

MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
Monday, October 9, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

President Mark Huggett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Burton, Mark Huggett, Gina Kraft, Jaime Macumber, Janet Mutch, Steve Quade, Nik Woods

ADMINISTRATORS: Sarah Barratt, Garnett Kohler, Jason Vislosky

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Huggett.

1. Motion by Jaime Macumber, support by Gina Kraft to accept the Agenda with the addition of g.) Band – Apple Pie Fundraiser, first weekend in November.

Motion died.

Trustee Kraft requested that File Complaint to Board for Appropriate Discipline of Trustee Nik Woods be added.

Questions were asked if a board member could make additions to the agenda. President Huggett called a 10 minute recess at 7:05 p.m. to research the question.

President Huggett reconvened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and stated items could be added.

2. Motion by Jaime Macumber, support by Steve Quade to amend the motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of g.) Band – Apple Pie Fundraiser, first weekend in November and New Business B. in Closed Session File Complaint to Board for Appropriate Discipline of Trustee Nik Woods.

Ayes: Macumber, Kraft, Huggett, Mutch

Nays: Burton, Quade

Abstain: Woods

Motion Carried

The Board accepted comments from the audience.

3. Motion by Jay Burton, support by Steve Quade to accept the Consent Agenda with the addition of g.) Band – Apple Pie Fundraiser, first weekend in November.

Vice President Quade explained he voted no because of his history with the field, but thanked MASAP for all the work they do with the fields. President Huggett concurred.

Superintendent Barratt reviewed the athletic eligibility discussion from the last meeting where Athletic Director Kurt Welchner requested the athletic eligibility return to the original eligibility criteria for the Athletic Code because several students had already signed the original code forms.

5. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Jaime Macumber to return to the former eligibility requirements for the Athletic Code.

Ayes: Burton, Huggett, Macumber, Mutch, Quade, Woods

Nays: Kraft

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Jay Burton, support by Steve Quade to approve the Winter and Spring Coaches as presented.

Ayes: Burton, Huggett, Kraft, Macumber, Mutch, Quade, Woods

Nays: None

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Jaime Macumber, support by Steve Quade to move to closed session at 7:25 p.m. for File Complaint to Board for Appropriate Discipline of Trustee Nik Woods.

Ayes: Burton, Huggett, Kraft, Macumber, Mutch, Quade, Woods

Nays: None

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Jaime Macumber, support by Steve Quade to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Ayes: Burton, Huggett, Kraft, Macumber, Mutch, Quade, Woods

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Teacher Representative Julie Wilson stated she had received an email from Kindergarten Teacher, Ms. Helene Kraft, thanking the Board and Administration for their actions to alleviate the overloads in the Young 5/Kindergarten classrooms by hiring para pros to help in each classroom. Homecoming has started and the week will be very busy.

Student Representative Margaret Mutch reported Homecoming is in progress and that students love get up and go day as everyone likes to go to school in their pajamas. The Powder Puff game will be played on Wednesday at 7:00. The students would like the Board to look into purchasing window air conditioning units for the upstairs classrooms because it can get very hot. The volleyball team, as well as the students, really enjoy the student section at the games. Students are wondering if those who have online classes that are not during 1st or 6th hour can have permission to leave during the scheduled online hour if a parent signs them out.

Elementary Principal, Jason Vislosky, presented pictures and videos of the Seesaw app Mrs. Christine Curtis uses in her Young 5 classroom. The app, which is free, allows Mrs. Curtis to take pictures or videos of her students to share with their parents. The parents can then see what is going on in their child's classroom, as well as see their progress during the year. October is National Principal's Month and he gave the Board a glimpse of what he has encountered in a couple hours of his day. He stated he loves his job, that he has amazing teachers in his school and he thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to be their principal.

Garnett Kohler, Jr/Sr High School Principal, said he recently told an acquaintance that he feels blessed to be at Marlette. He works with amazing staff throughout the District, who are doing great things! He gave kudo's to: Mrs. Sarah Opperman and Mrs. Carmen Blatt, for planning outstanding activities during Homecoming week; Mrs. Joan Helwig and Mrs. Rebecca Balcer, for the activities planned for College Month; Mr. Drew Jones for the spectacular Lights Out band performance at the football game; to the Jr/Sr High school teachers for the amazing ways they are teaching our students using Skype, and White Boards to name a few; and to Mrs. Beverly George for engaging her students to such an extent that they continued the discussions during passing time. There are a lot of good things happening in Marlette! The PSAT and Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up next week.

SISD Board Member Michael Kiley reported that Marlette is the second highest attendee at the Career Center with 49% of our juniors and seniors attending. He reported that there are some amazing classes for both general education and special education students.

Superintendent Sarah Barratt stated the District enrollment was down by 20 more students than anticipated. She distributed a table showing student exit data. The biggest impact was 54 students physically moved from the District. She and Finance Director Cheryl Bruff will work on budgetary adjustments to offset the loss. She reminded Board members of the Sanilac County Association of School Boards meeting on November 6. She recognized and thanked the Principals for their work and accomplishments.

Trustee Jaime Macumber reminded everyone that they are still accepting Shining Star nominations and none have been presented recently because no nominations have been received.

Trustee Kraft announced that she was able to obtain another portable AED unit for the District.

9. Motion by Jay Burton, support by Nik Woods to move to closed session at 8:26 p.m. for Student A Athletic Appeal.

Ayes: Burton, Huggett, Kraft, Macumber, Mutch, Quade, Woods

Nays: None

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Jaime Macumber, support by Jay Burton to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Ayes: Burton, Huggett, Kraft, Macumber, Mutch, Quade, Woods

Nays: None

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Jaime Macumber to reinstate Student A immediately to play all athletics.

Ayes: Burton, Huggett, Kraft, Macumber, Mutch, Quade, Woods

Nays: None

Motion Carried


12. Motion by Jaime Macumber, support by Nik Woods to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Ayes: Burton, Huggett, Kraft, Macumber, Mutch, Quade, Woods

Nays: None

Motion Carried

President Huggett adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.



Janet Mutch, Marlette Board of Education Secretary