

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
February 15, 2021  
Regular Meeting**

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

All present took the pledge.

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

Members absent: None

Additional Agenda Items:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard to approve the January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; February 1, 2021 Work Session Meeting minutes. Discussion: None. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Allen, supported by Kraus to approve the February 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

- Newwaygo Safe Touch program was presented to students.
- Presented and update on Mrs. Courtney Niblick's, elementary teachers Early Literacy Facebook page and its growing success. It began as a network of 20 teachers and professionals, and grown to over 14 thousand.

MS/HS Principal's Report

Chad Paine reported the following information

- Covid numbers continue to decrease. There were only 2 quarantines necessary this week. Cases are coming from exposure outside of the regular school day.
- We will have 2 Ferris students coming to our district for teacher observations.
- MS/HS winter sports are in full swing
- Peers groups have been established by the Be Nice program in the middle and high school. The leaders of the group are Amy Fairchild, and Melissa Baker.
- We have been able to reach 100 percent teacher-students contacts for virtual students in the high school, only slightly less in the middle school.
- After a recent delivery of Chromebooks we are now 1 to 1 in the middle school and high school. These devices will remain in the building.
- Harbor Circle is giving our district priority for a full-time counselor from a grant.
- Last Friday the hot lunch program hosted an Ice Cream party at lunch with great success.

Student Report

Isabelle Rumsey, Senior class of 2021 presented the following information

- Student Council hosted Valentine's Day door decorating contest. Also, hosting a fund raiser, where the winner will be able to tape their teacher of choice to the door. The proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.
- College Ambassadors finished their Instagram competition
- Be Nice is hosting mental health meetings every Wednesday during Impact.

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Student Report Continued

- FAFSA sign up has started, we have set a school wide goal of 75% application completion, and we are currently about half way to our goal.

Superintendent's Report

Vaughn White, Superintendent reported the following information

- Presented information about the Governors current budget proposal. It currently looks promising. Including, a possible increase of \$164 per pupil, additional special education funding, rural district increases, stabilization for districts with declining enrollment, additional funding for summer learning, and possible allocations of ESSER II funds, and recruiting incentives for future educators.
- Preliminary numbers for spring count have been assessed and we are currently at a loss of 10.7 students compared to fall count.
- Community Covid positive cases in our community continue to decline. Oceana is currently at 3.8% positivity, while Newaygo is at 3.9%
- Wrestlers are being tested 3 days a week, (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) for Covid. They must be tested within 72 hours of a competition.
- We have an athletic trainer for our district.
- Basketball can be played with athletes wearing masks
- Concessions are allowed
- 2 spectators per athlete

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment

None

Public Comment on Action Items

None

Informational Items

- Covid-19 Monthly Instructional Delivery Model. We continue to provide weekend meals to participating families.

Action Items:

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Allen to approve contracting through EDUstaff to hire Mr. David Smith as the Head Varsity Football Coach for the 2021-22 Season. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard to approve contracting with Office of Retirement Services (ORS) to select and assign attorney, W. Alan Wilks, Dykema acting on behalf of the district to sign Closing Agreement for retirement 3% health care contributions. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Allen, supported by Kraus to vote for Mr. Ryan Good to serve on the MASB region 3 Board of Directors. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

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Action Items Continued:

Motion by Broton, supported by Rumsey to approve Mrs. Jennifer Baird as the High School Girl's Track Coach for the 2020-21 spring season pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Allen supported by Broton to approve Mr. Vince Grodus as the High School Golf Coach for the 2020-21 spring season pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Kraus to approve Mr. Doug Baird as the Middle School Track Coach for the 2020-21 spring season pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Broton to approve contracting with EDUstaff to select and assign Mr. Rick Martin as the Girls' Varsity Softball Coach for the 2020-21 spring season pending an acceptable number of student athletes participating. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Action Item number eight, Girls' Junior Varsity Softball Coach, was tabled for further discussion until the next meeting.

Motion by Allen supported by Maynard to approve the extension of the FFCRA leave through March 31, 2021 for HEA, HESPA and non-union employees. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Broton to approve hiring Mrs. Brooke Hren as the Middle School Building/Special Education Secretary retroactive back to January 27, 2021.

Discussion Items:

Mark Kraus brought it to the districts attention that the Newaygo County broad band committee is compiling a list of Free Public WiFi hotspots with the goal of publishing a map for the public.

Michelle Allen discussed the plans of the election committee to adopt a unified plan on how elections are handled in districts.

Adjournment

Motion by Kraus, supported by Broton to Adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Michelle Allen, Secretary\*

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Al Daniels, Board President\*

\*Signature on File