

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 11, 2021, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mrs. Rayhel, Mr. Cook, Mr. Eitel, Mr. Gard, Mrs. Hendrix (on line), and Mr. Macke. Superintendent Mr. Ross and Mr. Engerski were also present.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Eitel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the open comment session Pastor Bob Sabo offered a prayer.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel to approve the minutes, treasurer's report and bills from the month of January. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Ross discussed several issues with the board:

- Covid numbers have been going down
- As of February 10, no new cases
- As of February 11, 1 student case
- The district is now administering Covid vaccines to the school staff. The Clark County Health Department is providing the vaccines. Nurse Tina, Nurse Dana, Dr. Pine Mattas and her staff have been administering them.
- Sports are back! Mr. Ross said, "it is so good and such a blessing for the kids to be busy again with activities."
- Still trying to see how to get the cheerleaders, dance teams, and band back to the games.
- Mr. Keown has been very busy with the scheduling and is doing a great job juggling everything.
- Mr. Ross thanked Joey O'Rourke and WMMC Radio for broadcasting and video streaming the games.
- Senior nights and eighth grade nights will held at the last home game of each sport.
- Senior night for the cheerleaders, band, and Marshallettes will be at the last home football game.
- Spring sports are scheduled from May through June 19.
- Prom is scheduled for May 15.
- National Honor Society is planning their honor night
- As of now, the last day of school for the students is scheduled for May 21 and for the teachers May 24. Five remote planning days were built in the calendar. If those aren't used the ending dates for some students may be earlier.
- Principals will be making decisions about retention. Summer school will be held for junior high and high school students for credit recovery.
- Summer school will be from May 24-June 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Still a shortage of school bus drivers.
- State testing is still on the books, but dates have not been set

The 2021-2022 school calendar was discussed. Mr. Ross will receive feedback from the teachers, and the calendar will be approved at the March meeting.

The Facilities Committee met at 5:00 before the board meeting. Tim King, King Financial, and Honeywell were at the meeting to discuss financing options for any work that the facilities committee would recommend. Some possible high school projects include a new HVAC system, cafeteria expansion, and a breezeway between the high school and the jr. high school.

Approved minutes,
treasurer's report, bills

Vaccines being
administered to school
staff

Prom is scheduled for
May 15

School calendar
discussed

Facilities Meeting held

Passed a non-binding resolution for potential work

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to pass a non-binding resolution to have Honeywell go forward with further engineering on potential work at the high school. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. Mr. Ross should have open book pricing and project recommendations for the board to decide what to go forward with, if anything, at the March meeting.

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to approve a resolution to extend the property tax abatements approved for projects in the old enterprise zone to be extended to the new enterprise zone. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved resolution to extend property tax abatements

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to sign a resolution as a neutral stance regarding a family asking to detach from the Marshall school district to the Hutsonville school district. Mr. Ross commented, "We want what's best for the kids and the family. We won't stand in the way of this decision."

Signed resolution as neutral for transferring school districts

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to go into closed session for the purposes listed under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(personnel) and 5ILCS 102/2(c)(2)(negotiations). On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The board went into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

Closed Session

The board approved the retirement request from Lori Butts effective at the end of 2024-2025 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved L. Butts' retirement request effective at the end of 2024-2025 school year

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