

MINUTES

SHEPHERD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

February 8, 2021

5:45 p.m.

Present: Brent Curtiss, President
Rick Judge, Vice-President (Arrived 5:48 pm)
Matthew Showalter, Secretary
Tracey Galgoci, Treasurer
Gina Gross, Trustee
Katie Eisenberger, Trustee
Katie Travis, Trustee

Absent: None.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Curtiss called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Brent Curtiss, President, Rick Judge, Vice-President, Matthew Showalter, Secretary, Tracey Galgoci, Treasurer, Gina Gross, Trustee, Katie Eisenberger, Trustee, Katie Travis, Trustee

Others in attendance:

Greg McMillan, Interim Superintendent
Julie Freeze, Director of Business & Finance
Administrators, Educators, Directors
10+ Community Members

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Curtiss asked at the end of the meeting if anyone would like to address the board. Tina Schafer, Shepherd Resident, virtually addressed the board members.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Building and Grounds:

Steve Sura stated he is looking into different equipment to help the air quality in the buildings. He has been getting all the information together to create a proposal for bidding. He mentioned he has a report from Occupant Core. A representative came and did a walkthrough of the middle and high schools, and suggested changes on what the schools could use to help purify the air better.

2. Bills for the month:

Julie stated that the bills were emailed out last week to the board members. There were no questions. She also stated that there will be more federal funds allocated to the school and it would be great to have a planning committee to prioritize the annual needs of the school and see which items could be Covid related purchases.

3. Financial Statement:

Julie explained to the new board members that she sends this statement out every month to the board members. She went through the statement entry by entry, so the new board members would know which funds fall under which category.

4. Revised Board Policies:
Julie reminded the board members that the last revised policies will be up for adoption at the next board meeting on February 16, 2021.
5. Handbook Updates:
Julie mentioned the updated handbooks will be up for adoption at the next board meeting on February 16, 2021.
6. Superintendent Search Update:
Matt said that 23 employees and 10 community members showed up to the virtual zoom forums that Chuck Dumas, MASB consultant, organized for the superintendent search.
7. Superintendent Report/Update:
 1. Greg congratulated JoAnn Gross on her MSBOA Band Teacher of the Year Award.
 2. Athletics – Families may be traveling out of the state for spring breaks, so they can practice sports. Greg said he will leave it up to the board on how to handle this situation.
 3. He stated that the three high school secretaries must quarantine due to exposure to Covid19.
 4. He mentioned that MMC (Mid Michigan College) will be putting the annexation back on the ballot for August. If it passes, Shepherd students who attend MMC would pay district tuition rather than out of district tuition.
 5. Greg found a couple of programs that students can reach out to for extra homework help. One is called the Homework Hotline and the other is called Ask Rose. The board mentioned to make sure the companies are legit and safe, and requested that a power announcement be sent to parents with the information on how to access these programs.
 6. Greg stated that Heidi Galan has been putting in a ton of extra hours addressing all the Covid19 related issues with the school.
 7. Greg stated that he will be acknowledging the Food Service Director and the cafeteria staff with certificates at the next board meeting on February 16, 2021.
 8. Greg mentioned that there is a program called Michigan Reconnect where free tuition is offered at your in-district community college to earn an associate degree if you're 25+, and a Michigan resident. Greg thought it would be a great opportunity for the paraprofessionals that work here, if they wanted to further their education.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Showalter
Board of Education, Secretary

Holly Moeggenberg, Acting Secretary