

HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
5037 32nd Avenue
September 8, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Davis, Hall, Hooper, Kapenga, Sneden, Tuttle

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Beel, Bernard, Briggs, Crete, Geerling, Gillette, Heagle, McClure, Meersma, Mucha, Stefanich, Szymanski, Ross, Taylor, Thomas, Vanderjagt, Verwys

President Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Sneden, supported by Tuttle to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Teaching and Learning Feature

Chris Bolhuis and Andrew DeWitt presented on the summer science trip that was started in 1978. They shared highlights of this year's trip.

Student Council Report

Ethan DeLine, senior, reported that the homecoming committee changed the theme to "Greece" instead of the previous theme. They are planning spirit days the week of homecoming along with a powder puff football game that has 175 girls participating. They are planning on holding a fundraiser to honor Veteran's at the October 7 football game. They are planning a movie night present drive to collect gifts to donate to DeVos Children's Hospital.

Action Items – Consent Agenda

Motion by Tuttle, supported by Kapenga to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting – August 11, 2022
 - Special Meeting – August 22, 2022
 - Work Session – August 22, 2022

2. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	\$3,162,972.96
Benefits	2,425,167.55
Accounts Payable	<u>719,688.27</u>
Total General Fund	\$6,307,828.78

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

MASB Delegate Nomination

Motion by Tuttle, supported by Davis to nominate Sneden to be the voting delegate to represent the board at the October 20, 2022 Michigan Association of School Board Delegate Assembly. Motion by Sneden, seconded by Davis to appoint Tuttle as the alternative. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Human Resource Item

Motion by Kapenga, supported by Hooper to approve the following certified hire as presented by Anne Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources:

Certified Hire:

Darien Stimley

Position: ELL Teacher, District

Replacing: New Position

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Merit Pay

Motion by Davis, supported by Tuttle to approve increase in amounts on the current Merit Pay System as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Recommendation (with public comment)

Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, gave a report and held a public hearing on the plan for the use of COVID relief funds. There were no questions or feedback from the public.

Candidate Forum

There are eight people running for three open board seats at the November election. Discussion was held on hosting a forum for a question-and-answer time with the candidates. On recommendation from our attorney the school district was advised not to organize a forum because there is a concern for perceived legal implications. Outside groups are welcome to host a forum if interested.

Superintendent Report

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, recognized Steve Bowerman for his years of service to the board and the impact he had on the staff and students of the district. He welcomed the board and administrators to join him at a Hand2Hand fundraiser on October 20. He reported that graduation would not be the Thursday before Memorial Day and another date is being considered.

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

President Hall opened the floor to the audience. The following addressed the board:

Greg Chanski

Vonnie Ritsema

Keith Leyendecker

Kate Ritsema

Joy Hemmes

Paul Zielenski

Beth Jester

Mercedes Watts

Rebecca Schipper

Genna Brong

Mike Anderson

Benicia Kyle

Adjournment

Motion by Tuttle, supported by Sneden to adjourn 8:26 p.m. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education