

MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
February 8, 2021

President Jaime Macumber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Neal Bishop, Scott Forbes, Shane Hunter, Scott Keys, Gina Kraft, Jaime Macumber, Nik Woods

Administrators Present: Sarah Barratt, Brandi Bishop, Chris Clark, Chuck Sorentino, Jason Vislosky

1. Motion by Shane Hunter, support by Neal Bishop to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Melissa Kelly addressed the Board on behalf of senior parents. She asked if there was a graduation date set. She was informed that at this time, graduation is set for Sunday, May 23rd.

Robert Wilcox addressed the Board with concerns with how 504 plans are being followed during shut downs. President Macumber stated that there is credit recovery plan in place.

2. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Scott Forbes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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| a.) | Minutes | January 11, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 2021 – Special Board Meeting |
| b.) | General Fund Payables | \$393,948.55 |
| c.) | Resignation of Staff | |
| d.) | Employment of Staff | |
| e.) | Expense Report | January 2021 |
| f.) | Fundraisers | |

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Shane Hunter to approve the Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation for February.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The Board was presented with quotes from Stafford-Smith for a Dishwasher and a Hot/Cold Serving Table for the Elementary School Kitchen.

4. Motion by Shane Hunter, support by Scott Forbes to approve the purchase of the dishwasher and the hot/cold serving table as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The Board was presented with information to purchase a new tractor.

5. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Shane Hunter to purchase the Kubota from Rosy Brothers as presented.

Trustee Kraft asked for more information regarding the trade in value of the tractors we would be trading in and if other vendors were contacted. She asked to table this until next month.

Vice President Bishop withdrew his motion. This item will be tabled until the March meeting.

The Board was presented with information regarding the current status of the federal tax treatment of the ORS 3% contributions to MPSERS Health Care Trust. A Closing Agreement is being offered to provide the opportunity for each reporting unit to participate in, which would resolve the tax treatment of these contributions. The District is waiting for guidance from Thrun Law Firm on how to proceed with this agreement.

6. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Scott Forbes to proceed with the 3% Closing Agreement based on Thrun's recommendation.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt presented the Board with her letter of retirement.

7. Motion by Gina Kraft, support by Neal Bishop to accept Superintendent Barratt's Retirement Letter.

President Macumber congratulated Supt. Barratt and thanked her for the incredible things that were accomplished while she was here. She stated that Supt Barratt will be missed. Vice President Bishop noted that Supt. Barratt came into this district when no one was certain of its future. She made tough decisions and was the right hire at the right time. Superintendent Barratt stated that it has been a pleasure to work in the district and she has truly enjoyed her time here.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

The Board was presented with a proposal from MASB to conduct a superintendent search.

8. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Gina Kraft to approve the MASB Superintendent Search proposal as presented.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Elementary School Principal, Jason Vislosky reported that the elementary school's virtual assistant has now moved to the Jr/Sr High School to help those students, the elementary teachers are now making all of the contacts with their virtual students. Mr. Vislosky thanked his staff for all of their hard work and for their great attendance. They will begin preparing for the MSTEP which will be held in April if it's given this year. A staff meeting was held where self-wellness was discussed. He is beginning to reach out to those families that homeschooled their students this year to find out their plans for next year.

Jr/Sr High School Principal, Chuck Sorentino informed the Board that they are off to a much better start this semester, they are reallocating resources and staff to help accommodate students. He reported that the first semester exam schedule worked very well to accommodate both face to face and virtual students. A credit recovery plan is being put in place and letters have been sent home to parents explaining it. A pilot program for cell phones was started, "Away for the Day". Students are asked to put their phones in their lockers for the day in hopes of getting kids more engaged and participating fully in class. He discussed spacing out activities for students throughout the spring starting with Winter Homecoming.

President Macumber asked that the cell phone pilot program, "Away for the Day" go to the Policy Committee for review. Vice President Bishop explained that until the Board approves this policy it will

not be allowed and the current cell phone policy must be followed.

Jr/Sr High School Teacher, Kristen Behnke reported that the Jr/Sr High School staff supports Mr. Sorentino's cell phone pilot program. She discussed how the special education teachers offered extra support to students during shut down times. Mrs. Lester spoke on behalf of Mr. Boyle and expressed their gratitude to the school district for coordinating the COVID vaccinations for staff, and also for compensating the teachers for the extra work they are doing with virtual students.

Josiah Hager, Student Representative to the Board, reported that the students weren't happy with the new cell phone policy. However, he went on to say that he has also seen a change in social interaction since cell phones have been put away. He thinks interacting through email is working fine. Students also have a complaint about how difficult it is to see graded assignments. Student Council is holding a Silent Auction as a fundraiser and they are working on Winter Homecoming.

President Macumber gave the list of 2021 Board Committees. The Finance Committee will be Jaime Macumber, Chair; Shane Hunter, Scott Keys and Scott Forbes as the alternate. The Policy Committee will be Neal Bishop, Chair; Jaime Macumber, Gina Kraft and Nik Woods as the alternate. The Building and Grounds Committee will be Nik Woods, Chair; Scott Keys, Neal Bishop and Scott Forbes as the alternate. The Marketing and Community Relations Committee will be Scott Forbes, Chair; Jaime Macumber, Gina Kraft and Shane Hunter as the alternate.

9. Motion by Shane Hunter, support by Nik Woods to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

President Macumber adjourned the regular meeting at 8:17 p.m.



Scott Forbes, Secretary