

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CARROLLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CARROLLTON, MICHIGAN**

**Regular Board Meeting
6:30 P.M.
October 19, 2020**

**Middle School Gym
3211 Carla Dr
Carrollton, Michigan**

MINUTES

Call to Order – President McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Roll Call - Steve Schwerin, Jeff Boensch, Anthony McDonald, Bill Feriend, Jill Jarvis, Erica Wood
Absent - Ray Mejia

Administrators Present - Marc McKenzie, Jason Kowalski, Jacob Premo, Sarah Coates, Tiffany Peterson, Shawn Thelen, Ken Hyde, Carol Laux, Jackie Laymac, Jackie Coffey, Noreen Saylor, Jill Wrzesinski, Loral Triebel, Jackie Schacher, Katrina Prieur, Jim Kellett

Others in Attendance - Chris Bowen, Casey Kristin, Deb Schneider, Mandi Deloria, Rebecca Logan, Victoria Easterbrook, Meredith Long, Lindsay Bryce, Louise Miller, Katelyn Kozar, Alycia, Sarah Fortin, Peggy Ivan, Carrie Green, Sandy Borske, Jolyn Ohlendorf, Leesa Tessman, Christine, Melissa Keenan, Lori Gerow, Krystal Hauser, Tammy Aspin, Gina Sullivan, Jill Schwedler, Chari Bauman, Megan Reinbolt, Allison Metiva-Wajer, Mike Wajer, Eva Wajer, Evan Wajer, Tim Cole, Jenny Newberry, Marcia VanderElzen, Nathan VanderElzen, Chelsea Fitzgerald, Emily Williamson, Jill Nicol, Alahna, Anna Zuraw, Ashley Christopher, Ashley Simmerlein, Christy Smith, Daina, Mary Demand, Ericka Taylor, Ginger LaCross, Jasmine Ray, Jill J, John Sullivan, John Weidman, Karen Richert, Kelly Damsen, Kevin Rooker, Sarah Richard, Shari Fresorger, Sheila Becker, Sherry Urbanczyk, Stephanie Joles, Sue Dust, Susan Howand, Tammy Aspin, Charity Weidman, Trisha Stabek, Loren Fischer, Pam Fischer, Lorri Feriend, Mary Kasper, Heidi Trepkowski, Ryan McGann, Marcos Salinas, Kaylee Wortley, Kate Dupuis, Amy Hemgesberg, Laura Kelly, Andrew Southwell, Linda Hawke,

Official Recorder - Teresa Aiken

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Recognition

- A. Introduction of Laura Kelly - OMNI Math teacher Mrs Peterson introduced Laura Kelly and welcomed her to Carrollton Public Schools.

II. Public Comment

Eva Wajer, CES Student - 8 yrs old, wants to go back to school

Emily Williamson, CES Teacher, CEA President - Shared concerns and frustrations regarding technology - connectivity to programs creating frustrations. Concerned about having to teach remotely as well as face to face

Andrew Southwell, CHS Teacher - talked about a personal situation he had and asked the board to look at allowing teachers to work remotely when needed.

Kate Foster Dupuis, CES Teacher/Parent - here on behalf of daughter speaking for her husband.

III. Closed Session

IV. MOTION By Feriend, supported by Wood: To go into closed session.

Ayes: Jarvis, Boensch, Wood, Feriend, McDonald, Schwerin

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

V. MOTION: By Wood supported by Boensch: To return to open session

Ayes: Wood, Feriend, McDonald, Schwerin, Jarvis, Boensch

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

VI. Presentation

- A. Jacob Premo - E-Sports Jacob Talked about the possibility of bringing E-Sports to Carrollton. Several local schools are participating in Esports. He is asking the board to ok a schedule B pay for this roll. The board asked questions and asked Jacob to look into this further and come back with more information at the next meeting.
- B. Covid 19 Extended Learning Plan Reconfirmation - Loral Triebel (Appendix A) - Laurel went through the extended learning plan and answered questions.
- C. Erica Wood - clarify about the survey that went out in August, if a parent chose virtual learning at that time they will stay virtual until 2nd semester, She wanted to know why the secondary schedule was so different from elementary students?
- D. Jill Jarvis - who is asking to prioritize K-5? MI law says we shall prioritize K-5 face to face instruction. As a parent that chose f2f she wants to know what that is going to look like in the classroom for students.
- E. The building principals went over what their classes will look like and how the classes will run and how lunches and passing times will be handled.
- F. Jeff Boensch - What if we have the situation that we have too many students that want to return to F2F 2nd semester? What will the process look like? What if the board doesn't approve the proposal tonight? Will that affect the November 2 start date for F2F?
- G. Steve Schwerin - Are lessons recorded so students can watch them at any time?

