

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
MESICK, MI 49668
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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 regular 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 and William Sexton. Absent: Eric Spencer. Also present were Superintendent Hollenbeck, 2 administrators, 28 staff members, 10 community members and 2 students.

1. Special Reports to the Board:
 - a. Mr. Kile Charnes – introduced the May Students of the Month.
 - b. Ms. Jennilyn Hallett – read a statement regarding custodial shift changes
 - c. Ms. Hagerman & Ms. Kastl – presented information on end-of-year PBIS
 - d. Mr. Jones – read a statement on behalf of the MEA regarding the upcoming school year
2. Motion by Gabier to approve minutes of the following meetings:
 - a. May 8, 2023 – Regular Meeting
 - b. May 26, 2023 – Special MeetingSeconded by Sexton. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Abraham to pay the bills in the amount of \$639,346.57. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 5-0-1. Abstained: Ross.

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. Abby Monroe spoke regarding her dislike of the way the special meeting on June 26th was
 - b. Jennifer Dines spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - c. Tim Simerson read a letter from Cody Simerson regarding his opposition to privatization of food service.
 - d. Rhonda Simerson spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - e. Amber MacEachern spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - f. Leah Haines spoke regarding renewal of Mr. Teichman's contract and her opposition to privatization of food service.

5. Superintendent report – Mr. Hollenbeck spoke regarding open staff positions; Chartwell’s interview process; new freezer installation; irrigation repairs.
6. Administrative Written Reports
 - a. Elementary School – Mr. Charnes reported on new staff; 41 students attended kindergarten round-up.
 - b. JR/SR High School – Mr. Morey reported on interview process for open staff positions; Class of 2023 was awarded \$468,460 in scholarships.
 - c. Athletics – Ms. Quiggin reported on conclusion of spring sports seasons.
 - d. Transportation/Maintenance
7. New Business
 - a. Motion by Abraham to approve 2022-2023 Proposed Amended (with 100% HVAM Revenue) General Fund Budget and 2023-2024 Proposed General Fund Budget. Seconded by Ross. Motion carried 6-0.
 - b. Motion by Abraham to approve 2022-2023 Proposed Amended Lunch Fund Budget and 2023-2024 Proposed Lunch Fund Budget. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 6-0.
 - c. Motion by Gabier to approve 2022-2023 Proposed Amended Special Revenue Fund Budget and 2023-2024 Proposed Special Revenue Fund Budget. Seconded by Sexton. Motion carried 6-0.
 - d. Motion by Abraham to approve 2022-2023 Proposed Amended Capital Projects Fund Budget and 2023-2024 Proposed Capital Projects Fund Budget. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 6-0.
 - e. Motion by Gabier to approve 2023-2025 contract for Elizabeth Kastl, Elementary Principal. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 6-0.
 - f. Motion by Abraham to approve 2023-2026 contract for Katelyn McDonald, Elementary School Success Worker. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 6-0.
 - g. Motion by Abraham to approve 2023-2024 contract for Sergio Delgado, School Safety Officer. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 5-1. Ayes: Abraham, Flatman, Gabier, Ross, Sexton. Nays: Bradley
 - h. Motion by Gabier to approve 2023-2024 contract for Randal Teichman, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor. Seconded by Abraham. Motion failed 0-6.
 - i. Motion by Gabier to approve 2023-2024 contract for Jennifer Wagatha, Central Office secretary. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 6-0.
 - j. Motion by Abraham to hire Tammie Bonzheim as full-time special education teacher. Seconded by Ross. Motion carried 6-0.
 - k. Motion by Abraham to hire Jeff Castillo as full-time industrial arts teacher. Seconded by Ross. Motion carried 6-0.
 - l. Motion by Gabier to hire Claire McMillan as full-time elementary teacher. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 6-0.
 - m. Motion by Abraham to approve contract with Chartwell’s K12. Seconded by Ross. Motion failed 3-3. Ayes: Abraham, Flatman, Ross. Nays: Bradley, Gabier, Sexton.
 - n. Motion by Gabier to approve Resolution to Appoint Persons to the Board of Directors of Highpoint Virtual Academy – Martha McMan and Rhonda Jakubik-Workman. Seconded by Ross. Motion carried 6-0.

- o. Review of ESSER III LEA Plan of Use Narrative.
- p. Motion by Abraham to approve Letter of Agreement with MEA regarding 2023-2024 calendar. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 6-0.
- q. Motion by Abraham to approve amended Letter of Agreement with MEA regarding 2023-2024 new hire signing bonus with the following changes:

Payment schedule:

First bonus installment of \$1,000 will be paid on the second pay period of September 2023.

Second bonus installment of \$2,000 will be paid on the first pay period of January 2025.

Third bonus installment of \$2,000 will be paid on the first pay period of January 2026.

Seconded by Flatman. Motion carried 6-0.

- r. Motion to approve amended Letter of Agreement with MEA regarding 2023-2024 retention bonus with the following language added:
This is an off-schedule payment, not intended to renew after the 2023-2024 school year.

Seconded by Ross. Motion carried 6-0.

- s. Motion Abraham to approve Letter of Agreement with MEA regarding 2023-2024 referral bonus. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 6-0.
- t. Motion by Abraham to approve Letter of Agreement with MESPA regarding payout of sick days for kitchen staff. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 6-0.
- u. Motion by Abraham to approve amended Letter of Agreement with MESPA regarding 2023-2024 retention bonus with the following language added:
This is an off-schedule payment, not intended to renew after the 2023-2024 school year.
Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 6-0.
- v. Motion by Abraham to approve stipend for JH baseball co-coaches, Cody Simerson and Jonathan Hallett. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Abraham, Secretary