

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
December 7, 2020  
Work Session/Special Meeting**

Board President Mary Sturtevant called the Special Meeting to order at 7:05 PM in virtual forum.

All present took the pledge.

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

Members absent: None.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment:

None

Facilities Grounds and Technology:

Mr. White, superintendent presented the following information:

- The NCRESA has begun the process of expanding and improving their fiber connection. This will be a multiple year process, and will continue to keep the board updated on how this will affect our district.

Personnel and Policy:

First reading of temporary work at home act, limits staff in building.

Informational Items:

Mr. White, superintendent presented the following information:

- Presented Clarification regarding how “on-call classification” may affect HESPA staff members and their retirement reporting. Also let them know that we were working on some professional development at a building level for those that do not want their retirement affected. Also, took a moment to thank the HESPA staff for their understanding as we continue to navigate the changes.
- Thanked his administrative team for working so hard to understand, and implement the constant changes taking place in the reporting and processing of Covid-19 legislature.
- “We are in a Pandemic folks”. Despite this we are seeing amazing things happening; staff and parents and administration are working hard together to education our students. Thanks to everyone for their hard work.
- Governor held a press conference which extended the High School’s remote learning through December 20, 2020.
- No athletics can be held until December 21, 2020.
- High School Career Tech Center can reopen with restrictions on December 9, 2020.
- The extended learning year Covid-19 team met to discuss the return to school. They were all in agreement that in person learning is the best learning setting. The return to school could be generally based on four data points; (1) positivity rate for Covid-19 cases in Newaygo and Oceana counties, (2) the cases per million count trending in a downward pattern, (3) room/availability in hospitals for Covid-19 patients (4) work completion rates for students. The administration and board will make the decision when and how to return after the first of the year.

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Informational Items continued:

- Would like to open the buildings for WIFI access. The plan is to have students sign up for time slots to use the computer labs, which will be monitored by staff members.
- The staff has been doing a great job of tracking participation of students. There have also been reports sent to our truancy officer and he has been making house calls to hopefully get students re-engaged that are not communicating during the closure.
- Presented the 2021 Board Meeting Calendar.

Curriculum:

None

Board Discussion:

The board discussed the different options for sending Hesperia students to the Career Tech Center located at the Newaygo County RESA. After much discussion it was decided that parents would have the option to choose whether their student attended. The school would provide transportation leaving from the High School in the morning, and returning in the afternoon. Students would be responsible for transportation to and from the school. A letter detailing the information to CTC families would be drafted and sent from the superintendent's office following this evenings meeting.

Additional discussion focused around the safety of staff and students during the tutoring sessions and WIFI access.

An action item to nominate Ryan Good to MASB will be on the regular meeting agenda for December.

Mary Sturtevant accepted condolences on behalf of the board for the passing of her brother. Michelle Allen would like to have a library book done in his memory as is the tradition for a staff member who passes away.

Adjournment:

Motion by Allen, supported by Good to adjourn the meeting. Discussion none. Ayes 7. Nays 0.  
Motion passes 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

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Michelle Allen, Secretary

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Mary Sturtevant, Board President