

MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
Monday, September 12, 2016 – 7:00 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Hall, Mark Huggett, Gina Kraft, Janet Mutch, Jay Burton, Nik Woods, Steve Quade arrived at 7:02 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 Nik Woods to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

2. Motion by Janet Mutch, support by Gina Kraft to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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| a.) Minutes - | August 8, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting |
| b.) General Fund Payables – | \$308,200.53 |
| c.) Resignation of Staff - | 8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach,
Jamie Zuhlke |
| d.) Employment of Staff – | Jr/Sr High Special Ed/Math
Teacher – Alisha Vislosky
Social Worker – Dana Down |
| e.) August Financial Report | |
| f.) Fundraisers – | Bags for Bucks - 8 th Grade DC
Trip – Beverly George,
9/13/16-9/30/16 |

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Austin Ledsworth presented the board with an update on his Eagle Scout project. He reported that he has raised \$5004.95 and the work is in progress. The area he is working on has been cleaned out and a contractor has agreed to do the work. During this process, Austin defined

another area that should be cemented, however, he is \$881.25 short to complete that part of the project. He asked the Board if the school could help out with the completion of the project.

3. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Nik Woods to cover the \$881.25 for the extra cement work at the athletic complex.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt presented the Board with a Weight Room Policy and Waiver that the committee revised.

4. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Jay Burton to approve the Weight Room Policy and Waiver form as presented.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt explained that the Shining Star Award was respectfully declined by the individual nominated. After some discussion, the Board agreed to continue the award for now. The committee will choose another one next month.

Cindy Gansen with the MASB, updated the Board about where we're at in the Strategic Planning process. She will send the board a link to the board survey for their review.

Superintendent Barratt presented the Board with the L-4029, 2016 Tax Rate Request forms.

5. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Janet Mutch to approve L-4029, Tax Rate Request forms.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt explained that we implemented a new policy of not charging students to attend home athletic events last winter. She advised that the policy has been a positive for our District and asked if the Board would approve to continue this policy.

6. Motion by Jay Burton, support by Steve Quade to continue to allow students into regular season, home athletic events, free of charge.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt, presented the Board with an updated Building and Use Form for use of the building and grounds.

7. Motion by Janet Mutch, support by Steve Quade to approve the new Building and Use Form with the addition of a rule that "No permanent markings can be made on the sidewalks or buildings. If any permanent markings are left on the grounds or buildings, the group will accept responsibility to clean the damaged area"

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt reported that the Knight Scholarship Committee met and agreed to transfer the management of the scholarship to the Sanilac Area Community Foundation. They will keep the funds, collect the applications and process the checks. The Committee will still choose the recipient(s).

8. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Steve Quade to approve the transfer of the Knight Scholarship management and funds to the Sanilac Area Community Foundation.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt advised the Board that county Superintendents are discussing the beginning date for school for the 2017-18 school year. They have discussed asking for a waiver to begin school before Labor Day next year as well as moving toward a balanced calendar. Nothing has been determined yet.

Superintendent Barratt reported that our substitute teachers currently make \$70.00 per day. She explained that other districts in our area are paying more and there is a shortage of substitutes. She believes that we may be losing substitutes due to the difference in pay and asked the Board to consider raising the pay for substitute teachers to \$85.00 per day.

9. Motion by Gina Kraft, support by Mark Huggett to increase substitute teacher pay to \$85.00 per day.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Teacher Representative to the Board, Julie Wilson, reported that the students have settled in to the new school year in spite of it being miserably hot in the school last week. The students participated in some fun activities and enjoyed popsicles on the first day.

Student Representative to the Board, Maggie Mutch reported that the students enjoyed the tug of war and popsicles on the first day. She received positive feedback from the junior high students and freshmen on their transitions to middle and high school. She reported that everyone is excited about the upcoming homecoming activities and that the 5K Color Run was enjoyed by all who attended and everyone involved hopes that it becomes an annual event. She also mentioned that lines to see the counselor for scheduling changes was very long during orientation and that the girls' locker room has a bad smell coming from the drains; she asked if these things could be looked into.

Mr. Jason Vislosky, Elementary School Principal, thanked the teachers and custodians for an amazing Open House and reported that we're off to a great start. He reported that the professional development held with the teachers before school started was well received and he hopes that more can be done with both schools in the future. He presented the board with the M-Step results and reported that there were no surprises. He reported that as of today, the Elementary School is up 12 students. He advised the Board that the Elementary School will be using a new anti-bullying software to track and document all reported cases of bullying. Mr. Vislosky reported that the state has asked schools to administer an online early literacy benchmark assessment to all first and second grade students, this will be conducted through the month of October. Our Red Raider Care, a before and after school day care program, is up and running.

Mr. Kyle Wood, Jr/Sr High School Principal, reported that orientation was well attended. Mr. Wood presented the Board with the SAT results from last year, Marlette had the highest scores in the county. He congratulated the students and staff on this accomplishment. He indicated that he doesn't have an exact number, but it looks like the high school numbers are up as of today as well. Homecoming week will be held September 26-30th with the dance being held on Saturday, October 1st from 7:00-11:00 pm.

Superintendent Sarah Barratt reported that teacher contract negotiations are ongoing with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 15th. She indicated that she really enjoyed serving popcorn at the Elementary School orientation. She reminded the Board that Superintendent Evaluation training will be held on October 3rd at the Sanilac ISD. There will be another training session for Marlette held on October 19th from 6:00-9:00. Mrs. Barratt informed the Board that she will be sending staff a "Raider News" email to help improve communication. Her goal is to send these out twice a month. She informed the Board that due to low numbers

and injuries, the JV Football season is being cancelled. The players on JV will be moved up to the Varsity Football team. She also asked the Board to check their schedules for a Strategic Planning workshop to be held on Saturday, October 15th with MASB Representative, Cindy Gansen.

Trustee, Kraft raised concern as to how our sports teams line up and address the flag during the playing of the National Anthem. Supt. Barratt indicated she would look into it.

10. Motion by Nik Woods, support by Jay Burton to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

President Hall adjourned the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.