

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
October 18, 2021
Regular Meeting/Budget Hearing**

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Board President Al Daniels called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm
All present took the pledge.
Members who are present: Kraus, Rumsey, Maynard, Broton, Daniels, Good
Members absent: Allen

Correspondence

None

Closed Session

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard, to dismiss to closed session for student discipline. The board will return to the open session upon adjournment. Roll call vote: Kraus-yes; Maynard-yes; Rumsey- yes; Broton-yes; Good- yes; Daniels- yes. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0. The board adjourned to a closed session at 6:04 pm.

The board returned to the open session at 6:37 pm.

Motion by Good supported by Broton to follow Mr. Paine's recommendation for the student's discipline. The proposal includes an expulsion for 180 school days with reinstatement as outlined by the administration. Discussion. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 6-0.

Budget Hearing

Bryan Mey, Superintendent, and Stephanie Price, Business Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the budget amendment for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. During the presentation, they proposed the purchase of new vehicles, operations equipment, a new elementary math curriculum, and then adding one additional kindergarten teacher as part of the amendment to the General Fund Budget. They also presented information on ESSER funds' impact on the district's fund balance and the start of their strategies to use the funds. Ms. Price emphasized that early amendments are only a snapshot. The administration and the board must be cautious in their funds spending because these additional dollars will not last forever. We want to make sure we have a healthy fund balance for years to come.

Additional Agenda Items

There were no additional agenda items.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Broton to approve consent agenda. Discussion: None. Ayes 6. Nays 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Good, supported by Maynard to approve the October board bills.
Discussion: None. Ayes: 6. Nays 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Student Report

Student Council member Emma Joppich presented for the first time to the board. She informed the board of homecoming events, including a parade, powderpuff football games, assembly, and halftime events.

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Homecoming spirit week consisted of pajama day, Hawaiian day, movie character day, and the traditional hex day, followed by Friday's Green and White day. At the end of the week, student council members added all of the points from the competitions and determined the Senior class as this year's homecoming spirit week winners.

The student council also hosted a corn hole tournament and plans to host a Halloween assembly with a costume contest and pumpkin carving contest. The student council will also be doing a "boo gram" lollipop fundraiser and planning a dance for February.

The student council held elections at our last meeting. The student council representatives are Emma Joppich, Kaity Skok, Vice President, and Olivia VanAvery, Secretary.

The board thanked Emma for her time and thorough report.

Elementary Principal's Report

Denise Short, Elementary Principal, reported that Elementary staff participated in a half-day PD today, Monday, October 18th that included a presentation on Illustrative Math Curriculum via Zoom. Support staff met with Megan Swenor and Sharon Doyle from NCRESA to watch their presentation on universal supports, specifically behavioral and academic interventions. The HIL team will present the professional learning community protocols for the school year and represent our gold standards to the staff

Coming up for October, teachers will have Friday, October 29th to finish up report cards. The staff is planning their Halloween celebration. Elementary conferences are on November 9th and 10th from 5–8 pm; parents, can participate by phone or in person.

The SINE field trip will take place on November 30th. Students will join Mrs. Hawes on a journey to Ferris State University for a thorough eye exam and a free pair of eyeglasses.

The elementary currently has a few job postings that we are still looking for the right people to fill.

Middle School/ High School Principal's Report

Chad Paine, MS/HS Principal, reported that his buildings have finally returned to a more normal setting after a few weeks of Covid interruptions and quarantines. Homecoming festivities have wrapped up, allowing staff and students to return to a much more normal routine. On October 6th, hosted all Newaygo County secondary Principals in these buildings. I was able to showcase some of our teachers and their classrooms. HS/MS conferences were last week. Attendance was spotty but seeing that there are still many concerns about Covid, we anticipated lower participation. Staff filled downtime by making calls to families that did not schedule in-person conferences.

The Middle School data wall is complete and posted in the MS workroom. We will discuss the data, dig into what the data is telling us, and look at how we can use data for further classroom interventions. The shows a need for a data interventionist and additional support to help make improvements in testing.

The staff reviewed expectations and frameworks for Google Classroom and virtual learning.

Congratulations to our marching band. For the first time in 40 years, they earned a first-place division trophy for the district.

Athletic Director Report

Fall sports photos were completed and are on display this week at our sporting events. Football and cheer athletes are on yard signs outside, while cross country and volleyball are on the walls inside the building. The timeliness has been addressed for the winter season to display pictures throughout the entire season.

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Athletic Director Report Continued

The yard signs and posters will be available at the end of each season for parents and students to purchase for twenty dollars. The proceeds will go directly back to athletics.

The plans to host "Dan Homan Night" are all set and held at tonight's football game. We are anticipating a large crowd. We will be selling Dan Homan T-shirts throughout the evening and presenting the family with a plaque at halftime.

The 10th annual Volley Against Violence Tournament is on October 23rd. The district will be hosting 14 teams. This Tournament has helped raise \$45,000 over the past nine years for this worthwhile cause. The wall of fame nameplates for All-State Athletes are updated. The State Champion Team banners will be on display in the lobby within the next two weeks.

Youth Basketball will take place for the winter sports calendar. We have partnered with Scottville to host six Saturday games for the boys. For the girls, we are with our regular Newaygo County Schools.

Superintendent's Report

Bryan Mey, the Superintendent, reported that we had six days where we did not meet the 75% attendance policy as set forth by MDE. We have a few possibilities to avoid the loss of funding these days and will continue to keep the board updated as we know more. The hope is that legislation and lawmakers step in again this year with a waiver of this law since Covid is still a real threat throughout school districts in the state.

United Way fundraising annual campaign kicks off this month. Employees have a chance to pledge a portion of their pay to this cause.

Correspondence

On November 10th, the Budweiser Clydesdales will be in Fremont for Veterans Day festivities.

Public Comment

Emily Bradford, representing her son, a student in the elementary addressed the board with her transportation concerns.

Mr. Mey responded that the issue brought to the board would be addressed, and the district would be in touch.

Public Comment on Action Items

None

Informational Items

Covid-19 Extended year plan will remain the same.

Superintendent, Bryan Mey presented the estimated student count from October 6th. At this time, our enrollment looks to be up slightly, with an estimated registration of 878.39

Action Items

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard, to approve the Covid-19 extended year plan as presented.

Discussion: None. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

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Motion by Rumsey, supported by Maynard, to approve Mr. Mark Kraus as the NCASB representative.
Discussion: None. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Kraus, to approve the October Budget Amendment for the 21/22 school year as presented. Discussion: None. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Rumsey supported by Kraus to recommend student 10182021

Adjournment

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Maynard to Adjourn. Discussion: none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Michelle Allen, Secretary

Mary Sturtevant, Board President