 yr. contract. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2. Motion passed 5-2. Sturtevant and Allen voted no.

Motion by Daniels supported by Broton to approve the administrative contract for Mr. David LaPrairie as the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal as presented. Discussion: Daniels- supportive of these people; Broton-we need to support them; Sturtevant-asked for surveys and have not received them. Daniels-not hearing concerns from people; data pieces were requested at the next work session. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2. Motion passed 5-2. Sturtevant and Allen voted no.

Motion by Broton supported by Daniels to approve hiring Mr. Daniel Bailey as the Coordinator of Transportation/Mechanic with a salary of \$34,000 as presented with retro back to March 12, 2018. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Broton to accept Mrs. Stephanie Dood's resignation letter effective March 2, 2018. Discussion: thank you for years of service. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Sturtevant supported by Good to approve hiring Ms. Kelly Palmer as an elementary special education teacher at MA Level 2 at the rate of \$41,860. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Broton to accept Mrs. Rachael VanAvery's resignation letter effective March 30, 2018. Discussion: thank you for years of service. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Sturtevant to approve the band/art trip to Chicago as presented. Discussion: Mrs. Purvis, band teacher, and Mrs. Karris, art teacher, discussed with the board the itinerary for their trip to Chicago. The trip includes a visit to the VA hospital. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

**Board Discussion**

The following items were discussed:

- A celebration committee was formed to coordinate the dedication of the middle school building. The building will be dedicated The David C. Outwin Middle School. The committee is Colleen Welch, chairperson, Mary Sturtevant, Michelle Allen, Scott Wenberg, and Lyn Daniels. The committee will meet April 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- Bus bids from online auction. Mr. White will review bids with someone who has bid experience. Checking to see if it's worth keeping a reliable bus for backup.
- Phone system – Met with Ed Cook, NC RESA, to discuss a new phone system. Cost is around \$48,000. Mona VanBlargan, Technology Coordinator, will have more information at the upcoming work session.
- Chromebooks – 5-year plan. Mona is getting pricing for chromebooks for mobile labs. REMC bids process will be used.

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- Closed session at work session if requested.

Closed Session-Student Discipline

Motion by Daniels supported by Sturtevant to go into parent requested closed session for student discipline at 9:10 p.m. with a vote afterwards. Allen-yes; Daniels-yes; Good-yes; Sturtevant-yes; Jenna-yes; Broton-yes; Wenberg-yes; Motion passed 7-0.

Board took a brief recess at 8:58 p.m.

Broton left at 9:04 p.m.

Open Session

The board returned to open session at 9:47 p.m.

Action Item

Motion by Daniels supported by Flanery to expel student 17-18-02 through the end of 2017-18 school year. Petition for reinstatement pending official release from guidance/counseling services. Student will need professional approval of readiness before reinstatement. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Flanery to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

  
Michelle Allen, Secretary

  
Scott Wenberg, Board President