

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
3886 Van Buren Street  
October 12, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Bolhuis, Chanski, Davis, DeWitt, Hall, Hooper, Sneden

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Baer, Beel, Briggs, Fast, Geerling, Gillette, Heagle, McClure, McDowell, Meersma, Mucha, Stefanich, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, VanSomeran, Waldie

President Barb Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Teaching and Learning Feature**

Lindsey Bolhouse, Kathy Levandoski, and Craig Steenstra gave an update on the Summer Learning Programs. Eagle Camp for grades K-8 had an enrollment of 210 students that was held at Alward Elementary with two sessions three days a week from July 11 through August 3. The high school had a Jumpstart and a Credit Recovery program. The Jumpstart program was open to 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders who qualified. The Credit Recovery program was a virtual option with check-ins with teachers weekly. Sixty-one students participated and 40 credits were earned. The feedback was positive and students made progress academically which was a success.

**Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present**

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

Keith Leyendecker  
Mindy VandenHeuvel  
Genna Brong  
Aron Duby

**Action Items – Consent Agenda**

Motion DeWitt, supported by Davis to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes
  - Regular Meeting – September 14, 2023
  - Work Session – September 18, 2023

2. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	\$3,790,795.64
Benefits	2,786,959.45
Accounts Payable	<u>607,184.69</u>
Total General Fund	\$7,184,939.78

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

**Middle School Course Approval**

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Sneden to approve the middle school courses as presented by Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

### **Technology Bid Recommendation**

Motion by Davis, supported by DeWitt to approve a contract with MOSS Telecommunication Services of Grand Rapids Michigan in the amount of \$62,248.02 (Low Voltage Cabling, \$454,837.88 (Multimedia Systems), \$104,379.26 (Public Address System), and \$168,376.62 (Clocks and Timers) for total value of \$789,841.78. Also, to approve a contract with Parkway Electric & Communications LLC of Holland Michigan in the amount of \$304,273.40 (Building Access System) as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

### **Administrative Committees**

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, shared a draft of the administrator/director committees for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Student Council Report**

Jane Tacoma, Senior, reported that homecoming activities were a success. The seniors won the powderpuff game and Colten Hansen and Ashanti McKnight were crowned king and queen. Tickets were sold online for the first time and they sold over 1,500 tickets. The Student Council will be hosting a blood drive on October 27.

### **Building Reports**

Josh Meersma shared that construction progress is moving along at Bauer Elementary. A playground structure is nearly finished and the floors have been poured inside. Bauer had a successful walk-a-thon in September with \$30,507 raised.

Pete Geerlings shared that Academic Collaborative Team meetings have been taking place in all elementaries to discuss student academic performance and intervention groupings and to align goals with school improvement goals. He shared that Jamestown Lower has a literacy coach from the ISD and invited board members to come and sit in on a class to observe. He reported that parent volunteers are there each Friday to run the SOAR store and the Watch Dog program was underway.

Matt Baer shared that middle school students are coming up to the end of the first quarter. He shared that all sixth graders districtwide are required to take a music class and that fall concerts were underway. This year Riley Street Middle School has piloted a What I Need (WIN) opportunity each Tuesday and Thursday. This is a session where students receive academic assistance or opportunities for enrichment.

Jordan Beel reported that 158 juniors would be taking the PSAT next week and they will be doing the testing digitally. This spring's ACT tests will also be administered digitally. He reported that fall sports were wrapping up and the addition of field hockey with 40 female athletes participating has been a success. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held next week with the first trimester will end on November 10.

### **Superintendent Report**

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, reported that the fieldhouse is coming along nicely with floors currently being installed and renovations at Park Elementary have begun. He shared that building principals and central office administrators have been reviewing assessment data. He shared that he met with Georgetown Township to discuss the traffic by the 5/6 building and the need for a traffic guard for the secondary school schedule. He reported that the October 30 work session's agenda will be lengthy so the start time will be changing to 5:00 p.m. He reported that the district has families affected by the Israel conflict and asked the board to keep them in their thoughts and prayers.

### **Closed Session**

Motion by Davis, supported by Sneden to go into closed session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

### **Regular Session**

Motion by Davis, supported by DeWitt to return to regular session at 7:32 p.m. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Sneden to adjourn 7:38 p.m. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education