

RECORD OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District Board of the Hancock Public School District, Houghton County, State of Michigan.

Meeting open -Pledge of Allegiance

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hancock Public Schools was held in the Boardroom on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. President Kero called the meeting to order.

Present: Dale Kero, Catherine Jordan, Michael Lancour, Wendy Chynoweth, Randy Heinonen, Rod Paavola & Steve Koskela

Absent: N/A

Declaration of Quorum: The Superintendent declared a quorum was present and the Board proceeded with the regular order of business.

Recognition of Any Delegation or Individual - N/A

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Jordan, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

It was recommended by Board Secretary Lancour that the submitted regular meeting minutes of March 20, 2023 be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Koskela, to adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 20, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of March 2023

It was recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer, Wendy Chynoweth, that the checks written for the month of March 2023 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the checks written for the month of March 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the finance statement for the Month of March 2023

It was recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer, Wendy Chynoweth, that the finance statement for the month of March 2023 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the finance statement for the month of March 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Visitors' Comments: Randy Roberts inquired on the process of speaking with the Board and shared his support of the Hockey Cooperative with Lake Linden.

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Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Dr. Patchin reviewed the status of the parking lot, kitchen and elementary playground bond projects. A survey on summer preschool was sent out. Mapping of the buildings is being scheduled, security work with Jon Stone continues. The purchase/lease of school van and insurance requirements was discussed, incorporating the use of the van as the possible drivers education vehicle was held as well as the status of Jeff Hauswirth, district drivers education instructor and contract content with Drive America.

Principal Reports

Principal Vaara let the Board know that Kindergarten registration is on April 20th. MSTEP testing has begun and with testing over the next 5-6 weeks. An update on the playground and the Makerspace/Steam Lab was given.

Principal Asiala shared a PBIS/Advisory update. Middle School month is complete, thank you to Mr. Sturos and the Student Council for all of their work and organizing of events. Middle school track is beginning. PSAT testing is mostly complete for 8th graders. Thank you to Ms. Serafin for her work in having a successful testing process. Thank you to Mr. Keranen and Mr. Thornton for their work as long term subs.

Principal Salani provided the successful completion and future professional development of Staff. State testing is held in April, SAT, PSAT, Act Workkeys, thank you to Ms. Serafin for a seamless testing experience and thank you to Shelby, Marcy and the Food Service staff for their preparation of snacks for testing. Congratulations to David Olson, 2023 Valedictorian and Kysa Keranen, 2023 Salutatorian. Marykay (Gasperich) Riippa, Class of 1974, is the recommended commencement speaker. CCASB Award recognition will be held on April 24, Student award, Kaisa Salani, Employee Award, Sarah Pelty and School Community Award, Sara Niemeyer, congratulations! Hancock Rotary Honors Brunch will be held on May 8, Honors Convocation on May 17 with the last day for seniors of May 19. The Band will perform on May 22 for the Spring Concert.

Director of Athletics Salani noted that 5/6th grade basketball began, fall/winter sports award ceremony will take place on April 20 and the Booster Club Senior Athletic Banquet will be May 23. Upcoming athletic event dates were shared.

Old or Unfinished Business - N/A

New Business/Action Items

Approve the hire of Lori Lewis, Elementary Paraprofessional Aide.

It was recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve the hire of Lori Lewis, Elementary Paraprofessional Aide. Motion by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Chynoweth to approve the hiring of Lori Lewis, Elementary Paraprofessional Aide. Discussion was held. Motion unanimously carried.

Accept the retirement/resignation of Sheri Aldrich, High School Administrative Assistant.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to accept the retirement/resignation of Sheri Aldrich, High School Administrative Assistant. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Koskela to accept the retirement/resignation of Sheri Aldrich, High School Administrative Assistant. Discussion was held. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the 5th Grade trip to Mackinac Island.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve the 5th grade trip to Mackinac Island. Moved by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the 5th grade trip to Mackinac Island. Motion unanimously carried.

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Approve the 6th Grade trip to Camp Nesbit.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve the 6th grade trip to Camp Nesbit. Moved by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Heinonen to approve the 6th grade trip to Camp Nesbit. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the ISD June 5, 2023 Biennial Election.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to Approve the Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the ISD June 5, 2023 Biennial Election. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Koskela to designate Michael Lancour as the Electoral Representative, discussion was held, moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Heinonen to designated Catherine Jordan as an alternative. Motion unanimously carried.

Randy Roberts spoke briefly about the Hockey Cooperative with Lake Linden.

Rescind the Approval of a Resolution to Dissolve the Varsity Hockey Cooperative with Lake Linden Schools.

It is recommended by Board President Kero to Rescind the Approval of a Resolution to Dissolve the Varsity Hockey Cooperative with Lake Linden Schools. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola to Rescind the Approval of a Resolution to Dissolve the Varsity Hockey Cooperative with Lake Linden Schools. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the district negotiations to purchase the McAfee Field property (aka - the Condon Field Property) and other University items/property.

It is recommended by Board Member Kero to allow the district to negotiate with Finalndia University and their State of Michigan appointed receiver, Patrick O'Keefe for the purchase of the McAfee Field property (aka - Condon Field Property) and other University items/property. Moved by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Heinonen, discussion took place, to approve these negotiations. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Member Heinonen, seconded by Member Jordan to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Michael Lancour
Board Secretary