

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NAPOLEON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, NAPOLEON, MICHIGAN  
May 8, 2017**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Traci Spring. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Traci Spring, Judy Bostedor, Homer Davis, Jennifer Timm, Terry Sullivan, Heather Swaenepoel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jim Graham, Kathy Kolehmainen, Mike McGonegal, Pat Dillon, Shawn Murphy, Chris Adams, Wendy Crocker, Zach Kanaan, Karen Zavicar and other community members.

Board Correspondence

None

Public Participation

None

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Sullivan, supported by Timm, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items consisting of minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 17, 2017, the bills payable and money transfers for April 2017, the resignation of Angela Avery, Bus Driver, the employment of Sharon Shirey, Bus Driver, the resignation of Susan Richardson, Eby Parapro, as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Schools of Choice Openings for 2017-2018

MOTION by Davis, supported by Bostedor, that the Board of Education take action and approve unlimited positions for each grade level under Schools of Choice for the 2017-2018 school year, and to accept application at the appropriate designated time periods throughout the year (through the end of the first week of school and two weeks before the end of the first and second trimesters), as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

### Resolution - Jackson County ISD Preliminary for 2017-2018

MOTION by Bostedor, supported by Davis, that the Board of Education take action and adopt the resolution in approval of the Jackson County ISD's Preliminary 2017-2018 budget, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Timm- Aye, Davis- Aye, Sullivan - Aye, Spring - Aye, Swaenepoel - Aye, Bostedor - Aye, Wilson - Absent. MOTION CARRIED

### Administrative Reports

Zach Kanaan, principal at Ackerson Lk. reported that there are several seniors interested in attending JCC in the fall.

Zach Kanaan reported that the garden at Ackerson is doing great and you can stop in and purchase plants to take home.

Zach Kanaan reported that Mark Forbush, the supervisor who oversees Michigan State's Agriculture education program came to visit and they discussed the possibility of starting a FAA Science program. Phil Jordon assured he would be qualified to get his certification to teach in that field and also doubles as a Science teacher in the areas that would meet the curriculum in that field. This would be funded through the State if they get this up and running.

Mike McGonegal, principal at Eby reported that the M-Step testing is going well and also the numbers for Kindergarten is at 81 at this time with hopes of 10 to 15 more registering this summer.

Chris Adams, principal at the Middle School reported that the technology on the Middle School end is working better this year with no issues on the login and using an App on the Chrome Books that is used to test. The teachers are in their own rooms instead of different locations.

Chris Adams, principal at the Middle School reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip was a huge success and with the rain it made the rides even faster where the kids had a ball.

Chris Adams reported that May is field trip month and received a phone call from a previous teacher whom works at Northwest and would like to have Napoleon involved. Sixty students will be attending this leadership program called "Dude be Nice".

Pat Dillon, principal at the High School reported that the annual picnic is this Thursday.

Pat Dillon reported that next Thursday is the Brooklyn Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education award ceremony where three teachers, one elementary, one middle school and one high school are nominated and each will receive \$500.00 to be used in their classroom and also a trophy. There are three districts included, Onsted, Columbia and Napoleon and working on getting Addison aboard.

Pat Dillon also reported that the Boys and Girls baseball and softball teams swept Grass Lake.

Shawn Murphy, operations manager reported that Jim and myself will be meeting with the Energy Service Group on May 17<sup>th</sup> to look at some of the energy supplies in the buildings. We are looking into Solar Panels for energy cost savings and are currently in the listening stage.

Shawn Murphy reported that he will be getting his summer to do list ready to bring to the next board meeting for information.

### Superintendent's Report

The school board negotiation team and I met with the teacher's negotiation team tonight before our meeting. We are moving along in a positive direction and I will update you as we progress.

Mr. McGonegal reports that our kindergarten numbers are now sitting at 81. We are hoping they continue to increase their numbers as this is 10-15 more students than normal at this time of year.

On next Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Shawn and I will go down to the American Title office at 8:00 a.m. We will have the property by the baseball field deeded over to us at that time. We want to thank Gareth Stanley for working with us to complete the deal.

M-50 road construction started today from Napoleon to 127. Our biggest concern is bus routes and pick-up and drop-off times. Shawn has added an additional route to help with this situation and feels pretty comfortable at this point.

I will be bringing two Cascade Conference resolutions to vote on at our next board meeting that is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We have a 3 point lead in the Cascades Conference over Hanover Horton going into the Spring season. I will keep you posted as I get updates.

We are hoping to open up the food pantry on next Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This has been a long process with legalities and I want to thank Scott Ashe for seeing this process thru.

### Board Report

Member Bostedor reported that the JCASB meeting was held at Vandercook last Saturday and met the new Superintendent.

### Adjournment

MOTION by Davis, supported by Sullivan, that the Board meeting be adjourned. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Judith Bostedor, Secretary