

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
MESICK, MI 49668
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 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 special meeting (regular monthly meeting rescheduled from March 13, 2023) was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was read followed by roll call. Present: Heather Bradley, Sally Flatman, William Sexton and Eric Spencer. Absent: Jason Abraham, Craig Gabier and Kirsten Ross. In Mr. Abraham's absence, Mr. Spencer was appointed as Acting Secretary for tonight's meeting. Also present were Superintendent Hollenbeck, 2 administrators, 14 staff members, 17 community members and 16 students.

1. Special Reports to the Board:
 - a. Mr. Kile Charnes and Mr. Scott Morey – introduced the February Students of the Month.
 - b. Students, Celeste Hallett and Joseph Tsuber, presented their Environment Impact Project proposal for the board to consider.
2. Motion by Spencer to approve minutes of the following meetings:
 - a. February 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting
 - b. February 21, 2023 – Special MeetingSeconded by Sexton. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Motion by Spencer to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,509,073.80. Seconded by Sexton. Motion carried 4-0.

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. Jennilyn Hallett brought packets of information for each board member to review regarding custodial duties, including daily and deep cleaning; and inventory and daily schedules; along with duties for special events.
 - b. Ms. Leah Haines spoke regarding the cleanliness of the gymnasium and upper area of the gymnasium for elementary boys basketball games. Also, concern regarding the timeliness of schedule availability and concession availability.
 - c. Mr. Jonathan Hallett spoke regarding the powerlifting club training and competitions. All JR/SR high students are eligible to participate – competitions are for students grades 7-12. Very successful season – numerous personal records and medals were earned by our students. Equipment upgrades are needed – will compile a “wish list” to keep our weight room up to date.

- d. Mrs. Christine Valentine wanted to comment on the potential hiring of a new special education teacher. Concerns regarding resources for struggling students. She also wanted to voice her support for hiring additional staff for special education students.
5. Superintendent report – Mr. Hollenbeck spoke regarding the Mesick Consolidated Schools Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 2022-2023, a required document which describes how we continue to serve students post-COVID and ESSER expenditures; timeline regarding possible privatization of food service – pre-bid meeting was held last Friday, one vendor attended along with support staff union representatives; possibility of adding Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday as a scheduled day off on the school calendar; conversation with Ms. Stacy Quiggin, Athletic Director, regarding possible funding for Jr. High athletics (baseball, softball & soccer) – stipend for coach and transportation for away contests. Proposal with details regarding Jr. High athletics will be presented at the May board meeting.
6. Administrative Written Reports
 - a. Elementary School – Mr. Charnes reported on hiring of new paraprofessional, Shannon Werdon. Ms. Werdon previously worked for SEEDS in Mesick; iReady data vs State of Michigan averages and national averages.
 - b. JR/SR High School – Mr. Morey reported that the Sr. High band received straight I's at their festival and have qualified to attend State Band Festival in early May; student achievement assembly was held this week, additional student achievement assemblies will be held after spring break; iReady data vs State of Michigan averages and national averages.
 - c. Athletics – Mrs. Quiggin reported on varsity boys basketball team district champions and lost by one point in their first game of regionals; winter sports completed; spring sport schedules are being finalized and will be released this week; Steve Coger has informed A.D. that he will not be coaching varsity softball this year and the position will be posted. Mesick will be hosting Varsity track meet on April 11, 2023. Athletic Boosters has agreed to help fund some outdoor bleachers and a pitching machine for baseball. Mesick is hosting a conference meeting with West Michigan D league on March 22nd.
 - d. Transportation/Maintenance
7. New Business
 - a. Motion by Spencer to approve hiring of part-time special education teacher. Seconded by Sexton. Motion carried 4-0.
 - b. Motion by Sexton to approve proposed 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Amendment. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 4-0.
 - c. Review of March 2023 Update - Mesick Consolidated Schools Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 2022-2023.
 - d. Motion by Spencer to approve furniture purchase from Custer, Inc. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 4-0.
 - e. Motion by Spencer to approve Robotics Team request for overnight student trip to attend First Robotics Competition at Lakeview High School, Battle Creek, Michigan on March 25-27, 2023. Seconded by Sexton. Motion carried 4-0.

- f. Motion by Spencer to approve Resolution in Regard to Non-Renewal of Superintendent's Contract. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Spencer, Acting Secretary