

October 18, 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, October 18, 2021 in the Manistique Middle/High School Auditorium 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: None

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jason Jackson moved, seconded by Stacey Cunningham that the October 18, 2021 agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

President Rae Birr announced that there is no agenda item regarding COVID guidelines, but the Board will be holding a special meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for that purpose.

#### CONDUCT INTERVIEWS AND APPOINT A NEW BOARD MEMBER

After interviewing Kelly King and Sara Giles, Alan Kilar moved, seconded by Jill Connin that the Board appoint Sara Giles to the vacant Board seat effective immediately. Roll Call: Birr - yes; Connin - yes; Cunningham – no; Jackson – no; Kilar – yes; Maline – yes. Motion carried with four yes votes.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

Receiving no comments or corrections, the minutes of the September 20, 2021 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE, SECRETARY

A letter was received from Dusty Demers indicating that she would support the wearing of masks in order to return to in-person learning.

A letter was received from Nicole Flodin with the same focus.

A letter was received from 25 staff members at Emerald requesting a mask mandate in their building.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Howard acknowledged resignations from EduStaff employees Kristi Steinhour as an educational aide and Crystal Snyder as an assistant cook, as well as the retirement of Victoria Cartwright as a bus driver and Valerie Hartman as the head cook. The Kiwanis Club recently donated \$3,711.06 to our teachers through the School Tools program. Howard informed the Board that his Pioneer Tribune article last week was to try to recruit substitute teachers and educational aides. A legislative update was presented, including a bill that could provide some pupil accounting flexibility. The E4 Project report was received from Trisha McEvers for October, 2020 thru September, 2021.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. John Shiner – High School Principal: MTSS was reviewed, as well as Student Support/Activities. College visitation dates were submitted by the Student Success Worker and a recent survey about school climate was shared with the Board.

- B. Kipp Beaudoin – Elementary Principal: There is a strong desire at Emerald to look at a mask policy. Kipp encouraged the Board to contact the Health Department and the hospital to join in an effort to keep students in the classroom. The Board was also informed that Emerald is receiving mental health services through the Delta-Schoolcraft I.S.D.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS - None

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS - None

#### ACTION ITEMS

- A. Financial Report

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board approve the September, 2021 Financial Report with expenditures of \$1,616,698.64 and revenues of \$384,304.38. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

- B. Appoint Varsity Hockey Coach (Self-Funded)

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board appoint John Nutkins as the Varsity Hockey Coach (self-funded) for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

- C. Appoint Winter Coaches for the 2021-2022 School Year

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Jason Jackson that the Board approve the following coaches for the 2021-2022 school year: Varsity Competitive Cheer – Donna McPheron; Middle School Competitive Cheer – Morgan Tryan; Boys' Varsity Basketball – Cody Kangas; Boys' JV Basketball – Jon Bintner; Girls' Varsity Basketball – Jenna Bradshaw; Girls' JV Basketball – Vacant; Varsity Swim – Parker Birr; Varsity Wrestling – Mathew Gonzalez. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes. Rae Birr abstained.

- D. Approve Remaining Extra Duty Positions for the 2021-2022 School Year

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board approve the following extra duty positions for the 2021-2022 school year: Junior Class Advisor – Christine Frazer; Middle School Yearbook – Christine Frazer; Jr. High Quiz Bowl Advisor – John Ziemba. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

- E. Approve Placement of the Athletic Director through EduStaff

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Jill Connin that the Board approve the placement of Nathan Zaremba as the Athletic Director through EduStaff effective October 11, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

F. Approve the Miscellaneous Pay Rates as of November 1, 2021

Alan Kilar moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board approve the Miscellaneous Pay Rates as of November 1, 2021 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments were made by twenty one members of the community in regards to COVID regulations and guidelines. There were many good points made by both sides of the masking debate, as well as a general consensus that we are all in this together and we have to work with the Health Department to come up with a plan that is in the best interest of keeping students in the classroom.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Alan Kilar that the Board move into closed session to review written communication – attorney/client privilege at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:24 p.m.

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Alan Kilar that the Board move into closed session to review the superintendent evaluation at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes

The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:58 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 8:58 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, November 15, 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