

MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
Monday, May 9, 2016 – 7:00 PM

President Mike Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Burton, Mike Hall, Mark Huggett, Gina Kraft, Janet Mutch, Steve Quade (arrived at 8:15 pm), Nik Woods (arrived at 7:05 pm)

ADMINISTRATORS: Sarah Barratt, Jason Vislosky, Kyle Wood

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Mike Hall.

1. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Janet Mutch to approve the agenda with the addition to Consent Agenda e.) Fundraisers – Soccer Decal Sale, Girls Soccer, Tiffany Roberts, May 2016.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Jay Burton, support by Janet Mutch to approve the consent agenda with the addition to e.) Fundraisers:

a.) Minutes - April 11, 2016– Regular Board Meeting

b.) General Fund Payables – \$494,984.06

c.) Resignation of Staff -

d.) Employment of Staff -

e.) Fundraisers -
-Golf Outing, Football, Denny Lester, August 6, 2016
-“Give Them Your Ten”, Football, Denny Lester, May-Sept, 2016
-Goodies Factory Sale, Band, Katelyn Aikens, May 2016
-Soccer Decal Sale, Girls Soccer, Tiffany Roberts, May 2016

f.) April Expense Report

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

3. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Janet Mutch to approve the 2016-2017 General Fund Operating Budget for the Sanilac ISD.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

4. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Gina Kraft to approve the hiring of the MASB for Strategic Planning.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 1, Woods
Motion Carried

The board was presented with a proposal prepared by Luke Reynolds for bond funded projects Mr. Reynolds compiled the list by speaking with other teachers. A list with other possible projects was presented as well. Superintendent Barratt also presented her list of recommended projects which incorporated projects from both lists.

5. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Gina Kraft to approve spending the remaining bond money on the recommended list presented less the elementary hot water boiler.

Ayes: Burton, Woods, Mutch, Kraft, Huggett, Hall
Nays: None
Motion Carried

6. Motion by Gina Kraft, support by Nik Woods to approve the textbook recommendation for 7th and 8th grade math at Marlette Jr/Sr High.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt presented the Board with a retirement letter from Rita Mero. Mrs. Mero would like to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. The board thanked Rita for her years of service.

7. Motion by Jay Burton, support by Mark Huggett to accept Rita Mero's retirement request.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

President Hall presented this month's Shining Star Award to Mrs. Sarah Opperman. Mrs. Opperman is the art teacher at Marlette Community Schools. Mrs. Opperman gets the kids engaged and helps them realize that anyone can be artistic. She has painted the "M" in the gym and trash cans throughout the school on her own time. She also holds an after school art program for 5th and 6th graders to make sure that they are able to receive art and teaches 4th grade students during her prep time. She puts countless hours into the program. Sarah goes above and beyond what is expected and the Board sincerely appreciates her dedication to the learners of Marlette Community Schools.

Superintendent Barratt explained to the Board that the "Part B Strand Report" is part of Continuous Improvement & Monitoring System used in the Special Education Department. She also explained the reason for the two late IEP's Marlette Schools had last year.

8. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Jay Burton to accept the Part B 2016 Strand Report – CIMS Cross Indicator Analysis for Timely IEP's.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Superintendent presented the Board with the first reading of NEOLA Policy Updates, Spring 2016:

1. Policy 1240, 1420, 3220 – Evaluation of Superintendent, Administrators and Professional Staff (revised)
2. Policy 2623 – Student Assessment
3. Policy 3131 – Staff Reduction/ Recall (revised)
4. Policy 6146 – Post Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt and Tax-Advantage obligations (revised)
5. Policy 6424 – Purchasing cards (NEW)

6. Resolution – Drones (NEW)
7. 13 EDGAR Policies (New and Revised)

9. Motion by Janet Mutch, support by Gina Kraft to approve the first reading of the NEOLA Policy Updates, Spring 2016.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

The Board was presented with a request from Mrs. Aikens to take the band class on a reward trip to Cedar Point.

10. Motion by Jay Burton, support by Nik Woods to approve the band trip to Cedar Point.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

A leave of absence requested was presented for Linda Brown, Custodian. Mrs. Brown is requesting a leave of absence for the summer months.

11. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Jay Burton to approve the leave of absence for Linda Brown.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 1, Huggett
Motion Carried

Recommendations for Tenure were presented to the Board. Mrs. Rachel Bennett and Mr. Dave Hayden have both successfully completed their probationary period.

12. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Jay Burton to award tenure to Rachel Bennett and Dave Hayden.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt presented the Board with a letter from Karen Demaray requesting a reduced assignment for the 2016-2017 school year.

13. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Gina Kraft to approve the reduced (50%) schedule for the 2016-17 school year for Karen Demaray.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Student Representative to the Board, Ryan Rich, reported that our Science Team took 2nd place and the Social Studies Team took 1st at the Tuscola Academic Games on April 18th. He stated that our band earned straight 2's at the state competition. NHS focused its spring clean-up on the walking trail this year and held its Induction and Senior Ceremony on April 20th. He informed the Board that Jennifer Newland will represent Marlette at HOBY this year as well as himself as a member of the HOBY staff. He expressed his excitement about graduation and reminded the board that this would be his last meeting as the Student Representative to the Board. President Hall thanked Ryan for his service to the Board.

Teacher Representative to the Board, Julie Wilson, reported that Prom went well and that we were told by staff of the banquet hall that our students were very well behaved. She also commented that it has been over 10 years since the band made it to the state level competition and commended them on their efforts.

Elementary School Principal, Jason Vislosky, reported that he has made a change in the lunch procedures at the Elementary School to try to cut down on the noise and chaos in the hallways during lunch time. The Lego Robotics Club visited Mrs. McElroy's classroom to see the Engineering Club's ROV. Mr. Vislosky thanked Mrs. Zuhlke for her efforts in planning ACES Day (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) for the students in the Elementary School. He informed the Board that the Elementary Library will be going through an update, and a "latch key" program is being looked into.

Jr/Sr High School Principal, Kyle Wood, reported that Marlette Jr/Sr High School was named as a top 100 High School in the State of Michigan according the US News & World Report. Marlette was ranked 77th in the state and 1,939 in the country. Mr. Wood informed the Board that 74% of our students in the Jr/Sr High School participate in extra-curricular activities, he went on to say that this is important because students who participate in extra-curricular activities tend to do better in school. Mr. Wood informed the Board that 11th and 8th grades have finished their testing and that 7th grade will begin the M-Step this week.

Superintendent Barratt presented the Board with a brochure explaining the updates to the Elementary School Library. The updates will put more of an emphasis on non-fiction, technology and STEM resources. Supt. Barratt reminded everyone that there will be a meeting for students and parents to discuss the concurrent classes being offered next year. The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 pm in the Jr/Sr High School Library. Supt. Barratt passed out a brochure on a work camp program that she would like to see come to the Marlette Community. She would like the school to work with the churches and the city on this project. She asked the Board to consider this, it would be two years before this work camp could come to Marlette.

14. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Steve Quade to move to executive session for negotiation strategy at 8:16 p.m.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

15. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Steve Quade to return to open session.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

16. Motion by Jay Burton, support by Nik Woods to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

President Hall adjourned the regular board meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Regina Kraft, Board Secretary