VII. Public Comments from parents and/or guardians on the Extended Learning Plan -

A. Tim Cole, CES Counselor - If there is confusion on the board's part who has had a lot of opportunity and information to see how the plan is going, how can we hold our parents to the decision they made in August?

B. Mary Kasper, CES Secretary/Parent - as a parent she is unclear for the middle school, what will the classroom look like? Will students be logged into their chromebook while the teacher is teaching in front of them? She feels like the learning environment will look very much like the virtual

C. Marcia Vanderelzen, CES TEacher/Parent - chose face to face in August. she feels like what she chose in August is not what is being presented today. How will it be different from the virtual learning that is currently happening? She is concerned about students cleaning desks and learning spaces. She is concerned about students starting classes later than before when she has to be at work before her children so she is wondering about before and after school care. What is the time frame for students being allowed to enter the building?

D. Emily Williamson, CES Teacher, CEA President - Teachers were part of the discussion of teachers teaching remote and virtual, But she doesn't believe they were told the teaching face to face and virtual would be simultaneous.

E. Jenny Newberry, CES Teacher - Her moto is her student should be "Safe, Happy and Learning" while in her classroom. She feels like the teachers are drowning, they are not keeping their heads above water.

F. Heidi Trepkowski, CES Teacher/Parent - brought her children to Carrollton to make it easier for their family, with the change in the starting times she is concerned about having to find childcare.

G. Don - a parent that is concerned his student is struggling working online and has gotten him a tutor.

Anthony McDonald, Board President, suggested that we schedule a workshop meeting to delve deeper in the Extended Learning Plan so everyone has a clearer picture and to see what a classroom would look like for the face to face students.

VIII. Individual Motion

Recommendation to reconfirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 20/21 school year. Presented by Laural Triebel and supported by the Superintendent.

MOTION: By Jarvis supported by Wood: To table reconfirmation of how instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020/2021 school year and have a board workshop as soon as possible to re-conviene and come up with an informed decision.

Ayes: McDonald, Schwerin, Jarvis, Boensch, Wood, Feriend

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Board Member Reports

XII. Written reports from the Building Principals and Directors

(Principals and Directors are available for questions on the reports below)

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| A. High School
Shawn Thelen (Appendix B1-2)
Noreen Saylor (Appendix C1) | F. Athletic Director
Jacob Premo (Appendix I1) |
| B. OMNI Program
Tiffany Peterson (Appendix D1) | G. Transportation Report
Jacob Premo (Appendix J1) |
| C. Elementary School
Sarah Coates (Appendix E1-4) | H. Nutritional Services
Jackie Coffey (Appendix K1-2) |
| D. Middle School
Marc McKenzie (Appendix F1-2)
Jason Kowalski (Appendix G1) | I. Community Education Programs
Katrina Prieur (Appendix L1-4) |
| E. Facilities Report
Ken Hyde (Appendix H1) | J. Director Assessment, Data, Technology
Jill Wrzesinski (Appendix M1) |
| | K. Special Education Program
Jackie Schacher (Appendix N1) |
| | L. Director of Instruction
Laural Triebel (Appendix O1) |

XIII. Finance Report

- A. Finance Memo (Appendix P1-2) Carol went through her finance memo and explained it to the board.

XIV. Superintendent's Report

- A. COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan
- B. NEOLA Policy Fall update 35-1 - second reading (Appendix Q1-13)
- C. NEOLA Title IX update - Rachel let the board the team is working on the updates and forms that will be uploaded to the website as soon as they are finalized
- D. Principals Month - Rachel gave a "shout out" to the principals and assistant principals for all they have been doing for staff and students and the school this year.

