

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
MESICK, MI 49668
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 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 5:30 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. Absent: Kirsten Ross. Also present were Superintendent Hollenbeck, 1 administrator, 1 staff member and 7 community members.

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

1. New Business

a. Student Discipline Hearing – open session.

Evidence was presented by Administrators and staff from the Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center.

Gabier and Spencer asked questions regarding student's Applied Construction Trades class at CTC – question to CTC instructor regarding if a knife would be allowed in class.

Hollenbeck questioned on what knives were allowed.

Question to student: What was intent on showing buddies the knife? Answer: it was from Florida.

Flatman questioned ISD administrator: What knives are allowed? Answer: Carpentry knives allowed.

Bradley questioned student: How old are you? Answer: 18.

Flatman questioned student: What has changed regarding your schooling? Answer: I'm motivated.

Abraham questioned student: Have you been eligible in basketball this year? Answer: yes.

Hollenbeck stated student is currently in grade 11.

Flatman stated updated student handbook should be published on line. Most recently published handbook.

Spencer questioned CTC instructor if other knives have been brought in to Applied Construction Trades class? Answer: only utility knives have been brought in.

Sexton questioned student have you seen other kids with pocket knives? Answer: yes, with angle edge blade pocket knife.

Spencer questioned student where was this knife stored before CTC? Answer: front right pocket.

Hollenbeck questioned student were you interviewed right away after you arrived at CTC? Answer: yes, sent directly to the office, no intention to ask teacher about the knife he brought.

Spencer questioned student were you onsite or offsite work that day? Answer: Not sure, I had been offsite.

Bradley questioned what the IEP is for. Answer: reading.

Student's mom read a statement on behalf of student.

Spencer stated that Mr. Morey had referenced referrals, have there been any suspensions or expulsions in last 2 years? Answer: Yes - removed from bus 4 days this year; 3-5 day suspension last year and 1 in-school suspension at CTC this year.

Student gave a statement on his forgiveness; stating he is sorry for what he did.

He also gave information on his work history and helping out at the school.

2. Motion by Gabier to enter closed session at 6:13 p.m. for board deliberations. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Abraham to reenter open session at 6:31 p.m. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Gabier to approve Board Resolution for Student Discipline. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Abraham, Secretary