

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
March 6, 2023  
Work Session/ Special Meeting**

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Board President Al Daniels called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

All present took the pledge.

Members who are present: Kraus, Maynard, Rumsey, Newman, Good, Allen, and Daniels

Members absent: None

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard, to add a closed session to the agenda for Attorney-Client Privilege. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Presentation

Superintendent Bryan Mey presented the following books for dedication: “Let’s Play Football,” presented in remembrance of Dan Homan; “Someone I love Died,” presented in remembrance of Ron Richard; “Angel Grandma,” presented in remembrance of Mary Lee Thompson; “Grandma’s Promise,” presented in remembrance of Jan Rose Hunt; “The Children’s Book of Virtues,” presented in remembrance of Kathy McGahan.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

During public comment, Patricia Budde, former Business Manager, stated that she had heard from community members that she and Kathy Eichenberg’s spreadsheets were being questioned. She stated that their spreadsheets had been audited, and no errors in their process were found then. She said she was upset and confused about where this information originated. Furthermore, wage and salary are a team effort, the business manager would do the spreadsheet, and payroll would prove the work for accuracy.

Kathy Eichenberg also spoke about the issues she had been hearing concerning the central office and accusations of inaccuracy dating back to her and Patricia’s time in the Central Office. She said she was upset that whatever was going on was being blamed on people that had retired nearly five years ago. Her and Patricia’s reputations are being compromised, which is a poor business practice to blame the current problems on people who have retired and are no longer with the company.

Facilities, Ground, and Technology

Micheal Gerard, the maintenance coordinator, and Ken Mcukey have presented concerns to the Superintendent about the Storm drains. Daniels requested that the board do a walk-through at the next meeting to understand better the issues that need to be addressed.

The district will be repairing the Athletic Ball Field fence; Deanna Joppich commented that she would like to see it fixed before the first home game on April 14.

The Digital Sign is having issues again, and SET-SEG has allowed us to keep the funds received from the insurance claim. The board must discuss how we want to proceed with the current sign and its potential replacement.

Finance

Superintendent Bryan Mey presented information on the upcoming bond proposals and the different directions the board can take. Al asked where Mr. Mey had received the information and whom he had consulted. He replied that the ISD is going out for their Special Education bond.

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Finance Continued

He had contacted RJ Naughton, the district's financial advisor, to learn more about what was available to our district. Mark asked if we had used the bond extension process in the past. Mey said he did not know but would ask RJ.

Personnel and Policy

Jason Stariha has been recommended for the Athletic Director Position.  
Second reading of board policies.

Informational Items

NCASB Spring Dinner, March 23, 2023, at Newaygo County RESA  
MASB Board of Directors Election Results were announced.

Action Items

Motion by Rumsey supported by Maynard to approve the school board policies as presented. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes: 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Maynard to approve hiring Mr. Jason Stariha as a full-time Athletic Director. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes: 7-0.

Motion by Kraus supported by Rumsey to approve hiring Ms. Chloe Lowery as the 5.75 Teacher Assistant. Rate as per contract. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes: 7-0.

Motion by Maynard supported by Allen to accept Teacher Assistant Brennan Schuler's resignation, effective February 16, 2023. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes: 7-0.

Board Discussion

Good Congratulated the Varsity Wrestlers on their success over the weekend at the State Wrestling tournament.

The Superintendent Evaluations will be held on March 27 at 5:30 PM.

Closed Session

Motion by Good Supported by Maynard to adjourn to closed session for Attorney-Client privilege.  
The meeting adjourned to a closed session by roll call vote at 7:56 PM Kraus: aye; Maynard: aye; Rumsey: aye; Newman: aye; Good: aye; Allen: aye; and Daniels: aye.  
Motion passes 7-0.

The board took a five-minute break before the Closed Session meeting was called to order.

The meeting returned to an open session at 8:39 PM

Adjournment

Motion by Rumsey supported by Maynard to adjourn the meeting. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.  
Motion Passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

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Michelle Allen, Secretary\*\*\*

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Al Daniels, Board President\*\*\*

\*\*\*Signature on file in the Administrative Office