

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
February 21, 2022
Regular Meeting**

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Board President Al Daniels called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 pm

All present took the pledge.

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

Members absent: Allen arrived at 6:45 pm

Presentation:

Stephanie Price, Business Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation for the February 2022 Budget Amendment to the General Fund. The following is a summary of the information:

- Revenue increased due to Federal and State funding; most of the additional funding was directly related to Covid-19.
- Total Revenue: \$11,314,227
- Total Expenditure: \$12,113,874
- Fund Balance projected of: 3%
- The proposed deficit was predicted at \$877,769; the current predicted deficit is \$799,647
- The budget estimating conference for the State of Michigan went well; they believe the state will make its projected budget.
- The budget is being monitored closely; significant hurdles include: continuing rise of health and retirement costs, the decrease in student enrollment, making sure to meet the board approved fund balance of 10%
- Pat Broton and Al Daniels thanked Stephanie Price, the Business Manager, and the administrative team for their hard work on the amendment.
- The question was asked how Covid-19 funds affected the budget. The answer, if the funds are released by June 30, the district would hopefully see the fund balance back around 10-12%, closely matching the current predicted expenditures.

Additional Agenda Items:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard to approve January 31, 2022, Regular Meeting; January 31, 2022, Closed Session; February 07, 2022 Work Session/Special Meeting; February 07, 2022, Closed Session; February 17, 2022 Ad hoc Finance Meeting minutes. Discussion: None. Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Allen, supported by Broton to approve the February board bills.
Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Nutrition Services Report

The Nutrition Group reported the following information

The national supply chain is still struggling with product availability and rising costs. The impact results from high wages required to attract employees increased pricing for ingredients, packaging demands, fuel prices held at the higher rate, and trucking challenges.

Commodity pricing is updated twice per year; in January, the chicken was up 15%, Turkey 36%, Cheese 19%, Tomatoes 50%, Apples 74%, and flour 41%. The good news is that the USDA announced increased funding to support school meals and help continue serving healthy meals to kids.

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Nutrition Services Report continued

Ala carte sales began on Wednesday, January 12, with great success. All ala carte (student second entrée items) and adult sales from the first day of school through the end of December totaled \$547.85. During the 11 days in January when additional ala carte snacks were sold, the total amount sold was \$689.85.

On January 03, we began packing Grab and Go breakfast bags. Since January, the bags have been a hit, and participation has increased by 41%.

Congratulations to Cindy Burrell; she celebrated her 28th year with Hesperia Schools.

Elementary Principal/Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Report

Denise Short, Elementary Principal, reported the teachers were given a half-day last week to meet as a grade level with the Math Coach, Patti Bartolini, to go over the new curriculum.

Staff and Students were encouraged to celebrate the number 2. Some ideas were to wear a tutu, wear tube socks, find a friend and dress up as a pair, find a friend, and dress as a set like salt and pepper. This was also the hundredth day of school, and kindergarten and 1st grade dressed like they were 100 years old.

On 2/22/22, they enjoyed a taco bar catered by the Nutrition Group.

The data wall is complete and provides a great visual to see growth trends and areas to work on with students.

Board to a "field trip to elementary to know the data wall in Mrs. Tozer's classroom.

The staff has been trained in AVMR to support focus on early numeracy development. Mrs. Bartolini has been working with our older students for a few years now, and you can see the growth trend in the Math Data wall.

Teachers reviewed their NWEA data and created grade-level focus areas based on their data.

MS/HS Principal's Report

Chad Paine reported the changes for dual enrollment. The board reviewed. Please review the Approval of the needed changes before the March 01st state notification deadline.

After reviewing the information for Student Self Transport at the CTC center, I believe Stephanie and I have covered all bases and can offer this option in the future as a criteria/incentive-based opportunity.

The new vaping detectors are On hold due to a local supply chain shortage. Staff attended a professional development last night about vaping. To summarize, the workshop was educational, shocking, and clever.

After meeting with staff and getting feedback, an MS/HS Social events calendar and criteria were created for all dances throughout the school year.

NHS had a very successful blood drive last Thursday. Four young ladies, including Caitie Frees, Kaity Skok, Sam Bieri, and Emma Joppich, took control and led the blood drive. They were able to sign up 51 donors for the day, but unfortunately, there was a staff shortage with the blood drive personnel, so only 26 people could donate.

Mrs. Sherburn, the high school chemistry teacher, gave a board presentation on the impact incentive program to help students improve their grades and reduce their missing assignments in grades 9-12.

Student Report

Emma Joppich, the student council representative, let the board know that the dance had to be canceled due to the lack of chaperones. The rescheduled dance will be held on March 18.

Superintendent's Report

Bryan Mey, the Superintendent, informed the board that the ad hoc committee met last Thursday and came to a final consensus about this year's capital outlay projects.

Last Monday, Professional development on QPR (question, persuade, refer) suicide prevention strategy was held for all staff. The district would like to make it a goal to make this an annual training.

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Superintendent's Report Continued

Friday, Mr. Mey Mey with local law enforcement to debrief on the emergency event in Newaygo earlier this year. They discussed what went wrong, what went right, then created action steps.

The district has lots of job postings. The goal is to be pro-active and aggressive with posting, recruiting, and securing candidates for the next school year.

The governor's current budget proposal is looking positive for public education with a \$435 increase per pupil, increase to At-Risk, Special Education allocations, Teacher recruitment and retention incentives, Grow Your Own educator grants, and other increases categoricals that will help the district.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Public Comment on Action Items

None

Informational Items

NCASB dinner meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2022; if you are interested in attending, RSVP to Mary Shaffer by March 11.

Action Items:

Motion by Allen, supported by Kraus to affirm the Covid-19 Extended School Year Plan as presented.

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

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Maynard to the budget amendment as presented. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Broton, supported by Kraus, to approve the purchase of a new maintenance F250 Truck with an attached plow package. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Rumsey to approve the purchase of a new Boss salt spreader/snow blade to be mounted on the 2013 Ford Truck. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Broton supported by Good to approve the purchase of a new compact 4x4 Kubota tractor with snow-blower and loader. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard, supported by Allen to approve the purchase of two Ford Transit vans. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Broton to approve the purchase of a Zero-Turn Mower. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Maynard supported Allen to approve the dual enrollment proposal as presented. Discussion: None. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0.

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Discussion Items:

The district has had a low number of quarantines in the last month. The website is accurate about positive case numbers.

The board discussed the handbook and legal opinion surrounding the use of SAT scores in the current determination of valedictorian.

Closed Session

Motion by Kraus, supported by Maynard, to go into closed session attorney-client privilege. The board will return to the open session with no action anticipated upon adjournment. Roll call vote: Kraus- aye; Maynard- aye; Rumsey- aye; Broton- aye; Good- aye; Allen- aye. Discussion: None. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

The board adjourned to a closed session at 8:35 pm.

The board took a 5 Minute recess before the Closed Session.

Return to Open Session

The board returned to the open session at 9:15 pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Broton, supported by Rumsey to Adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Michelle Allen, Secretary

Al Daniels, Board President