

MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
October 11, 2021

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

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

Administrators Present: Matthew Karaffa, Brandi Bishop, Drake Okie, Alisha Vislosky, Jason Vislosky

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macumber.

1. Motion by Scott Forbes, support by Shane Hunter to adopt the agenda with the addition to Consent Agenda d.) Employment of Staff: Rebecca Leslie, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach and Elizabeth Mavis, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

2. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Scott Keys to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of d.) Employment of Staff: Rebecca Leslie, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach and Elizabeth Mavis, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach

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| a.) | Minutes               | September 12, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting   |
| b.) | General Fund Payables | \$581,377.47   |
| c.) | Resignation of Staff  | Chuck Sorentino, Jr/Sr High School Principal   |
| d.) | Employment of Staff   | Cynthia Pruden, Part-Time Custodian<br>Rebecca Leslie, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach<br>Elizabeth Mavis, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach |
| e.) | Expense Report        | September 2021   |
| f.) | Fundraisers           |  |

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

The Red Raider Spotlight was awarded for the first time this year. Mr. Karaffa explained it will be chosen by an administrator each month. September's recipient was Anne Redman, Elementary School Secretary. Mr. Vislosky chose her because of all that she does and is to the Elementary School staff and

students. October's recipient was Geraldine Smith. Mr. Sorentino chose her for the work she does with the Raider Mall.

Superintendent Karaffa presented the Board with a Policy change to Bylaws po0167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings for a Second Reading.

3. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Nik Woods to approve the Second Reading of Bylaw po0167.3 as presented.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Superintendent Karaffa presented the Board with quotes from Keys Construction to replace and repair concrete at the Jr/Sr High School.

4. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Shane Hunter to approve the concrete quotes from Keys Construction as presented.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Abstaining: Scott Keys  
Motion Carried

Supt Karaffa presented the Board with a proposal to tear down the Kindergarten Cottage and asked the Board to think about how to proceed with this building. The Board asked to have a hazardous material assessment completed for the Kindergarten Cottage.

Supt. Karaffa presented the Board with quotes from BCS Coatings for painting the bus garage and shed, the bathrooms at the concession stand and the maintenance/football shed.

5. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Scott Keys to approve the painting of the bus garage and shed as presented.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

6. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Shane Hunter to approve the painting of the concession stand bathrooms as presented.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

7. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Shane Hunter to approve the painting of the maintenance/football shed as presented.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

Supt. Karaffa presented the Board with a proposal for a weight room renovation from Strengthio.

8. Motion by Scott Keys, support by Shane Hunter to approve the weight room renovation as presented.

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

Supt. Karaffa presented the Board with a contract from ATS for the "Marlette Virtual Academy". He explained that it will be a separate entity and the district can set criteria and admissions requirements and limits. President Macumber asked to have some wording added to the contract.

9. Motion by Shane Hunter support by Neal Bishop to move forward with the negotiations for the Marlette Virtual Academy.

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

The Board was presented with an application for a cooperative team with Brown City for girls soccer.

10. Motion by Shane Hunter, support by Scott Keys to approve the Girls Soccer Cooperative Agreement with Brown City.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: Woods  
Motion Carried

11. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Nik Woods to approve the change to the Transportation Assistant contract as presented.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

The Board was presented with a Memo of Understanding from the MEA asking to allow teachers 10 days

COVID related absences before having to use days from their personal leave bank of days.

12. Motion by Shane Hunter, support by Scott Keys to approve the Memo of Understanding as presented.

Motion by Hunter withdrawn.

13. Motion by Neal Bishop, support by Nik Woods to approve the MEA Memo of Understanding with the following wording: Teachers forced to miss days of school due to COVID related absences will be allowed up to ten (10) days before deducting days from their personal leave bank. Absences include: work related exposure, quarantine or sickness. Teachers that are quarantined may work from home virtually and will not be charged for leave days. If the ten (10) days are exhausted, teachers will then use their personal leave bank. This agreement is effective October 11, 2021 and ends on June 10, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

R.J. Naughton with PFM presented the Board with a bond re-finance proposal. He explained that refinancing the bonds would save the District and the community money. At current rates the District would save \$315,705. He will prepare a resolution for the November 8, 2021 Board Meeting.

Drake Okie, Athletic Director, reported that this has been an exciting month of sports. Homecoming was great. Coach Lester was honored by family, friends, alumni and fans for 20 years of coaching the football team. Marlette has been nominated for Detroit Lions Michigan High School Game of the Week, be sure to vote. He thanked the coaches for working with the athletes because eligibility has not been an issue.

President Macumber thanked Mr. Okie for all of the improvements he has made at the athletic complex.

Jason Vislosky, Elementary School Principal, reported that the Halloween Parade will take place again this year on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. October 29<sup>th</sup> is also the end of the first marking period.

Alisha Vislosky, Special Education Administrator, reported that they have completed 36 IEPs with 97% parent participation. She stressed how important it is for parents to read with their children at home.

Trinity Tobey, Student Representative to the Board, reported that Homecoming was a huge success and thanked Mrs. Lester for all the work she did to help make it successful and thanked the rest of the staff for putting up with the homecoming events for the week. She thanked Mr. Sorentino for all the time he put in as the Jr/Sr High School Principal.

Superintendent Karaffa reported that Chromebooks for the students have been delivered, this will allow every student use of a Chromebook. He reported that the district is looking into new playground equipment for the elementary school playground. He informed the Board that we will start taking a look at the Strategic Plan and discussed the superintendent evaluation process and dates.

14. Motion by Shane Hunter support by Scott Keys to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

President Macumber adjourned the regular meeting at 9:08 p.m.



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Scott Forbes, Secretary