

MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
Monday, August 8, 2016 – 7:00 PM

President Mike Hall called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

ADMINISTRATORS: Sarah Barratt, Jason Vislosky, Kyle Wood

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

1. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Jay Burton to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Mark Huggett asked that d.) Employment of Staff be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to New Business.

2. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Steve Quade to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of d). Employment of Staff.

- a.) Minutes - July 11, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting
- b.) General Fund Payables – \$248,359.82
- c.) Resignation of Staff - Melissa Findlay, Special Education Teacher
- d.) Employment of Staff – Tom Schank, Mechanic

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

3. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Steve Quade to hire Tom Schank as mechanic.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt presented the Board with a Weight Room Policy and Waiver and asked them to look at it and for their thoughts. President Hall created a committee to work through the questions and concerns raised by the Board. The committee will consist of Woods, Quade and Mutch.

Principal Wood presented the Board with Jr/Sr High School Handbook changes for the 2016-17 school year.

4. Motion by Janet Mutch, support by Steve Quade to approve the changes in the Jr/Sr High School Handbook with the deletion of the word “advanced” in the 8th Grade Algebra I section; the section will read: “This means students will be expected to take Geometry in ninth grade, Algebra 2 in tenth grade, one credit of math their junior year and one credit of math their senior year.”

Ayes: 5

Nays: 2 – Woods, Burton

Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt presented the Board with additions for the 2016-17 Employee Handbook. The additions include: comp time procedure, freedom of speech in non-instructional settings, and staff ethics.

5. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Gina Kraft to approve the employee handbook additions for the 2016-17 school year.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

President Hall presented this month’s Shining Star Award to Mrs. Karen Nicol. Mrs. Nicol is a first grade teacher. She goes above and beyond for each and every student, always has time to answer questions for parents and always has the best attitude. She is also giving much of her time this summer enhancing the Elementary School Library.

Mr. Kyle Wood, Jr/Sr High School Principal, announced that the office would reopen on August 15th and that while some projects are still being worked on, the cleaning in Jr/Sr High School is complete. He presented AP score results for those students who took the AP tests last year. He reported that summer school has wrapped up for the year, with students completing 15 courses this summer. Mr. Wood thanked Leon Westover and the Alumni Association for the work they did on the band and academic showcases. He informed the Board that he and Mr. Kohler, Brown City High School Principal, joined Sydney James, MCAN College Advisor, for a one day training in Lansing to lay the ground work for the upcoming school year. He is excited about the additional benefits she will provide our students this year. Mr. Wood announced that orientation will be held on August 29th - more information will be mailed out as the date approaches.

Mr. Jason Vislosky, Elementary School Principal, reported that the “Hub” is almost finished. He thanked Karen Nicol, Pat Kitchen and Elise Nicol for the work and time they invested in this project. Mr. Vislosky informed the Board that the First United Methodist Church presented him with over \$200 for the Back Pack Program that they raised during their Vacation Bible School. He reported that the Red Raider Care room is nearly complete and the new preschool playground fence has been installed. Mr. Vislosky indicated that teachers are starting to make their way back into their classrooms and that the annual Open House will be held from 5:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 31st.

Superintendent Sarah Barratt reported that teacher contract negotiations are ongoing with the next meeting scheduled for August 18th. She reminded the Board that the Superintendent Evaluation Process training will be held on October 3rd at the Sanilac ISD and that they will need to schedule another 3 hour training session. She will work on getting that scheduled as soon as possible. Supt. Barratt thanked Elise Nicol for getting the new Red Raider Care program started. She explained that it is a before and after school day care program for students in our district, age 3 to 6th grade. She also thanked Karen Nicol, Pat Kitchen and Elise Nicol for the work done on the library.

Janet Mutch thanked Mike Hall for the time he gave the Board and indicated that he would be missed next year. She also wanted to inform the community that although it’s not always seen, the Board does put a lot of time and energy into their board positions and that they are all very committed to “putting the kids first”. She would like to invite those running for the board to the next meeting and possibly hold some kind of a “meet and greet”.

Gina Kraft donated her board stipend back to the school.

6. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Mark Huggett to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

President Hall adjourned the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Regina Kraft, Board Secretary