

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS  
MESICK, MI 49668  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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, William Sexton and Eric Spencer. Absent: Kirsten Ross. Also present were Superintendent Hollenbeck, 2 administrators, 9 staff members, 2 community members and 1 student.

1. Special Reports to the Board:
  - a. Mr. Eric Strommer – Mr. Strommer presented information on the Robotics program and upcoming competitions. Student, Andrew Spencer, demonstrated how the robot functioned.
  - b. Mr. Kile Charnes and Mr. Scott Morey – presented information and results on the mid-year benchmark student assessments.
2. Motion by Sexton to approve minutes of the following meetings:
  - a. January 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting
  - b. January 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting – Closed Session
  - c. January 18, 2023 – Special Meeting
  - d. January 18, 2023 – Special Meeting – Closed SessionSeconded by Spencer. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Abraham to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,441,411.48. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 6-0.

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

4. Communications from the Public
  - a. Mrs. Jennilynn Hallet read a statement to the board regarding her concerns regarding the environment at the school.
5. Superintendent report – Mr. Hollenbeck reported on Food Service RFP, gathering information regarding possible contracting of food service; classroom furniture for the elementary building; high school locker installation.
6. Administrative Written Reports
  - a. Elementary School – Mr. Charnes reported that PBIS is going well, receiving good feedback from the staff, reward incentives for students.

- b. JR/SR High School – Mr. Morey reported on field trips to Eagle Village for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade and Student Council. Student of the Month will return in March 2023; recognition assemblies coming up for students with zero behavior referrals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and first semester.
- c. Athletics
- d. Transportation/Maintenance

7. New Business

- a. Motion by Gabier to approve Letter of Agreement with MEA for Remote Learning days. Seconded by Sexton. Discussion regarding support staff's role in remote learning days. Motion by Spencer to table this Motion. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 5-1. Ayes: Abraham, Bradley, Flatman, Sexton and Spencer. Nays: Gabier.
- b. Motion by Abraham to approve Sound Environments proposals for sound system for baseball, football and track fields. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. Discussion regarding appointment of board members to serve on the following Committees:
  - i. Coordinated School Health Committee – Bradley & Ross
  - ii. Forest Advisory Committee – Abraham & Gabier
  - iii. School Improvement Teams:
    - a. Elementary - Abraham
    - b. JR/SR High School – Bradley
    - c. District – Spencer
  - iv. Building & Site Committee – Flatman, Gabier & Spencer
  - v. Personnel Committee/Budget & Finance Committee – Abraham, Flatman & Spencer
  - vi. Policy Committee – Ross & Sexton
  - vii. Student Readmission Committee – Flatman & Spencer
- d. Motion by Abraham to approve Robotics Team request for overnight student trip to attend First Robotics Competition at Calvin University March 2-4, 2023. Seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 6-0.
- e. Motion by Abraham to approve Superintendent Search Proposal from Mr. George Hubbard to conduct superintendent search. Seconded by Sexton. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Abraham, Secretary