

RECORD OF MINUTES

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

Meeting open -Pledge of Allegiance

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Hancock Public Schools was held in the high school cafeteria on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 5:01 p.m. Vice-President Jordan called the meeting to order.

Present: Catherine Jordan, Michael Lancour, Wendy Chynoweth, Rod Paavola & Steve Koskela

Absent: N/A

President Kero resigned from the Board of Education via email at 2:19 p.m. on August 7, 2023. Vice-President Jodan assumes the role of President by default. President Jordan thanked the community members in attendance for coming to the meeting and introduced the board.

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by President Jordan that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Lancour to add Action item #6 Appoint a liaison with the City of Hancock Recreation Commission, seconded by Member Koskela, to adopt the agenda with the change. Motion unanimously carried.

Visitors' Comments:

Sara Niemeyer shared concerns on the vacancy of the Superintendent position and the process that will be followed going forward to fill the role.

Alan Salmi would love to see the school improve and succeed and hopes that a diligent search will be conducted in filling the Superintendent position.

Tom Vichich asked several questions of the board relative to the boards vision to that of Dr. Patchin and the posting of the Superintendent position.

Allyson Jabusch noted that the job of the board is to be here and be a guardian to the students.

Bill Lepisto asked about the rumors out in the public regarding the Board President resigning before the meeting, the Interim Superintendent position and the conducting of meetings by the board behind the scenes.

Gina Lepisto Sague shared her concerns for the rumors in the public, the vision of the board, her disappointment in the school and the school board noting that is time to step up to the plate.

Old or Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

Approve the Finance Resolution on McAfee Field.

It was recommended by President Jordan to approve the finance resolution on McAfee Field. Motion by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the finance resolution on McAfee Field. Discussion was held. Ayes: Jordan, Lancour, Chynoweth, Paavola & Koskela. Nays: N/A. Motion unanimously carried.

1b. Approve the Purchase Agreement for McAfee Field (as it just arrived from the school legal counsel). It was recommended by President Jordan to Approve the Purchase Agreement for McAfee Field. Motion by Member

Koskela, seconded by Member Chynoweth to approve the purchase agreement for McAfee Field. Ayes: Jordan, Lancour, Chynoweth, Paavola & Koskela. Nays: N/A. Motion unanimously carried.

Accept the resignation of Alisha Pihlaja, Elementary Teacher.

It was recommended by President Jordan to accept the resignation of Alisha Pihlaja, Elementary Teacher. Motion by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Lancour to accept the resignation of Alisha Pihlaja, Elementary Teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Trustee Vacancy

It was recommended by President Joran to approve the appointment of a Board Trustee. The following district residents applied: Brent Bastion, Paul Dube, Eric Jarvi, Charlie Klein, Emilie Lancour, Taylor Paul, Stephen Raasio & Dale Verran. The board members submitted the names of two candidates that they felt were the strongest. Member Jordan selected Charlie Klein and Taylor Paul. Member Lancour selected Charlie Klein and Emilie Lancour, Member Paavola selected Charlie Klein and Taylor Paul, Member Chynoweth selected Charlie Klein and Stephen Raasio followed up by Member Koskela selecting Charlie Klein and Stephen Raasio. Discussion was held. Moved by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Paavola to appoint Charlie Klein, Board Trustee. Motion unanimously carried.

Accept the resignation of Dale Kero, Board President.

It was recommended by President Jordan to accept the resignation of Dale Kero, Board President. Moved by Member Paaavola, seconded by Member Koskela to accept the resignation of Dale Kero, Board President. Discussion on the posting of the vacancy was held. Motion unanimously carried.

Interim Superintendent

It is recommended by the President Jordan to appoint an Interim Superintendent. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Chynoweth to appoint Chris Salani as Interim Superintendent. Discussion was held on the posting of the Superintendent position. Motion unanimously carried.

Appoint a Board Liaison for the City of Hancock Recreation Commission.

It is recommended by Board President Jordan to appoint a board liaison for the City of Hancock Recreation Commission. Moved by Member Paavola to appoint Michael Lancour as the board liaison for the City of Hancock Recreation Comission, seconded by Member Chynoweth. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Lancour to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Michael Lancour
Board Secretary