

March 15, 2021

President Rae Birr called the regular meeting of the Manistique Area Schools Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021 in the Manistique Middle/High School Auditorium.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rae Birr, Jill Connin, Stacey Cunningham,  
Jason Jackson, Alan Kilar (via phone), Krista Maline

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Hicks

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Jason Jackson that the March 15, 2021 agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

Receiving no comments or corrections, the minutes of the February 15, 2021 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE, SECRETARY

Several letters were received regarding recent events at Emerald Elementary. Also, a letter was received from David Kaltenbach about his concern that our students are receiving an education and not receiving brainwashing, indoctrination or hate America.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Board appreciation certificates from January were distributed. The Fifth Grade Leadership Team is asking the Board to support their book boxes project. A health update was given and it was noted that the Kiwanis will be using the building for activities during spring break. The Board was reminded about the CBA 214 class on April 5 and invited to attend the DSASB annual meeting on April 15. A legislative update was presented and district basketball assignments were announced.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. John Shiner – Middle/High School Principal: John presented an MTSS update as well as Student Support and Activities. The CTE program classes and Band were highlighted, and an informative summary was provided. Upcoming events in the counseling department were reviewed.
- B. Elementary Principal: Howard Parmentier updated the Board on the new reading series, Building Leadership Team activities and Kindergarten and Preschool registration.

#### SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- A. Mary Hook – Library/Technology Director: Technology is going strong with streaming in the gym, K-1 chromebooks, M-Step assessments and Ed/Waggle. The Library is slowly opening back up and we are in the beginning stages of digitalizing material.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS - None

Athletic Committee Meeting – March 3, 2021: There is a recommendation to limit the number of members on the Varsity Golf Teams.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Report

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board approve the February, 2021 Financial Report with expenditures of \$5,653,344.87 and revenues of \$4,141,167.83. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

B. Approve EduStaff Employees

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board approve the placement of Samantha Wood as a custodian effective February 24, 2021, Sheree Paterson as an Education Assistant effective February 16, 2021, and Emily Sundling as an Education Assistant effective February 22, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

C. Approve the Reconfirmation of the MAS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Jason Jackson that the Board approve the reconfirmation of the MAS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan for March as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

D. Appoint Library Advisory Committee Members

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Stacey Cunningham that the Board reappoint Gloria McGuire and Debra Rumrill to the Library Advisory Committee for additional 3-year terms which will expire on December 31, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

E. Appoint Golf Coaches

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Stacey Cunningham that the Board appoint Tim Noble as the Varsity Golf Coach and Erik Mason as the Assistant Golf Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

F. Approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Jason Jackson that the Board approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

G. Settlement Agreement and Resignation of Elementary Principal

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board consider the acceptance of the Settlement Agreement as presented and accept the resignation of Jennifer Boyle as Elementary Principal effective June 30, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote. Jason Jackson voted no. Alan Kilar abstained.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rae Birr read a public statement regarding the Settlement Agreement with the Elementary Principal. Lacey Agawa, Kristi Steinhour, Meta Spencer and Gracie Boyle spoke in support of Jennifer Boyle. Ashleigh Herbst read a letter she had sent to the Board regarding the Emerald situation and Leo Cameron addressed the Board about a past incident with an education assistant as well as a current cell phone incident. A Board Self-Assessment Workshop will be held at a special meeting on April 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Krista Maline, that there being no further business to come before the Board, President Rae Birr adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

Reminder: The next meeting of the Manistique Area Schools Board of Education will be Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community/Board Room.

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Stacey Cunningham, Secretary

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Donna Winkel, Recording Secretary