

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Harrison Board of Education

Monday, August 10, 2020

Therese Haley, Secretary

President Angie Cullen called the regular meeting of the Harrison Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. using ZOOM, holding an on-line meeting due to the COVID-19 Michigan Executive Order 2020-48.

Members present: Angie Cullen, Chad Hathcock, Therese Haley, Roger Peterson, Kendra Durga, Dan Pechacek and Courtney McCrimmon.

Others present: Superintendent Rick Foote and Sarah Rust, Recorder and Janice O'Dell, Business Manager.

President Cullen led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Peterson and supported by Hathcock to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 2020 meeting. Yeas: Haley, Hathcock, Durga, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hathcock and supported by Durga to approve General Fund checks as issued for the period July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020. Yeas: Haley, Hathcock, Cullen, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Durga. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board President Cullen asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one wished to do so. Under Information/Discussion, the Board had the 1st reading of NEOLA Policy 2266 which is the updated Title IX regulations of United States Department of Education. The Board will have second reading and approval at the September meeting.

The Board discussed the State Aid Note Bid Acceptance provided by Jan O'Dell, Business Manager.

Superintendent Foote presented the Policy & Planning, Finance & Personnel/Labor Relations/Legal/Retirement Committee's recommendation to purchase a new Maintenance truck to replace three old Maintenance trucks. The board agreed it was a good deal and it was added to the action items.

Superintendent Foote presented the Michigan Safe Schools Preparedness and Response Plan Return to School to the Board. They discussed all of the possible scenarios regarding the start of school. The plan will be voted on under action items.

Superintendent Foote presented the Policy & Planning, Finance & Personnel/Labor Relations/Legal/Retirement Committee's recommendation to move forward with the hiring of an additional Maintenance/Building and Grounds person. It was decided to repost the position and move forward with plans to vote on it in October.

Mr. Ashcroft, High School Principal, and Mrs. Lipovsky, Middle School Principal explained to the board the addition of updates for Covid-19 to be added to the High School and Middle School Handbooks. This will be voted on later under action items.

President Cullen asked if anyone wished to address the Board during the second Public Participation. Jody Bennett asked what a "blocked schedule" for grades 6-12 meant. Middle School Principal Kelly Lipovsky gave an example that students will go to their first three classes on Monday's and Wednesdays and last three classes on Tuesday's and Thursdays, splitting their schedule every other Friday, to reduce students moving about and how often class rooms need to be sanitized. Kelli Dingo asked about student eligibility for sports and High School Principal Joe Ashcroft explained that based on MHSAA rules, they cannot use the grades from Spring semester for fall sports due to the way they ended the school year. Tiffany Brooks asked if Chrome Books would be sent out or needed to be picked up. Principals stated they would be given out at the school's open houses.

Motion by Cullen and supported by Hathcock to accept with regret the retirement of **STEPHANIE FOOTE**, Larson/Hillside Reading Interventionist. Yeas: Durga, Haley, Hathcock, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Cullen and supported by McCrimmon to accept with regret, the recommendation to layoff the following teachers; **MICHAEL SOVA** – High School, **YVONNE SCHNEIDER** – Larson Elementary, **STACIE CRAWFORD** – Larson Elementary, **BETHANY ANDRIST** – Hillside Elementary. Yeas: Durga, Haley, Hathcock, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Durga and supported by Hathcock to approve the Michigan Safe Schools Preparedness and Response Plan Return to School. Yeas: Durga, Haley, Hathcock, McCrimmon, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: Peterson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Cullen and supported by Hathcock to accept the request for a leave of absence for the 2020-2021 school year from **THERESA DANCER-HUMPHRES**, High School Teacher. Yeas: Durga, Haley, Hathcock, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hathcock and supported by Durga to approve the 2020-2021 High School and Middle School Covid-19 Handbook Changes. Yeas: Durga, Haley, Hathcock, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Durga and supported by Peterson to approve the recommendation from Joe Ashcroft, HS Principal/Athletic Director, to hire **MICK HALEY**, Varsity Cross Country Coach. Yeas: Durga, Haley, Hathcock, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Cullen and supported by Pechacek to approve the recommendation from Joe Ashcroft, HS Principal/Athletic Director, to hire **CHUCK DICKINSON**, Assistant Football Coach. Yeas: Durga, Haley, Hathcock, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Cullen and supported by Hathcock to accept the request for a leave of absence for the 2020-2021 school year from **KATHERINE HILL**, Early Childhood Paraprofessional. Yeas: Durga, Haley, Hathcock, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Pechacek and supported by Hathcock to approve the purchase of a new Maintenance Truck. Yeas: Durga, Peterson, Hathcock, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: McCrimmon and Haley. Motion Carried.

Under other, Durga asked when the posting for Maintenance would go up. It was explained it would be reposted this week, but probably wouldn't get voted on until October meeting.

Motion by Durga and supported by McCrimmon to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Durga, Haley, Hathcock, McCrimmon, Peterson, Pechacek and Cullen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

President Cullen adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Therese Haley, Secretary

Sarah Rust, Recorder