

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
MESICK, MI 49668
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

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, Heather Bradley, Sally Flatman, Craig Gabier, Kirsten Ross, William Sexton and Eric Spencer. Also present were Superintendent Hollenbeck, 5 staff members and 3 community members.

1. Ms. Wagatha swore-in board members: Heather Bradley and Craig Gabier.
2. Reorganization of the Board of Education for 2023:
 - a. Election of officers:
 1. President – Gabier nominated Flatman. Approved 7-0.
 2. Vice-President – Abraham nominated Spencer – Approved 7-0.
 3. Secretary – Spencer nominated Abraham. Flatman nominated Gabier. Vote for Abraham: Approved 6-0-1. Ayes: Abraham,
 4. Treasurer – Abraham nominated Gabier. – Approved 7-0.
 - b. Motion by Gabier to establish time and place for regular Board meetings as the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Mesick JR/SR High School library. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 7-0.
 - c. Motion by Spencer to establish Huntington Bank, Forest Area Credit Union and all branch offices and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund as depositories for school funds. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 7-0.
 - d. Motion by Spencer to authorize Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer signatures for all accounts. Seconded by Ross. Motion carried 7-0.
 - e. Motion by Spencer to authorize the Superintendent to invest funds. Seconded by Ross. Motion carried 7-0.
 - f. Motion by Spencer to approve retainer contract:
 1. Thrun Law FirmSeconded by Sexton. Motion carried 7-0.
 - g. Spencer appointed as liaison representative to MASB.
 - h. Gabier appointed as legislative representative.
 - i. Spencer appointed as representative to Intermediate School District.
 - j. Spencer appointed to serve on the Regional Association of School Boards as a member and Ross appointed as an alternate.
 - k. Appoint Board Members to serve on the following Committees:
 - i. Coordinated School Health Committee
 - ii. Forest Advisory Committee
 - iii. School Improvement Teams:
 - a. Elementary
 - b. JR/SR High School
 - c. District
 - iv. Building & Site Committee

- v. Personnel Committee/Budget & Finance Committee
- vi. Policy Committee
- vii. Student Readmission Committee

Motion by Spencer to table item k. until February meeting. Seconded by Abraham. Motion approved 6-1.

5. Motion by Spencer to approve the following minutes:

- a. December 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- b. December 19, 2022 – Special Meeting
- c. December 19, 2022 – Special Meeting – Closed Session

Seconded by Sexton. Motion carried 6-0-1. Ayes: Abraham, Bradley, Flatman, Ross, Sexton, Spencer. Nays: None. Abstained: Gabier.

2. Motion by Ross to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,703,131.54. Seconded by Sexton. Motion carried 6-0-1. Ayes: Abraham, Bradley, Flatman, Gabier, Sexton, Spencer. Nays: None. Abstained: Ross.

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

7. Communications from the Public

- a. Stacy Quiggin, Athletic Director presented information on the requested boys basketball lock-in.

8. Superintendent report – Mr. Hollenbeck welcomed Heather Bradley to the Board of Education and also thanked Jason McCree for his 2 years of service on the board. Mr. Hollenbeck reported on a discipline incident at WMISD CTC involving one of our students.

9. Administrative Written Reports

- a. Elementary School
- b. JR/SR High School
- c. Athletics – Ms. Quiggin reported on current records for senior high school basketball teams: varsity boys: 5-2; junior varsity boys: 1-4 and varsity girls: 3-4. Junior high boys have completed their season and junior high girls are just getting started on their season. Boys and girls basketball are creating an on-line apparel store for a fundraiser.
- d. Transportation/Maintenance

10. New Business

- a. Update regarding ESSER fund expenditures.
- b. Motion by Gabier to approve ESSER fund expenditures, as recommended by the Finance Committee:
 - (i) Classroom furniture
 - (ii) Smart TVs for classrooms
 - (iii) SR High School Science teacher
 - (iv) 2 Kindergarten teachers
 - (v) SR High School Math teacher

(vi) Floor cleaner

(vii) SR High School Social Studies Teacher

Seconded by Sexton . Motion carried 7-0.

- c. Motion by Spencer to approve Boys Basketball team lock-in. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. Motion by Spencer to enter closed session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss superintendent contract. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 7-0.
- e. Motion by Abraham to reenter open session at 7:19 p.m. Seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Abraham, Secretary