

August 16, 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, August 16, 2021 in the Manistique Middle/High School Community/Board Room and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Hicks

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Jason Jackson that the August 16, 2021 agenda be approved with the addition of "L. Approve Stipend for Twelve Month Non-Union Hourly Workers". Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

Receiving no comments or corrections, the minutes of the July 19, 2021 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE, SECRETARY

A letter was received from Ryan Weber, Director of Operations/Maintenance requesting a one-time extra payment for the 12-month custodians employed by EduStaff.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Noble introduced himself as the hockey rep and told the Board he could answer any questions they might have when they get to the hockey items on the agenda.

Michelle Goudreau expressed concerns regarding the COVID mask mandates and especially the decision to require them on the busses.

Ron Goudreau finished reading Michelle's letter.

Wendy Nord expressed her concerns regarding mask mandates.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Parmentier accepted a letter of resignation from Nicole Arkens as an EduStaff Elementary Aide and reported that Jackie Burns remains out on medical leave. He also reviewed the recommendations he was making in regards to COVID including, but not limited to, optional masking except on busses, vaccinations not mandatory, daily health screenings not required, the following of MHSAA guidelines, helping LMAS with contact tracing, upgraded cleaning protocols and full-time face-to-face instruction.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

John Shiner – High School Principal: Mr. Shiner updated the Board on MTSS and well as staff and student activities. It was reported that 79 credits were attempted during summer school and 40 credits were earned.

Kipp Beaudoin – Elementary Principal: Mr. Beaudoin has been wording on some Special Education issues as well as firming up enrollment figures. He attended an excellent conference recently and thanked the custodians for the excellent work they did in the building over the summer.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Mary Hook – Library/Technology Director: COVID precautions in the library were reviewed and it was reported that both the Summer Reading Program and the Teen Reads summer program had high participation rates. Device carts are being prepped, new teachers have required technology and the Emergency Connectivity Fund Submission deadline was met on August 13.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

Athletic Committee 8/6/21: Discussion centered around the athletic director position as well as adding hockey as a school sport.

Finance Committee 8/16/21: The athletic director position and a possible stipend for twelve month non-union hourly workers were discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Report

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Alan Kilar that the Board approve the July, 2021 Financial Report with expenditures of \$346,680.73 and revenues of \$125,064.84. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

B. Approve Milk Bid for the 2021-2022 School Year

Alan Kilar moved, seconded by Stacey Cunningham that the Board accept the milk bid from Jilbert's Dairy for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

C. Approve Participation in 105 & 105C Schools of Choice

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Jason Jackson that the Board approve participation in 105 & 105C Schools of Choice for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

D. Approve Miscellaneous Hourly Pay Rates as of August 30, 2021

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Jill Connin that the Board approve the miscellaneous hourly pay rates as of August 30, 2021 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

E. Approve the 2021-2022 Elementary Student Handbook

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Jill Connin that the Board approve the Elementary Student Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

F. Hire Bus Driver

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board hire Shaunna Hoel as a bus driver effective August 30, 2021, contingent upon passing all necessary requirements. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

G. Accept Bid for Sale of the Fairview Bus Garage

Alan Kilar moved, seconded by Stacey Cunningham that the Board accept the bid from Manistique Fence and Tree, LLC in the amount of \$48,025.00 for the sale of the Fairview Bus Garage. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

H. Approve High School Secretary Contract

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Stacey Cunningham that the Board approve the high school secretary contract for the 2021-2022 school year effective August 17, 2021 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

I. Approve COVID Recommendations

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Alan Kilar that the Board approve the COVID recommendations from the Superintendent, with the wearing of masks being optional at this time. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

J. Approve Hockey as a Self-Funded MHSAA Sport

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Jill Connin that the Board approve the addition of ice hockey as a self-funded MHSAA sport for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

K. Approve Cooperative Agreement for Hockey with Munising and Newberry

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board approve the cooperative agreement for hockey with Munising and Newberry Schools as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

L. Approve Stipend for Twelve Month Non-Union Hourly Workers

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Jill Connin that the Board approve a one-time stipend in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid to the twelve-month non-union hourly workers the first pay in December, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

LuAnn Zellar urged the Board to support the kids and not mandate masks this school year. She stated that "we have to stand up for ourselves".

Joanie McCracken supported the removal of masks and indicated that it is estimated that more children die from the flu than COVID.

Tim Noble thanked the Board for their decision regarding the hockey program and said they are "ready to roll".

Michelle Goudreau thanked the Board for the positive mask decision, but asked them not to bend in the future in order to ensure children's well-being.

Ron Goudreau stated that he and Michelle thought the Pioneer Tribune's article covering the last meeting was one-sided.

Wendy Nord said she understands legal issues, but believes that masks are a barrier to education.

CLOSED SESSION

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Alan Kilar that the Board move into closed session to discuss negotiations at 6:41 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes

The Board reconvened into regular session at 7:05 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

A. Approve the 2021-2024 MESPA Support Staff Contract

Alan Kilar moved, seconded by Jill Connin that the Board approve the 2021-2024 MESPA Support Staff Contract effective August 17, 2021 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

ADJOURNMENT

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Jill Connin, that there being no further business to come before the Board, President Rae Birr adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

Reminder: The next regular meeting of the Manistique Area Schools Board of Education will be Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community/Board Room.

Stacey Cunningham, Secretary

Donna Winkel, Recording Secretary