

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
3886 Van Buren Street
February 8, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

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

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Beel, Briggs, Crete, Fast, Gillette, Heagle, Levandoski, McClure, Meersma, Mucha, Ross, Steenstra, Stefanich, Szymanski, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, VanSomeran, Verwys, Waldie

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Teaching and Learning Feature

Craig Steenstra, Jordan Beel, Joe Szymanski, and Michael Anderson shared an overview on the state of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in schools and how the district is supporting teachers and students to use it effectively.

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

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

Jennifer Johnson
Sarah Matwiejczyk
Genna Brong
MJ Hernandez

Action Items – Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting – January 18, 2024
 - Work Session – January 22, 2024
2. Trip Requests
 - High School Baseball Team, Stuart, FL, March 28-April 6, 2024
 - High School Softball Team, Panama City, FL, March 28-April 6, 2024

3. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	\$3,598,861.28
Benefits	3,085,851.38
Accounts Payable	<u>771,611.74</u>
Total General Fund	\$7,456,324.74

Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Human Resource Item

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

Katelyn Moore

Position: MTSS Building Interventionist, Jamestown Upper Elementary

Ayes: All
Motion Carried

High School Science Courses

Motion by Sneden, supported by Davis to approve the current high school science courses as presented by Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Chanski-Aye, Davis-Aye, DeWitt-Abstain, Hooper-Aye, Sneden-Aye
Motion Carried

Board Policy Additions/Revisions – 1st Reading

Motion by Davis, supported by DeWitt to approve the 1st reading of the following policy additions/revisions as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent:

- 0122 – Board Powers
- 1420 – School Administrator Evaluation
- 3120 – Employment of Professional Staff
- 3130 – Assignment and Transfer
- 3131 – Staff Reductions/Recalls
- 3139 – Staff Discipline
- 3140 – Termination and Resignation
- 3142 – Probationary Teachers
- 3220 – Professional Staff Evaluation
- 6520 – Payroll Deductions
- 8300 – Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Student Council Report

Jane Tacoma, Senior, reported that five seniors received a \$500 scholarship for their service to the Student Council for the past four years. She shared that the Student Council had an information table at the recent eighth grade orientation to spark interest in serving on the council for incoming freshman students. She shared that students are looking for their half heart Valentine's Day activity.

Building Reports

Bauer Principal Josh Meersma reported that staff recognized students who are consistently following building expectations and demonstrated high levels of character with a SOAR breakfast celebration. He shared that teachers administered mid-year benchmark assessments and are having data dialogue discussions to determine next steps of how to support students. He shared details about a Valentine's Day project for staff that creates a living culture of positive feedback for colloques.

Forest Grove Principal John Gillette shared that staff and students celebrated day 100 this past week. He reported that grade level meetings were celebrating successes and forming intervention groups to meet student needs. He shared the news that Forest Grove were the recipients of a \$1000 grant from SpartanNash.

Riley Street Middle School Principal Bill Ross shared his thankfulness for the opportunity to serve the district for the past sixteen years. He shared the accomplishments of four orchestra students who selected for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) honors orchestra. He reported that the upcoming middle school musical in April will be the "Wizard of Oz."

High School Principal Jordan Beel shared they had a great night on Wednesday welcoming current eighth graders at the orientation night. He thanked Jane Tacoma for representing the student council and congratulated her for her acceptance to the University of Michigan. He shared his excitement for the professional development surround Professional Learning Communities.

Superintendent

Dr. VanderJagt shared a letter and video that will be sent to parents of 6th-12th grade students. The video is a public service announcement regarding sextortion from the FBI. He shared a flyer that will be made available and will be posted on our website about the non-homestead ballot items for the May 7 election. He reported that the fieldhouse would be open to students for physical education classes on February 19. He gave an update on construction projects at Bauer and Park Elementary. He reported that Michigan School Board Association had a Region 3 candidate running unopposed. He encouraged board members to

consider running for a position next year. He discussed an upcoming special meeting where the board would receive training from MASB about the board self-assessment process.

Adjournment

Motion by Davis, supported by DeWitt to adjourn 7:12 p.m. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education