

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
December 16, 2019
Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Scott Wenberg at 6:58 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

All present took the pledge.

Board Members Present: Kraus, Sturtevant, Wenberg, Burrell, Allen, Good, Daniels.

Board Members Absent: None.

Closed Session

Motion by Burrell, supported by Sturtevant, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing HESPA contract negotiations. To return to open session upon adjournment. Roll call vote: Kraus-yes; Burrell-yes; Sturtevant- yes; Wenberg-yes; Good- yes; Daniels- yes; Allen-yes. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0. The board adjourned to closed session at 7:04 p.m.

Return to Open Session

The board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

Additional Agenda Items

Approval of HESPA contract.

Presentation

The following information was presented by Dana Gierzak, and Jamie Bert, representing, The Nutrition Group:

- Dana Gierzak is the new Manager assigned to Hesperia Schools by Nutrition Group. She is excited to be part of the school. She presented her history in food service as well as her credentials.
- She discussed future events that Nutrition Group would be putting in place such as, testing groups to taste future menu items.
- She also gave a presentation on the update meal menus available on the district website.
- Rocky Thompson, Principal, asked if Nutrition group was able to check for student participation in the Hot Lunch program, specifically concerning students who were at risk for eating disorders. Dana said that yes, we have the capability to track whether a student received a lunch. However, it would be up to staff to follow up and make sure that meal was physically consumed.
- Burrell ask if the program allowed us to flag food allergies. Dana responded with a definite yes, and added that parents can also inform the school if they simply do not want a student consuming certain foods, and a flag can be added to the account so that the student is not able to receive those items through the hot lunch line.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Allen, supported by Good, to approve the November 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minute; December 2, 2019 Closed Session Minutes; December 2, 2019 Work Session Minutes.
Discussion None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Passes 7-0.

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Approval of Bills

Motion by Kraus, supported by Sturtevant, to approve the November Board Bills.

Discussion None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Passes 7-0.

Elementary Principal/Coordinator or Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment's Reports

Bryan Mey, Elementary Principal, presented the following information:

- Attended the Elementary Principal's conference, in Traverse City.
- Enjoyed the key note speaker, Jeff Sanflipo
- Focus on Social Media, School Pride
- Also, enjoyed speaker, Dr. Rice, who discussed changes that are coming to Michigan Districts soon.
- 2nd graders attended a Christmas ornament making event at the Career Tech Center.
- Elementary is making great strides with PBIS in the month of November 83 percent of students had zero visits to RTC. 91 percent had 1 or less.
- Many donations have come into the elementary in November; \$400 dollars in Halloween Costumes. \$700 dollars to aid 7 students in receiving Christmas gifts.

Raymond Thompson, Middle school and High school principal, presented the following information:

- Canned food drive was a huge success.
- Skype with a scientist, hosted in Jennifer Sherburn's classroom. The program was promoting an interest in science as well as focusing on a "strong women," initiative.
- PSAT scores were lower than anticipated, but working with Mr. Blue and staff to continue improving these scores. Including potentially having a 3rd party analyze our scores.
- High school is going to conduct a survey of last year's graduates to find out what their failures and successes were academically, and socially. Hoping to use this valuable information to improve our current curriculum.
- Band and Choir concerts went well.
- High school Band received \$6200.00 for their spring Toronto trip.
- Changing around the processes for Middle school lunch to allow for better supervision.
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Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment

None

Public Comment on Action Items

None

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Action Items

Motion by Kraus, supported by Burrell to approve the 2020 Board Meeting Calendar Dates.
Discussion None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion by Good supported by Allen to approve the inclusion of the “no vaping policy” in the Student Handbook. Discussion None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Passed 7-0.

Action Items (Continued)

Motion by Burrell supported by Sturtevant to approve hiring of Ms. Stephanie Sells for the 4-hour cook position, wages as per current contract.
Discussion None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion by Allen, supported by Kraus to approve hiring of Ms. Jeanne McFalda for the 4-hour cook position, wages as per current contract.
Discussion None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion by Daniels supported by Kraus to approve the Ratification Resolution for Series A and Series B Bond refunding.
Discussion None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Passed 7-0.

Motion by Sturtevant, supported by Kraus to approve the tentative HESPA contract.
Discussion None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Passed 7-0.

Information Items

Julie Burrell informed the board that M-DOT will be working to implement a 25 mph speed zone, during school hours.

Bryan Mey, Elementary Principal, Mark Arbogast, Elementary gym teacher, and Julie Burrell, board member, are continuing to work with police and road commission on safe routes to school. They will be submitting a grant application to aid in the implementation after Spring Break.

Board Discussion

Daniels discussed revisiting athletics and specifically coaching. Evaluating as a district what does, and does not work for our current athletic program.

Rocky Thompson, Principal, suggested working toward a standard and expectation for all coaches. Wenberg, board president, concluded the decision with the decision to have a workshop to further discuss athletics.

Adjournment

Motion by Daniels, supported by Good to adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Michelle Allen, Secretary

Scott Wenberg, Board President