

**Hesperia Community Schools  
Board of Education  
January 6, 2020  
Organizational Meeting**

The work session/Special Meeting was called to order by Scott Wenberg at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

All present took the pledge.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Public Comment

None

Election of Officers

Nominations for Board President

Wenberg nominated Ryan Good as Board President. Ryan Good accepted the nomination.

Kraus nominated Mary Sturtevant as Board President. Mary Sturtevant accepted the nomination.

Voting was done by a show of hands:

Ryan Good received 2 votes

Mary Sturtevant received 5 votes

Mary Sturtevant was elected the Board President

Nominations for Board Vice President

Sturtevant nominated Ryan Good as Board Vice President. Ryan Good accepted the nomination.

Burrell nominated Al Daniels as Board Vice President. Al Daniels accepted the nomination.

Voting was done by a show of hands:

Al Daniels received 3 votes

Ryan Good received 4 votes

Ryan Good was elected the Board Vice President

Nominations for Board Secretary

Good nominated Michelle Allen as Board Secretary. Michelle Allen accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were given

Voting was done by a show of hands:

Michelle Allen received 7 votes

Michelle Allen was elected Board Secretary

Nominations for Board Treasurer

Wenberg nominated Mark Kraus as Board Treasurer. Mark Kraus accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were given

Voting was done by a show of hands:

Mark Kraus received 7 votes

Mark Kraus was elected the Board Treasurer

Facilities/ Grounds/ Technology

Vaughn White presented the following Information:

- Insurance covered damage from a power surge.
- Lighting was fixed in South West Parking Lot.

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Finance

Vaughn White presented the following:

- Budget amendment presentation was given showing revenue down \$149,287, with a total increase to expenditures of \$24,000
- We will be looking at creative ways to use categorical funds next year as well as continually assessing needs and wants.

Personnel/Policy

Discussion Items:

- First reading of School Board Policies
- Superintendent evaluation date will be scheduled for Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm in the high school Media Center

Discussion Items for Action at the Regular Meeting

- Designation of a person for posting notices of meetings
- Second reading and approval of Board Policies
- Approve Budget Amendment

Action Items

Motion by Wenberg supported by Burrell to approve Mr. Steve Dean and Mr. Chris Blanchett, Co-chairing of the District Sex Education Advisory committee. Discussion: Wenberg asked how the committee is established. Bryan Mey, K-6 principal, responded that it is made of councilors, nurses, and one parent from the community. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0.

Information Items

January is board recognition month.

Board Discussion

1. West Michigan Conference League Invitation

Jeff Knapp, Athletic director informed the board of an invitation to join the West Michigan Conference League. We would not join for 2 years. We would finish with CSAA Silver.

Mr. Knapp highlighted the following Pros:

- No additional travel, all events would be within an hour
- Middle School scheduling would allow for students to stay in classrooms longer
- Middle School events would be held during the week as opposed to our current schedule which has numerous Saturday events

Rocky Thompson, Middle School/ High School Principal, spoke about this being a benefit to scheduling. Specifically that it would mean less instructional time lost for athletes.

Vaughn White, Superintendent, spoke about the potential increase in student participation with sports being an after school event versus families not being able to allow students to participate because of Saturday events.

Mr. Knapp will follow up with more information as it becomes available.

2. Athletic Participation numbers

Mr. Knapp provided a handout to show possible new required minimum athletes for each sport.

Kraus suggested comparing this to schedule B contracts.

3. Schedule B versus EDUstaff Contracts

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Board Discussion (continued)

Vaughn White Superintendent presented information that paying coaches in district will currently benefit a few coaches close to retirement but will not benefit many the newer staff due to the structure of the different retirement groups that employees fall into. He stated he will continue to look into the possibility and keep the board informed.

Adjournment

Motion by Good, supported by Kraus to adjourn. Discussion none. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

  
Michelle Allen, Secretary

  
Mary Sturtevant, Board President