

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NAPOLEON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, NAPOLEON, MICHIGAN
February 14, 2022**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Breining, Homer Davis, Heather Swaenepoel,
James Callahan, Thomas Wilson, Jeff McLain, Jessica Holbrook

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jim Graham, Kelly Haltom, Shawn Murphy, Zach Kanaan, Mike McGonegal, Chris Adams, Tom Johns, Pat Dillon, Pete Norman, Clark Haase, Mr. and Mrs. Haystead and Mrs. Hamilton

BOARD CORESPONDENCE:

Clark Haase of the JCISD introduced himself to the Board of Education. Clark is the Special Education Supervisor for our district's special education teachers from the Jackson Intermediate School District.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by WILSON, supported by HOLBROOK, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items consisting of minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 10, 2022, and the bills payable and money transfers for January 2022, Employment of Kameron Lewis, Special Needs Aide, Eby Elementary, Employment of Lynn Walker, Childcare Aide, Pirates Cove, Employment of Samantha Tracey, Teacher, Ackerson Lake High School, as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

MOTION by MCLAIN, supported by CALLAHAN that the Board of Education approve the 8th grade trip on May 26, 2022 to Cedar Point, Sandusky Ohio, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; Breining, Aye, Swaenepoel, Aye, Davis, Aye, Callahan, Aye, Wilson, Aye, McLain, Aye, Holbrook, Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by DAVIS, supported by WILSON that the Board of Education approve the Adult Meal Price increase to \$5.25 in all Napoleon Community Schools cafeterias', as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; Breining, Aye, Swaenepoel, Aye, Davis, Aye, Callahan, Aye, Wilson, Aye, McLain, Aye, Holbrook, Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by SWAENEPOEL, supported by HOLBROOK that the Board of Education approve the Child Care Sustainability Grant for the following childcare workers, Jennifer Snyder, \$1,000.00, Barbara Sweeney, \$1,000.00, Lori Donaldson, \$1,000.00, Lucinda Gomez-Hines, \$1,000.00, Kelly Berkeypile, \$500.00, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; Breining, Aye, Swaenepoel, Aye, Davis, Aye, Callahan, Aye, Wilson, Aye, McLain, Aye, Holbrook, Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by SWAENEPOEL, supported by WILSON that the Board of Education choose a candidate for the MASB Board of Directors for the Region 7 election 2022, Candidates are; Guillermo Lopez of Lansing School District, Susan Marlin-Zeilser of Monroe Public Schools, Michael McVey of Saline Area Schools. The Board of Education chose candidate, Michael McVey, of Saline Area Schools, to be the Region 7 representative to the MASB Board of Directors, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; Breining, Aye, Swaenepoel, Aye, Davis, Aye, Callahan, Aye, Wilson, Aye, McLain, Aye, Holbrook, Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by DAVIS, supported by SWAENEPOEL that the Board of Education approve the wage increase for Enrichment staff member, Cheryl Snyder, from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour, for all enrichment classes that are in the evenings and on Saturdays', as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; Breining, Aye, Swaenepoel, Aye, Davis, Aye, Callahan, Aye, Wilson, Aye, McLain, Aye, Holbrook, Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION

Meaningful Consultation with Stakeholders

Chris Adams went over the results of the ESSER III Survey with Board of Education. Each member was given the results in graph form. Three graphs provide information to the board on how district parents would like to see the ESSER III grant money spent within the school district. Providing mental health services received the most interest from parents with a 51.7%. In second place was Monitoring Student Academic Progress with 37.9% and Upgrades to projects and improve indoor air quality with a 32.2%.

Member Holbrook asked Mike McGonegal if the district tried to work with Family Services of Jackson County and stated that the department of Family Services is very easy to work with and can be beneficial to students in need. Mike McGonegal then replied that they have and plan to continue to use that resource.

ESSER III Update

Michel McGonegal and Chris Adams presented ESSER information to the Board of Education. There is a good amount of money to be spent and we wish we could have done more physical work to the district. The grant cycle ends in 2024 and is on a “use it, or lose it” basis. Our efforts were put into touching on the two most important replies for our survey, mental health support and learning loss.

