

M I N U T E S
Mason Consolidated Schools
Meeting of the Board of Education

Approved 2/6/19
January 23, 2019

Regular Meeting

On January 23, 2019 the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a meeting in the IVN at Mason High School. Vice President McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Smith, Larrow, McGarry, Skaggs & Fowler
Board Members Absent: Tubbs & Stieben
Also Present: Shaw, Trainor & Student Reps Balcerzak & Gale

Review/Approval of Agenda

Add New Business F: Recommendation of Sports Complex Electrical Work by Laibe Electric
Add New Business G: Review of Superintendent Results from Student, Parent and Staff surveys
Add New Business H: Recommendation of giving Superintendent Andrew Shaw the authority to sign all closing documents including but not limited to deeds for the sale of the Luna Pier property to JD Davison, 0.039 acres to Harborside Real Estate and 0.043 acre donation to the City of Luna Pier
Add Action Item A: Approve the recommendation of Sports Complex Electrical Work by Laibe Electric
Add Action Item B: Approve the recommendation giving Superintendent Andrew Shaw the authority to sign all closing documents including but not limited to deeds for the sale of the Luna Pier property to JD Davison, 0.039 acres to Harborside Real Estate and 0.043 acre donation to the City of Luna Pier

-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Smith to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0

Special Presentations

Central Elementary and Mason Middle School Quiz Bowl Teams

-Moved to the February 20, 2019 meeting

Student Representatives to the Board Report

-Ryan Balcerzak spoke about the recent snow and the sidewalks not being cleared well which resulted in wet hallways. Unified Basketball has started back up. These tournaments are played in between the JV and Varsity games. This year the team is going to Western Michigan University to play in a Special Olympic State tournament. Game dates were given. Ryan also mentioned that the PA system is hard to hear over the teacher's phones in the classrooms.

-Kasey Gale reported on the upcoming Winterfest. The Winterfest is on February 9th at 7:00 pm. February 4 is the start of Spirit Week with assemblies planned and the King announced that Friday at the basketball game against Hillsdale. The musical group found that part of the wall had fallen onto the stage at practice. It needs to be looked at. This spring musical is Into the Woods and will be presented on March 15th, 16th and 17th.

Old Business

Presentation of minutes from the January 9, 2019 Board of Education Organizational Meeting

-Mrs. McGarry presented, there were no questions or changes

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Update on Tri County Conference (TCC) application

-Ms. Trainor reported Erie-Mason and Lenawee Christian were the only two districts to apply. At the February 5, 2019 TCC meeting they will decide who they are accepting. Ms. Trainor's LCAA meeting is held the next day. The TCC will want the new school to start in Fall of 2020.

New Business

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Review December 2018 Check Register

-There were no questions

Recommendation to approve overnight conference for Kelly Trainor, MIAAA Athletic Administrators Annual Conference, March 14-18, 2019, Traverse City, MI

-Mrs. McGarry presented Ms. Trainor is requesting to attend the MIAAA Athletic Administrators Annual Conference in Traverse City, MI. The approximate cost is \$1,164.48 paid by general fund.

Voluntary Severance Plan

-Mr. Shaw presented details of a plan to offer to teachers to reduce staff as a cost savings for the district to avoid tapping into the district's fund balance. This calls for a minimum of five teachers and a maximum of ten with at least fifteen years of service or more to accept this plan. We are budgeting a 40 student loss for next year. Three teachers will be replaced. We need to reduce costs between \$300,00 to \$400,00.

Recommendation of Sports Complex Electrical Work by Laibe Electric

-Mr. Shaw presented Laibe Electric completed the work when we had our power outage in the fall. They investigated the problem and found a short in the line near the baseball fence that goes to the main power supply for the athletic complex. The work consists of trenching and conduit work at a cost not to exceed \$5,735.60. Add primary cable and Sectionalizer junction box at a cost not to exceed \$7,205.40. Final step of adding new transformer Fusing and Energization at a cost not to exceed \$5,819.00. Total cost of the project not to exceed \$18,760 to be paid from sinking fund. Mr. Shaw will gather two more quotes for this work and bring back to the Board in February.

Review of Superintendent Results from Student, Parent and Staff surveys

-Mr. Shaw shared with the Board of Education the results from the surveys. There was very good feedback provided and he will be using consistent points as growth areas for him.

Recommendation of giving Superintendent Andrew Shaw the authority to sign all closing documents including but not limited to deeds for the sale of the Luna Pier property to JD Davison, 0.039 acres to Harborside Real Estate and 0.043 acre donation to the City of Luna Pier

-Now that the District is at the point of closing on all three property's, Superintendent Shaw requests the authority to sign all closing documents including but not limited to deeds.

Public Comment

-No Public Comment

Superintendent's Report

Thank you to the Eagle Wrestling program. They donated \$2380.71 to by singlets to both the middle school and high school wrestlers.

Pictures were shown of the heat pipes that had problems at the elementary school. They had years of accumulated gunk and mud that had to be cleaned out. There are also leaks. Air gaps were preventing the heat from going through and caused the pipes to freeze up. This is something that will have to be looked at for the future for how to clean this out. Twelve steam leaks have been fixed at the high school and the maintenance team will continue to work through checking the pipes.

The pool controller is supposed to be in on Friday and can be installed. The pool is cloudy because the chlorine is low. Otherwise it is in good shape.

Curriculum meetings are moving along.

The School Improvement meeting has been moved to May so it will not conflict with final exams.

The recommendations from Plante Moran will be available at the April or May Board meetings.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal

Middle School Principal

High School Principal

Athletic Director

-Ms. Trainor also added information about the referee shortages for games. She also shared a compliment from an official that was at the Jefferson Wrestling Tournament about our wrestling coach.

-All Administrative Reports can be located on the school website under the School Board & Administration Tab.

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes from the January 9, 2019 Board of Education Organizational Meeting

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-It was moved by Larrow, supported by Fowler. Motion carried 5-0

Action

Approve the recommendation of Sports Complex Electrical Work by Laipe Electric with a total cost of the project not to exceed \$18,760 to be paid from sinking fund.

-Tabled to the February 6, 2019 meeting.

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Closed Session

Per MCL 15.268 (a): To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing.

Tabled. Moved the Superintendent evaluation to the February 6, 2019 meeting.

Board Reports/Comments

McGarry: Attending a lot of swim meets and some basketball games and enjoying all of them.

Fowler: No comments

Larrow: It has been tough to try to fix things and then something else breaks because of the fix, but we have to continue to plow ahead and we will reach our end goal. I am amazed at how much we have had to spend, but when I see all the money that has been put aside and hasn't been spent, I get it. Proud of our guys and the work they are doing.

Smith: Same as what Mrs. Larrow said. We have to fix what has been building and have to stay the course. We will make decisions along the way to keep ourselves solvent.

Skaggs: Thank you to Andy for dealing with everything. Kuddos to Joey Liedel for achieving the milestone of scoring 1000 points. It is a lot of fun to watch it happen. Want to give a shout out to Frank and his presentation at the last Board meeting. He is very well spoken and positive and it was a joy to hear him. Very happy to know he is out amongst our kids.

Adjournment

At 7:48 p.m., it was moved by Smith, supported by Skaggs to adjourn the January 23, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried 5-0.

Janice Skaggs, Board Secretary