



## **AMA ESD Board of Education Virtual Regular Board Meeting**

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**May 14, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

### **Minutes**

President Mike Mahler called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Baranyai, Naomi Deo, Lee Fitzpatrick, Richard Gillies, Mike Mahler, Norm Sommerfeld, and Richard Matteson (joined just after adoption of the agenda)

ABSENT: Richard Gilles (left meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.)

STAFF: Scott Reynolds, Lisa Krey, Melissa Cook, Geri Samp, Audrie Spicer, Olivia Lehr, Lorell Whitscell

GUESTS: Ben Stevens, WATZ; Hannah Wanks; Lisa Hilberg, APS

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Deo, supported by Baranyai. On the roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baranyai, Deo, Fitzpatrick, Gillies, Mahler, Sommerfeld

Nays: None

Absent: Matteson

Ayes all, the motion carried.

A motion to approve the April 9, 2020 minutes and closed session minutes was made by Fitzpatrick supported by Baranyai. On the roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baranyai, Deo, Fitzpatrick, Gillies, Mahler, Matteson, Sommerfeld

Nays: None

Absent:

Ayes all, the motion carried.

No Board Report.

In the Superintendent's Report, Scott stated the following:

- We received acknowledgement of health insurance premium increases that exceed the employer-paid health insurance caps set for the 2020-2021 year. Employees will be responsible to pay the monthly cost over the set health insurance caps. Monthly cost to staff is \$51.02 for family coverage, \$40.41 for two-person coverage, and \$16.67 for single coverage.
- A quarterly transportation meeting will be held on May 20. APS has requested a change in the supervisor staffing and structure.
- We are moving forward with facility projects at Pied Piper. Plans are drafted by OHM and Wolgast is working to provide further info to prepare for the bidding process. There are a lot of unknowns. There is potential for work to be delayed to summer 2021. The next phase of work at the central office is paused due to the statewide shutdown.

In the Instructional Services Report, Scott shared the following highlights:

- Pied Piper graduates will have an opportunity to be celebrated with a face-to-face graduation ceremony during the 2020-2021 school year. In the meantime, graduates will be recognized through social media. See our Facebook page later in May.
- Pied Piper School Improvement Team submitted a grant for new kitchen appliances. Additionally, the team is working on a Youth and Rec grant application to improve the playground.
- Virtual services (tele-therapy) were offered to all students who have direct services on their IEPs. If families declined this mode of support, alternative modes of instruction were offered such as instructional materials/resources, phone calls, and emails. Contingency Plans can be adjusted throughout the closure as students' needs evolve.
- Mary, Ashley and Stacy met with Dr. Sarah Parker from Great Lakes Learning Academy and discussed resources, structures and ideas for online special education teaching and services.
- AMA GSRP data has gained attention from *Connect 4 Learning* and many other programs across MI and even in Oregon. Shellie and Danielle have been on

numerous Zoom meetings sharing our experience and excitement over the growth our students made this year.

- GSRP teachers are continuing to offer instruction to our students. They have pre-recorded lessons, are holding live sessions, and have LEARN Choice boards available to students.
- STARS interventionists have been busy preparing pre recorded intervention videos for our students. Teachers and students are utilizing these resources which are found on our AMA Remote Learning Toolkit.
- Julie Bastow and Hilary Robinette have received grant funding to purchase new chromebooks for our STARS intervention program. These funds only begin to get our outdated iPads replaced, but we will be able to at least replace all RTI Specialist ipads and two program site ipads at this time.
- We are still waiting to hear if the United Way grant written for classroom libraries will be granted to AMA.
- We will be holding interviews for Pied Piper School Principal/Special Education Supervisor on Tuesday, May 19. We have two strong candidates who will participate in a two-phased interview process: Q&A via Zoom and a written exercise to be completed in advance of the scheduled interview. Second phase will be in person with a role play scenario. The interview team consists of Scott, Mary Zann, Audrie Spicer, and Heather Gagnon.

A motion to approve the first reading of NEOLA policy updates (Volume 34, #2) and Bylaw 0100 was made by Deo, supported by Fitzpatrick. On the roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baranyai, Deo, Fitzpatrick, Mahler, Matteson, Sommerfeld

Nays: None

Absent: Gillies

Ayes all, the motion carried.

A motion to adopt the resolution to accept technical corrections to Board Policies 1623, 3123, 4123, 1422, and 4122 was made by Baranyai, supported by Sommerfeld. On the roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baranyai, Deo, Fitzpatrick, Mahler, Matteson, Sommerfeld

Nays: None

Absent: Gillies

Ayes all, the motion carried.

A motion to approve the Financial Statements for April 30, 2020 was made by Sommerfeld, supported by Matteson. On the roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baranyai, Deo, Fitzpatrick, Mahler, Matteson, Sommerfeld  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gillies

Ayes all, the motion carried.

A motion to authorize contracts for professional, paraprofessional, GSRP, support, administrative and other staff for 2020-2021 was made by Matteson, supported by Baranyai. On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baranyai, Deo, Fitzpatrick, Mahler, Matteson, Sommerfeld  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gillies

Ayes all, the motion carried.

A motion to set Budget Hearing and Tax Levy request for Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. was made by Matteson, supported by Fitzpatrick. On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baranyai, Deo, Fitzpatrick, Mahler, Matteson, Sommerfeld  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gillies

Ayes all, the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Baranyai. President Mahler declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Krey