

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
MESICK, MI 49668
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 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 and William Sexton. Absent: Eric Spencer. Also present were 26 staff members, 57 community members and 13 students.

1. Special Reports to the Board.
 - a. Debra Robinson and Heather Simerson – Food Service
 - b. Troy Ruger and Krysti Kidder - Chartwell's K12

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

2. Communications from the Public
 - a. Kari Guy, MEA Uniserv Director, spoke regarding her disapproval of the district contracting with Chartwell's for food service and issues the union has with the food service employees being laid off.
 - b. Jennifer Dines spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - c. Melissa Ford spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - d. Cody Simerson spoke regarding his opposition to privatization of food service.
 - e. Jack Smith spoke regarding his opposition to privatization of food service.
 - f. Leah Haines spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - g. Taylor Naquin spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service and her negative experiences as a Chartwell's employee.
 - h. Cari King spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - i. Vivian Collick spoke regarding her positive experiences as a Chartwell's employee.
 - j. Ben Fleis spoke regarding his opposition to privatization of food service.
 - k. Christine Valentine spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.

- l. Jalene Croel spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - m. Joe Fitzpatrick spoke regarding his opposition to privatization of food service.
 - n. Samantha Daniels spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - o. James Humphreys spoke regarding the community and how being a board member is a thankless position. He urged the community to support the board of education and their decisions and encouraged anyone who cannot do so to run for a seat on the board.
 - p. Tim Parrish spoke regarding the lack of communication with the administration.
 - q. Sharon Brown spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - s. Debra Robinson spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - t. Ashlee McCormick spoke regarding her opposition to privatization of food service.
 - u. Jeff Valentine spoke regarding his opposition to privatization of food service.
3. New Business
 - a. Motion by Abraham to approve contract with Chartwell's K12. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 4-2. Ayes: Abraham, Flatman, Gabier, Ross. Nays: Bradley, Sexton.

Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Abraham, Secretary