One of the expectations was to meet the need to improve our ability to keep students in school. We understand that the Middle School is in the middle of an upgrade and the High School is relatively new, so the focus is on a chunk of money into the effort to add to the HVAC system at Eby Elementary and upgrade its air exchange equipment. While it might not be air conditioning, it allows us to add additional upgrades in the future that may include air conditioning. Additionally, the upgrades will be in locations that will cover most of the visitors, learners and teachers in the Elementary building.

Another point made, was to make sure there is equitable use of interventions. Mr. McGonegal outlined the need to assess to find weaknesses and gaps in our learning and to make sure that the data was dis-aggregated to ensure support of all subgroups. We would do so by continuing to use STAR Reading and STAR Math supported by STAR 360. These tools will enable us to meet the needs of those students at the highest level of concerns or with the greatest needs or weaknesses.

The last point made by Mr. McGonegal was that MEGs PLUS is a tool that there is a level of review that must be gone before it is approved. Additionally, the state passes its review to the Feds before it can be considered final. On top of this, amendments can be done to move money and cover things that may turn out to be important. The direct question to me was how we could cover a counselor at the elementary if needed and I said that the amendments that can be done would be one way to make changes to the spending if we felt it was necessary.

Public Comments Regarding the ESSER III Survey

Mrs. Hamilton, a district parent, asked if we were going to continue to use Edmentum for our virtual learning software program. She explained that her son has a hard time using this program, due to the fact that there is no person (visual) teaching the virtual class. The virtual class is all reading.

Tom Johns, replied to this question and stated that yes, we do plan to continue to use Edmentum. The decision was based on cost and based on how user friendly it is for students. Pat Dillon explained that originally Ingenuity or E2020 was purchased years ago because it was cutting edge at the time being that it was video based.

Mr. Johns stated that we are under a 1 year contract with Edmentum. Edmentum has recently bought out Apex which is also a virtual learning software tool and that we are closely looking at the benefits of switching over to Apex. Ackerson Lake High School is looking into Apex in depth for their virtual learning.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Zach Kanaan informed the board that he took some training through Thrun Law and is making the necessary preparations to update the student handbook. He also had some threat assessment training at the JCISD. Ackerson Lake is currently at 94 students.

Mike McGonegal added that open Kindergarten registration is currently going on now. There will be a link on the schools website for parents. There are also computers available for Eby families that do not have access to the internet or a computer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Just a reminder to the Board that we still have one snow day left before we would need to worry about making up days of school.

Jessie, Heather and I all attended the school board dinner last Thursday at the ISD. We had a decent meal and heard five different presenters talk about their educational programs.

We have our mid-winter break with no school this Friday, February 18th and no school Monday, February 21st.

Please take a look at the High School board report as Mr. Johns has compiled a complete list of all the awesome things our athletes are doing.

Our Manchester Boys Varsity/JV Basketball game has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 22nd and the girls will be Friday, February 25th.

Reminder that the Varsity Girls Basketball senior parents' night will be this Thursday, February 17th and Varsity Boys senior parents' night will be February 25th.

I have had a couple of board members express interest on not having the next scheduled board meeting, February 28th, due to lack of information. That is also senior parents' night for Boys Basketball.

BOARD REPORT

Member Heather Swaenepoel told the board members that Traci Spring dropped off a sign-up sheet for the upcoming spring musical. The musical is three nights and is still in need of volunteers for taking tickets, etc. If anyone is interested to see Heather Swaenepoel for sign up.

Member Breining asked Shawn Murphy if there was someone at the Jackson County Road Commission the school district could talk to about the condition of the roads in front of the buildings. There are large pot holes and has become dangerous for drivers as well as pedestrians walking to and from school.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by DAVIS, supported by SWAENEPOEL, that the Board meeting be adjourned. All Ayes, MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.


James Callahan, Secretary