

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
MESICK, MI 49668
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

Mesick Board of Education

Mission Statement:

Developing successful learners, critical thinkers and productive citizens.

Vision Statement:

Creating a community where education is a priority.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was read followed by roll call. Present: Jason Abraham, Joseph Barkman, Stacy Brewer, Craig Gabier, Eric Spencer and Sandra Spencer. Absent: Amy Lipke. Also present were Superintendent Akom, 1 administrator and 27 community members.

1. Student/Special Reports to the Board:
 - a. Mr. Charnes introduced the December Students of the Month.
2. Reorganization of the Board of Education for 2018:
 - a. Election of officers:
 1. President – Gabier nominated E. Spencer. Approved 6-0.
 2. Vice-President – Brewer nominated S. Spencer. Approved 6-0.
 3. Secretary – S. Spencer nominated Abraham. Approved 6-0.
 4. Treasurer – Abraham nominated Brewer. Approved 6-0.
 - b. Motion by Abraham to establish time and place for regular Board meetings as the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the JR/SR High School library. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 6-0.
 - c. Motion by Brewer to establish Huntington Bank, Honor State Bank, Chemical Bank and all branch offices and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund as depositories for school funds. Seconded by Barkman. Motion carried 6-0.
 - d. Motion by Abraham to authorize signatures for all accounts. Seconded by S. Spencer. Motion carried 6-0.
 - e. Motion by Brewer to authorize the Superintendent to invest funds. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 6-0.
 - f. Motion by Barkman to approve retainer contract with Thrun Law Firm. Seconded by S. Spencer. Motion carried 6-0.
 - g. Appoint E. Spencer as liaison representative to MASB.
 - h. Appoint Gabier as legislative representative.
 - i. Appoint Gabier as representative to Intermediate School District.
 - j. Appoint E. Spencer to serve on the Regional Association of School Boards as a member and Lipke as an alternate.

- k. Appoint Board Members to serve on the following Committees:
 - i. Coordinated School Health Committee – E. Spencer and S. Spencer
 - ii. Forest Advisory Committee – Brewer and Gabier.
 - iii. School Improvement Teams – information will be reported to board after WMISD meetings.
 - a. Elementary
 - b. JR/SR High School
 - c. District
 - iv. Building & Site Committee – Abraham, Brewer and E. Spencer
 - v. Personnel Committee – Abraham, E. Spencer and S. Spencer
 - vi. Budget & Finance Committee – Abraham, Brewer and E. Spencer
 - vii. Policy Committee – Barkman and Lipke
- 3. Motion by Barkman to approve minutes of the December 11, 2017 regular meeting and the December 11, 2017 regular meeting closed session. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4. Motion by Brewer to pay the bills in the amount of \$477,057.59. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 6-0.

The Mesick Board of Education welcomes comments from the public, public comment is limited to 5 minutes per person.

- 5. Communications from the Public.
None.
- 6. Superintendent report
Mr. Akom reported on WMISD dinner; bleacher repair 3% ORS return to employees; Mr. Besson's start date is January 22, 2018 (pending board approval).
- 7. Administrative Written Reports
 - a. Elementary School – Mr. Charnes reported on holiday concerts; Kids Read Now Grant will provide books to students in grades K-3 during summer break.
 - b. JR/SR High School
 - c. Transportation/Maintenance
 - d. Food Service – increase in choices at JR/SR High, reviewing menu/federal guidelines at elementary.
 - e. Athletics
- 8. New Business
 - a. Motion by S. Spencer to take the following action on the Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds:
 - (1) Resolve to apply for preliminary qualification of bonds by the State Treasurer for the purposes of financing the school construction description in the application.

- (2) That said application is presented to the State Treasurer for action prior to the official action of the Board of Education calling the election on said bond issue.
- (3) Resolve that this Board of Education will present a final qualification application to the State Treasurer for qualification of their bonds after this bond issue has been approved by the electors of said district.
- (4) Read the application and approved all statements and representations contained herein as true to the best knowledge and belief of the Board.
- (5) Authorize the Secretary of the Board of Education to sign this Preliminary Application and submit same to the State Treasurer for review and approval.

Seconded by Barkman. Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Motion by Abraham to hire Stephen Besson as JR/SR high school math teacher. Seconded by Brewer. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. Motion by Gabier to approve Superintendent's contract as presented. Seconded by Brewer. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. Special board meeting scheduled for February 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Abraham
Secretary