Consent Agenda

Board

- A. Minutes of the September meeting
Approved - Approve minutes from September 21, 2020, Board meeting (Appendix R1-5)
- B. Approved - Approve NEOLA Policy Fall update 35- second reading

Finance

A. Approved - Recommendation to approve the General Operations bills as listed on the following check registers (including payroll, payroll liabilities, and hot lunch bills)

- i. Payroll \$802,926.87
- ii General \$1,216,138.26
- a. Review of Purchase Card Statement (Appendix S1-7)
- b. Review of Monthly AP Report (Appendix T1-4)

Personnel

- A. Approved - Recommendation to approve rehiring Kimberly DeCaire-Mays, Childcare Caregiver. Presented by Katrina Prieur, supported by the Superintendent.
- B. Approved - Recommendation to approve hiring Elia Danielson, Shared time teacher. Presented by Jackie Laymac, supported by the Superintendent.
- C. Approved - Recommendation to approve hiring Kristin Palmer, Varsity Volleyball Coach. Presented by Jacob Premo, supported by the Superintendent.
- D. Approved - Recommendation to accept letter of resignation from Jeanitta Williams, Childcare Caregiver as of 10/21/2020. Presented by Katrina Prieur, supported by the Superintendent. (Appendix U1-2)
- E. Approved - Recommendation to approve Schedule B pay for the 2020-2021 school year for:(Appendix V1)
Loren Fischer - mentor for Laura Kelly
Jolyn Ohlendorf - mentor for Peggy Ivan

MOTION: *By Jarvis, supported by Feriend: To approved the consent agenda as written*
Ayes: Boensch, Feriend, McDonald, Schwerin, Jarvis, Wood
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Individual Motion:

- F. Approved - Recommendation to approve hiring Lorri Feriend, Freshman Volleyball Coach. Presented by Jacob Premo, supported by the Superintendent.

MOTION: *By McDonald, supported by Jarvis: to approve hiring Lorri Feriend as Freshman Volleyball Coach.*
Ayes: Schwerin, Jarvis, Boensch, Wood, McDonald
Nays: None
Abstain: Feriend

MOTION PASSED

Individual Motion:

- G. Recommendation to approve hazard pay as presented by Carol Laux and included in the Finance memo, supported by the Superintendent.

MOTION: *By McDonald, Supported by Jarvis: To approve hazard pay for all employees as presented by Carol Laux.*

Ayes: Schwerin, Jarvis, Boensch, Wood, Feriend, McDonald

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- XV. **Public Comment** - Melissa Keenan, CHS Teacher, feels like her voice has not been heard even though she has been on several committees. She feels like teachers are super busy and she doesn't see how students face to face are going to be successful. If we are having issues hearing people talking with a face mask on how will our students be able to hear and understand what is being said. She feels like her concerns are not being heard
- XVI. **Board Member Comments** - Steve Schwerin appreciation to everyone for everything they have been doing all along. Keep up the good work. teachers we are supporting you like we are supporting the administration and students.
- XVII. Jeff Boensch - Thank you for coming out tonight and letting us know how you feel and he looks forward to getting together again to work through this.
- XVIII. Erica Wood - Thank you to everyone that came out tonight. Thank you to everyone for their hard work. We want to make the best decisions for everyone. Looking forward to the next steps.
- XIX. Jill Jarvis - Thank you to Eva for coming tonight and making her point to the board. I look forward to the workshop meeting. Mr Southwell thank you for sharing your concerns about not being allowed to work remotely when you had a family issue and needed accommodations. Mr Cole, thank you for watching out for our students. Emily, thank you for speaking on behalf of the teachers. Laural, thank you for the presentation. Jenny Newberry, thank you for your words, what can the board do to help you keep your head above water.
- XX. Bill Feriend - I hope the board can process this information to make the right decisions. Bring everything to the table so the best decisions can be made.
- XXI. Anthony - the job has changed it isn't what you signed up for. What we can do is try to mitigate the extra stuff so teachers can get back to what they do best. The board is committed to making sure we do the best we can for our students.
- XXII. **Adjournment** 9:40 PM

MOTION: *By Feriend, supported by McDonald: To Adjourn*

Ayes: Feriend, McDonald, Schwerin, Jarvis, Boensch, Wood

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED