

MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
August 9, 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: Matthew Karaffa, Chuck Sorentino, Brandi Bishop, Alisha Vislosky

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macumber.

1. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Scott Forbes to adopt the agenda with the addition of Consent Agenda c.) Resignation of Staff: Teri Phillips - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach; d.) Employment of Staff: Kristen Behnke - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Sydney Coltson - JV Volleyball Coach, Breanna Cooper - JV Volleyball Coach; f.) Fundraisers: HS Student Council, Shauna Lester – T-Shirt Sale and Parking Lot Painting and Old Business A. Batting Cage

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

During the Citizen’s Request to Address the Board Rachel Bennett asked why there was a delay in hiring a soccer and cross country coach. It was explained that the District was waiting to hire a new Athletic Director. Stephanie Meyer asked the Board to reconsider the new Jr/Sr High School dress code. She expressed her concern with hardships and students being worried about not being able to meet the dress code. President Macumber reported that there would be another parent meeting on Tuesday evening to give all parents time to express their thoughts and concerns regarding the dress code. John Keys asked if uniforms would be considered as a part of the new dress code. Kelly Dale addressed the board and asked about the soccer team. She is concerned that there will not be a coach or a team and her son will not be able to play this year. She asked if there was anything that could be done and if so, if there was a time line. It was explained that she would be able to discuss this with the new Athletic Director once they were hired. Rachel Bennett also had the same concern with the soccer team.

Scott Keys asked that the General Fund Payables be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Scott Forbes asked that Drake Okie, Athletic Director be removed from the Consent Agenda Employment of Staff.

2. Motion by Shane Hunter, support by Scott Keys to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of c.) Resignation of Staff: Terri Phillips - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach; d.) Employment of Staff: Kristen Behnke - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Sydney Coltson - JV Volleyball Coach, Breanna Cooper - JV Volleyball Coach; f.) Fundraisers: HS Student Council, Shauna Lester – T-Shirt Sale and Parking Lot Painting. And with the removal of b.) General Fund Payables and the removal of d.) Employment of Staff, Drake Okie, Athletic Director.

a.)	Minutes	July 26, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
c.)	Resignation of Staff	Terri Phillips, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach
d.)	Employment of Staff	Sarah Mata, K-12 Art Teacher Rebecca Leslie, Jr/Sr High School Physical Education/Health Teacher Michelle Bartz, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach Kristen Behnke, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach Sydney Coltson, JV Volleyball Coach Breanna Cooper, JV Volleyball Coach
e.)	Expense Report	July 2021
f.)	Fundraisers	Marlette Football, Denny Lester – Discount Card Sale High School Student Council, Shauna Lester – Parking Spot Painting, and Homecoming T-Shirt Sale

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

3. Motion by Shane Hunter support by Gina Kraft to approve the General Fund Payables, \$504,400.47.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Abstaining: Keys  
Motion Carried

4. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Scott Keys to approve Drake Okie as the Athletic Director.

Ayes: Bishop, Keys, Woods, Macumber  
Nays: Hunter, Forbes, Kraft  
Motion Carried

The Board was presented with a change in location for the batting cage at the baseball field.

5. Motion by Shane Hunter, support by Scott Forbes to approve the new location of the batting cage as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The Board was presented with a one year leave of absence request from Chris Storm, Maintenance Supervisor.

6. Motion by Shane Hunter, support by Gina Kraft to not approve the leave of absence request from Chris Storm, Maintenance Supervisor.

Ayes: Keys, Forbes, Kraft, Hunter, Macumber

Nays: Wood, Bishop

Motion Carried

Superintendent Karaffa asked the Board to think about dates that would work to hold a Board Workshop.

Jr/Sr High School Principal, Chuck reported that two parent meetings have been planned to discuss the dress code. The dress code will be changed to clarify the intent. The deadline for choosing virtual learning versus face to face needs to be changed.

7. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Scott Keys to change the deadline for choosing virtual learning versus face to face in the Jr/Sr High School Handbook to August 15, 2021.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Shauna Lester, Teacher Representative to the Board thanked the administration for approving the purchase of supplies and new books. She also thanked Supt. Karaffa for the open communication and thanked the parents and Mr. Sorentino for the time they put in working on the handbook.

Trinity Tobey, Student Representative to the Board, reported that students are starting to plan fundraisers for activities they are hoping to hold this year. Students are excited about getting to paint their parking spots.

Superintendent Karaffa informed the Board that he is watching the CDC and Sanilac Health Department guidelines regarding COVID and at this time we will still be starting school as planned. The administration will be meeting to make sure a plan is in place if anything should change. Some COVID protocols may be kept in place. He will be attending two superintendent meetings this week. The Assistant Principal search continues.

8. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Neal Bishop to move to Closed Session for a Reinstatement Hearing for Student A.

Ayes: Keys, Woods, Bishop, Forbes, Kraft, Hunter, Macumber  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

The Board moved to closed session at 7:44 p.m.

9. Motion by Shane Hunter, support by Scott Keys to return to open session at 8:25 p.m.

Ayes: Hunter, Kraft, Forbes, Woods, Bishop, Kraft, Macumber  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

10. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Scott Keys to reinstate Student A for the 2021-22 school year with a full year probationary period.

Ayes: Kraft, Hunter, Forbes, Bishop, Keys, Woods, Macumber  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

11. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Neal Bishop to move to closed session for a Reinstatement Hearing for Student B.

Ayes: Keys, Woods, Bishop, Forbes, Kraft, Hunter, Macumber  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

The Board moved to closed session at 8:28 p.m.

12. Motion by Scott Forbes, support by Nik Woods to return to open session at 8:58 p.m.

Ayes: Kraft, Woods, Bishop, Forbes, Keys, Hunter, Macumber

Nays: None

Motion Carried

13. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Shane Hunter to reinstate Student B for the 2021-22 school year with a full year probationary period.

Ayes: Hunter, Kraft, Forbes, Bishop, Woods, Keys, Macumber

Nays: None

Motion Carried

14. Motion by Neal Bishop support by Scott Keys to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

President Macumber adjourned the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.



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Scott Forbes, Secretary