

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
October 19, 2020  
Regular Meeting**

Board President Mary Sturtevant called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in virtual forum.

All present took the pledge.

Members who are present: Sturtevant, Wenberg, Burrell, Allen, Good, Daniels, Kraus

Members absent: None

Additional Agenda Items:

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Allen, supported by Daniels to approve the September 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes; October 10, 2020 special meeting minutes; August 24, 2020 closed session meeting minutes; September 10, 2020 work session meeting minutes Discussion: None. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Wenberg, supported by Kraus to approve the October board bills.  
Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Elementary Principal/Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Report

Bryan Mey, Elementary Principal reported the following information

- The catch program will be virtual this year
- Elementary library opened this week
- Vicki Hawes has begun MAP testing for virtual students
- Thanked families for keeping kids home when they are not feeling well
- Conferences are coming up, teachers will be conducting these through scheduled phone calls
- The Halloween parties will still take place, but there will be no parade of family guests this year

MS/HS Principal's Report

Chad Paine reported the following information

- High school students took SAT test last week
- Amy Fairchild stepped in and proctored the SAT's in Mike Blue's absence
- Homecoming was held last Friday, it was an all-day event, and after the football game Mac Baird and Delany Yates were crowned this year's king and queen. Also took the opportunity to honor senior athletes, and the band played during half-time. The game was a victory against Holton.
- During school the events went very well, it included an outdoor parade which the band led around the perimeter of the school
- We welcomed new staff member Michael Kingman, and new student teacher Austin Balkema

Student Report

Isabelle Rumsey, Student advocate reported the following information

- Homecoming provided something exciting for students to look forward to. Everyone really enjoyed the day's events.
- SATs went well, students like the additional spacing provided due to social distancing. It allowed them to focus more and have a larger workspace.
- The college ambassador is hosting college week and there are games and prizes to participate in

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- Friday there will be a closed door blood drive, allowing staff and students to donate, but will not have public participation this time

Superintendent's Report

Vaughn White, Superintendent reported the following information

- Band class has been one of our challenges during Covid-19, and return to school plan, making sure that students can learn and practice in a safe environment. Now that it is getting cooler outside they will need to begin indoor practices. Ken Muckey, maintenance coordinator, believes that we may have the solution, along with social distancing and proper coverings on instruments, he is also able to open up ventilation exchangers increasing airflow by 50%
- Virtual enrollment continues to stay around 17% though this number is fluctuating
- We are proud that we are doing everything we can to protect our students and keep school in session. Everyone, staff and students alike, are doing a great job.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment

None

Public Comment on Action Items

None

Informational Items

Mr. Jeff Knapp, athletic directed presented the following information:

- Thanked everyone for a successful homecoming
- Updates on seating outdoor, 30% of outdoor capacity, and 20% indoor capacity. Seating has to be equitable to each team at each event.
- Football is in the playoffs. 8 teams in district we are ranked 7<sup>th</sup>
- Cross country is racing in Manistee
- Volleyball is expected to play in championship
- Waiting on guidance for basketball and wrestling
- Working toward filling some coaching positions

Mr. Vaughn White, superintendent presented the following legislative update

- The legislation met for the last time this week before the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The board must follow health department orders on meetings and occupancy until December 31<sup>st</sup>. We can currently have 42 attendees including board members and administrative team in the media center.
- We can hold in person or virtual board meetings.
- After December 31<sup>st</sup> we can no longer host board meetings in a virtual forum

Mr. White also presented the following information regarding Newaygo County Association of School Board's fall professional learning session:

- Reminding board members to register for fall session, it will be held virtually.

Mr. White presented the following information regarding Student Count:

- Fall count was 834 with 144 students enrolled in Panther Virtual.

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- Currently down 30 students
- 7.6 students down with fall blend. Difficult to identify who was lost to homeschooling.
- \$62,000.00 down per pupil funding, current per pupil allowance \$8,111 per student.

Action Items:

Motion by Allen, supported by Wenberg to approve the Covid-19 extended school year plan  
Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Good, supported by Burrell to approve the Non Union contract raises as presented.  
Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Allen, supported by Kraus to approve hiring Mrs. Jennifer Sherburn as the 8th grade boys  
basketball coach.

Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Allen, supported by Wenberg to approve contracting through EDUstaff to hire a Mr. Lukis Hawrysz  
as the 7th grade boys basketball coach.

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

Board Discussion

- Daniels brought up discussion that a spaceship will land on an asteroid that has been circling since  
January. The spaceship will land for seconds, grab a sample and bring it back to Earth.
- Burrell discussed that middle school teacher, career tech centers signed up for Manufacturing  
webinars

Adjournment

Motion by Kraus, supported by Daniels to Adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Michelle Allen, Secretary

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Mary Sturtevant, Board President