

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
February 5, 2018
Work Session Meeting**

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

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

All present took the pledge.

Presentations

Amy Moore, Director of Community Investment, and Todd Jacobs, Vice President and Chief Philanthropy Officer, Fremont Area Community Foundation, presented information about their new “Kickstart to Career” program. The program is a children’s college saving account program. This is in partnership with Choice One Bank and the Newaygo county schools. Research shows that children’s college savings accounts increase college expectations of children, supports student academic success and have increased future financial success. Program details include enrollment for all kindergarteners living and attending a Newaygo County school; \$50 seed money in each account; financial literacy component included; career, college, and certification exploration/planning; opportunity to earn additional funds through activities; community collaboration for common goals. A school staff member called a “champion” will be chosen to help oversee the program. Choice One Bank representative, the “Bank Lady” will come to the school every even numbered years beginning in 2018. This will be during the program’s annual renewal. The program is expected to run for 10 years. All accounts will be held in the Foundation’s name. Parents will not have access to the account. Students can access their account after graduation with pre-approval. March 22 is the formal signing with FACF, Choice One Bank, and the Newaygo County Schools.

Each of the five Strategic Planning Teams gave a mid-year update:

- District Personnel/Leadership Team comprised of staff members with educational leadership degrees & administrative certificates. They set three goals: align Marzano training district wide, attend adaptive schools and leverage leadership trainings, and use a progressive discipline model.
- Learning Environment/Culture Team comprised of staff members. They focused on three main areas: expanding school pride, increase team culture, and promote positive parent involvement.
- Academics Team comprised of staff members and a community member. They focused on three main areas: student learning objectives, a 3-5 year technology plan, and HS science course offerings.
- Communications/Community Engagement Team comprised of staff members. They focused on the following areas: school video update, it is in rough draft form; where & when to market our school-face book ads & banners on social media during April, May & August.
- Operations Team comprised of staff members. They prioritized redesigning the food service program, participation is up; promote the CATCH program; develop a safety plan after lockdown process has been finished; Develop a 3-5 year facility plan with an ad hoc meeting February 26.

Correspondence

Scott VanSingel, State Representative, in recognition of January’s School Board Recognition Month sent each board member a certificate of Special Tribute, which Board Member Allen read.

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Public Comments

A question was asked about why there is a lack of a ballistic shield on the left hand side door of the weight room. In addition, there was a question about one of the kitchen doors. Superintendent White will look into both items.

Facilities/Grounds/Technology

A question asked, other than schools, what entities were able to obtain funding through QZAB

Finance

No topics were discussed.

Personnel/Policies

The following items were discussed for action at the next regular meeting:

- Hire a bus driver
- Accept Transportation Director/Mechanic resignation

Curriculum

No topics were discussed.

Informational Items

- There will be an Add+VantageMR® (AVMR) presentation by Pattie Bartolini at the next regular meeting
- There will be a memorial book presentation-Marlene Kolbe Canniff at the next regular meeting

Board Discussion

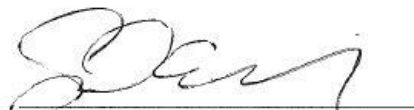
The board discussed the following items:

- Resolution to name the middle school building after David Outwin was presented. The resolution will be an action item at the next regular meeting.
- Extending the Superintendent's contract at the next regular meeting.
- NCSAB Spring Dinner will be at Fremont on March 13. Hesperia will host in October. A benefit of these dinners are student scholarships.
- Board President Wenberg will attend a conference in Mount Pleasant in March.
- A thank you to all the strategic planning team members for all their work.

Motion by Sturtevant supported by Flanery to adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.


Michelle Allen, Secretary


Scott Wenberg, Board President