

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
August 3, 2020  
Special Meeting/ Work Session**

The work session/Special Meeting was called to order by Mary Sturtevant, President at 7:01 p.m. in the High School Media Center.  
All present took the pledge.

Board Members Present: Kraus, Wenberg, Burrell, Allen, Good, Sturtevant, Daniels  
Board Members Absent: None

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

None

Facilities/ Grounds/ Technology

Vaughn White, Superintendent, presented the following Information:

- A Bradley Pear tree located on the Daycare's property lost a large limb during a recent storm. After further inspection of the trees, the district believes there is concern that the trees, ornamental in nature have grown too large and pose a hazard to the building. The recommendation is to remove the trees. Ken Muckey, Maintenance Coordinator is gathering quotes for the cost of the removal.

Jeff Knapp, Athletic Director, presented the following Information:

- During the January meeting the board approved applying to the West Michigan Conference. In addition to our application to this league Muskegon Catholic, Orchard View and West Michigan Christian applied. If we were accepted the Current C Tier would be Holton, Hesperia, Hart, Shelby, Ravenna, North Muskegon, Mason County Central and possibly Muskegon Catholic. This year would include a site visit from the conference officials. We will be notified by May 2021, we can make a decision at that time based on the final offer from the conference.
- In relation to the current pandemic MHSAA has come forward with a phased approach for fall sports. The schedule is currently as follows:
  - Football begins August 10th. MHSAA will make a decision on competition on August 20<sup>th</sup>. If competition is to resume they will have a series of guidelines.
  - Volleyball is only to be held if the school district is in phase 5 if using indoor facilities for practice. Outdoor practice can begin August 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Cross country may begin August 12<sup>th</sup>. MHSAA is allowing competition for this sport but only allowing 70 athletes on the course at a time. Schools are still working on the logistics but should have better understanding and guidance before the Baker meet on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - We have not received guidance on spectators for any sports at this time.

Finance

Vaughn White, Superintendent, presented the following Information:

- Hopeful that our federal government will put together a package to help students and schools with added needs and costs during pandemic.
- We have not received any further information from the State on this upcoming school year's budget. There is an anticipated 1.3 billion dollar short fall estimated in school funding. School's received no proration for current 19-20 school year.
- The state has not determined how school count will be calculated.
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Personnel/Policy

Discussion surrounding Return to School Road Map, was presented by Vaughn White, Superintendent, Raymond Thompson Secondary Principal, Bryan Mey, Elementary Principal

- A detailed presentation of the district's preparedness plan was presented to the Board of Education for discussion. The administration presented their commitment to providing a safe and quality educational environment during these challenging times. Knowing there are many great, and often difficult decision along this new path of education. The administrative team also reminded the board they will need their continued help and support to accomplish the districts goals.

Discussion Items for Action at the Regular Meeting

- Course Offerings Approval
- First reading of district policies

Curriculum

Bryan Mey K-6, Principal presented the following information:

- Most of his items included in curriculum were discussed during the presentation of the Return to School Road Map, and thanked the board for their questions, and input as we begin this new school year.

Information Items

None

Board Discussion

Following the presentation the board discussed many aspects of the plan and its implementation. Including the plans impact to staff, students, community members, volunteers, and the financial impact to the budget.

Adjournment

Motion by Kraus, supported by Burrell to adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

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Michelle Allen, Secretary

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Mary Sturtevant, Board President