

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
August 16, 2021  
Regular Meeting**

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

All present took the pledge.

Members who are present: Daniels, Allen, Kraus, Maynard, Rumsey, Broton

Members absent: Good

Presentation:

Sky Milner gave a presentation of painted parking lots for student council. Presented was a fee of \$20 to procure a personal parking spot for the year, starting with seniors, then juniors. A Latex exterior paint will be used and each student will be responsible for buying their own paint. Seniors will be required to paint over their parking space, using white paint provided by the student council, before receiving their diploma.

Additional Agenda Items:

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard to approve the July 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes; August 2, 2021 work session meeting minutes Discussion: None. Ayes 6. Nays 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Kraus to approve the August board bills.  
Discussion: None. Ayes: 6. Nays 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Elementary Principal Report

Denise Short, Elementary Principal reported the following information

- Elementary Open House will be on August 26, 2021 with last names A-L from 5-6:00pm, and last names M-Z from 6-7:00 pm. This will limit large crowds and attendees at one time.
- During open house 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be set up outside along the drive.
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be in their classrooms, parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade can call the middle school to set up an appointment time to meet their Teachers.
- Denise gave a brief introduction/description of the new teachers that were hired for the elementary.
- Teacher resignation.

MS/HS Principal's Report

Chad Paine reported the following information

- New MS/HS twitter account
- Senior parking spots
- Open House times, 6<sup>th</sup> grade A-L 5-5:30 pm, 6<sup>th</sup> grade M-Z 6:30-6:00 pm, 6-7 pm any student in grade 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> can make an appointment through the middle school office
- 5-5:30 Freshmen A-L will have the opportunity to meet staff and locate lockers. 5:30-6pm Freshman M-Z will do the same. 6-7pm any high school student may make an appointment through the high school office.
- Encouraged all teachers to create a brief welcome back video and introduction that will be places on the school website and Facebook page.
- Mentioned the need for crossing guards at both locations on M-20 and Division.

Athletic Director's Report

Tony Grimard, reported the following information

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- Welcomed Lisa Miller as middle school girls' volleyball coach.
- GoFan Ticket sales doesn't allow recording for cash transactions and charges \$1 fee per ticket. Stephanie Price is looking in to other options.
- Update on the Homan Committee, Rumsey, Maynard, Kraus and Mey volunteered to be on Committee.
- Pay to Participate-looking at collecting gate/fees for CC and track, could make up the different of nearly half of the loss from pay to participate.
- Baker Woods – take bids on tree removal for baker woods parking.
- Wrestling Coaching Position to be divided in to a co-coaching position – letter of agreement will be needed.
- Fall Sports Parents Meeting was a great turn out and plan to have one for every season along with middle school.

### Superintendent's Report

Bryan Mey, Superintendent reported the following information

- New Twitter accounts for both principals
- Recommends to stay with all of the surrounding Newaygo Country Schools regarding masks.
- Tony commented that all coaches and spectators need to wear masks during sporting events.
- Newsletter will be put in homes after Labor Day.
- Custodial crew is doing great and will have the building ready by the start of school.
- Great job principals for putting open house together.

### Correspondence:

None

### Public Comment

None

### Public Comment on Action Items

None

### Informational Items

Mr. Bryan Mey, Superintendent :

- Stated that the Covid 19 Extended school plan is the same as June but no masks.

### Action Items:

Motion by Allen, supported by Kraus to approve the suspension of pay to participate for the 2021/20211 school year.

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

Motion by Maynard, supported by Broton to Affirm the Covid-19 extended school year plan as presented.

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

Motion by Broton, supported by Allen to Accept Mrs. Allison Uzarski's resignation letter effective June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The board thanked her for her service to our district.

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

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Motion by Maynard, supported by Broton to accept Mrs. Mary Parks resignation letter effective August 11, 2021. The Board thanked her for the service to our district.  
Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Allen to approve hiring Mrs. Amanda Paine as an elementary special education teacher at BA level 8  
Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Kraus, supported by Broton to approve hiring Mrs. Kasey Abercrombie as an elementary teacher at BA level 3  
Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Kraus to accept the student handbooks as presented.  
Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Kraus, supported by Broton to accept teacher evaluation guidelines as presented.  
Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Rumsey to approve hiring Mrs. Wendy Gillette as a part time bus driver.  
Discussion: Kraus asked if this was a direct result of the wage increase and Mey responded absolutely. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Broton, supported by Maynard to approve hiring Mrs Erika Maynard as a part time bus driver.  
Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Broton, supported by Maynard to approve hiring Mrs Kimberly Sytsma as a part time bus driver.  
Discussion: Mey mentioned that this was a result of the critical shortage for bus drivers. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0.  
Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Allen, supported by Kraus to accept the JV softball coach, Mrs. Mary Hopkins letter of resignation effective August 11, 2021  
Discussion: The board thanked her for her service. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

**\*\*NOTE: All coaching positions are pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating.**

Motion by Allen, supported by Broton to approve hiring Mrs. Lindsay Walker as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' Volleyball Coach.  
Discussion None. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Rumsey to approve hiring Mrs. Lisa Miller as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' Volleyball Coach.  
Discussion None. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0.

Board Discussion

- Kraus brought up the Community Assessment that will be held in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, August 25, 2021

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- It will be a town hall style meeting to receive feedback from the public on what to preserve and what to fix in the community.
- Similar ones where completed in Shelby and they reported a positive feedback
- This is fully funded by the Oceana Community Foundation
- Julie Burrell, a consultant from the Right Place will be there.
- They will begin with a tour of the village to have an idea of what they are talking about
- Suggested that a skyalert message will be sent to parents to inform them of the meeting

Adjournment

Motion by Maynard, supported by Allen to Adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passes 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Michelle Allen, Secretary

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Al Daniels, Board President