

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
March 1, 2021  
Work Session**

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Board President Al Daniels called the Work Session Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.  
All present took the pledge.  
Members who are present: Kraus, Maynard, Rumsey, Broton, Good, Daniels, Allen  
Members absent: None.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Finance

Robert J Naughton from PFM presented information pertaining to the possibility of refinancing School Bonds.

Athletics

Mr. Jeff Knapp Athletic Director presented the following information:  
West Michigan Conference has accepted Hesperia schools into their conference. The board will need to make a decision at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting if the district would like to join the conference. This is potentially a 14 team Conference. Divided into two 7-team divisions based on student enrollment.

Travel distances are lowered for High School sports

Middle School runs concurrently with most sports, allowing some varsity coaches to work with middle school athletes, and create continuity in coaching at all levels.

There is a push for the WMC to have educational offerings as well, there is currently an offering of competition for the band.

Facilities Grounds and Technology:

Mr. Vaughn White, Superintendent presented the following information:

The district has received a grant from AT&T for 500 hotspots with 1 year of free service. More information will be coming soon on how to distribute these devices.

HVAC system controller needs to be updated.

Pixellot system will be installed in the main gym to broadcast athletic events held in the facility.

We are looking into the cost for a system to also stream event from the football field

Personnel and Policy:

Principal evaluations have been completed.

The decision was made to move Chad Paine from an interim principal position to the full-time Middle School/ High School Principal beginning July 1, 2021. An Adhoc committee will meet to discuss the creation of a contract on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Curriculum:

None

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Informational Items:

Mr. White, Superintendent presented the following information:

Numbers continue to decrease in Newaygo and Oceana Counties. We continue to do contact tracing when necessary. During the month of February we had no quarantines. We currently have two elementary classrooms quarantined.

Maynard- How does contact tracing work?

White- MHSAA and the district 10 health department give us up to date guidance for contact tracing and quarantine expectations depending on the circumstances surround each case.

We had two retirement announcements, Mr. James VanHall, and Mr. Ben Westgate. They both gave notice prior to March 1, 2021 and will receive the “notice of retirement incentive.”

Discussion Items:

None

Discussion for Action Items:

None

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

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Michelle Allen, Secretary\*

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Al Daniels, Board President\*

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