

President Rae Birr called the regular meeting of the Manistique Area Schools Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 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, Sara Giles,
Jason Jackson, Alan Kilar, Krista Maline

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board move into closed session to review written communication – Attorney/Client Privilege at 5:31 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 5:57 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Jason Jackson that the December 20, 2021 agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE, SECRETARY - None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Boys' Cross Country Team received Academic All-State recognition. Bobbie Pelon's last day as the head cook was December 10, 2021. The Health Department Weekly Update was reviewed, and the only education-related legislative item included \$300.8 million in federal funds for MDHHS to purchase COVID-19 tests for schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. John Shiner – High School Principal: An MTSS update was presented and student support/activities were reviewed. A CTE update was given. Mr. Shiner indicated that last week was spent dealing with the school safety issue. Students were reminded that the staff is concerned about them, and students were reminded about the procedures during various lockdown scenarios.
- B. Kipp Beaudoin – Elementary Principal: In a report prepared by Mr. Beaudoin in his absence, the following areas were reviewed: ELA inservice training, Special Education rules, and the lack of substitutes.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS - None

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

Building & Grounds 12/8: We are moving forward with the sale of the Fairview Bus Garage.

Finance 12/8: Discussion regarding staff pay and giving the Athletic Director additional duties.

Athletics 12/13: Nate Zaremba informed the committee of his Athletic Director progress. It was determined that Mr. Parmentier will complete coach's evaluations this year and it will most likely be handed over to Mr. Zaremba next year.

Finance 12/20: The budget amended was reviewed prior to the regular meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

A. June 30, 2021 Financial Audit

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board accept the June 30, 2021 Financial Audit as presented by Bruce Dewar from Schneider, Larche, Haapala & Company. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

B. Financial Report

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Jason Jackson that the Board approve the November, 2021 Financial Report with expenditures of \$3,037,932.80 and revenues of \$1,340,765.84. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

C. Amend the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Jill Connin that the Board amend the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

D. Amend the 2021-2022 General Appropriation Resolution

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Sara Giles that the Board amend the 2021-2022 General Appropriation Resolution as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

E. Approve the Fairview Bus Garage Purchase Agreement

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Alan Kilar that the Board approve the revised Fairview Garage Purchase Agreement as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

F. Approve the Test To Stay Plan

Alan Kilar moved, seconded by Jill Connin that the Board approve the MAS Modified Covid (Test to Stay) Plan as presented. Motion failed by voice vote. Seven dissenting votes.

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board approve a revised MAS Modified Covid (Test to Stay) Plan with several minor changes as presented. A copy of the plan will be attached to the Board minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. Jason Jackson cast the only dissenting vote.

G. Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Neola Policies Volume 36, Number 1

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Jason Jackson that the Board approve the second reading and adoption of NEOLA Policies Volume 36, Number 1 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

H. Appoint Emerald MTSS School Systems Coach for the 2021-2022 School Year

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Alan Kilar that the Board appoint Elisha Dougherty as the Emerald MTSS School Systems Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

I. Set January, 2022 Meeting Date

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board set January 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. as the first meeting of the new year. The remainder of the 2022 meeting schedule will be determined at that meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Wendy Nord commented that the new Covid-19 Plan is "as clear as mud". She is happy that the students will not be required to wear masks and stated that at some point this is going to have to end. Rae Birr set aside her Board member role and spoke as a citizen regarding the re-establishment of GLEE. She stated that it was amazing and it must continue.

CLOSED SESSION

Krista Maline moved, seconded by Alan Kilar that the Board move into closed session to discuss a student discipline issue at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 7:54 p.m.

Stacey Cunningham moved, seconded by Krista Maline that the Board suspend student #2021-7 until January 23, 2022 with the ability to apply for admittance to the Jack Reque Alternative Education program. If the application is denied, student #2021-7 will be expelled. Motion carried by voice vote. No dissenting votes.

ADJOURNMENT

Jill Connin moved, seconded by Jason Jackson, that there being no further business to come before the Board, President Rae Birr adjourn the meeting at 7:56 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, January 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community/Board Room.