WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 22, 2019

PLACE: WLCC Room 103

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Mahoney, Rachel Mitteer, Doug Ogden, Penny Evert, Brad Johnson, Jim TenBrink,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shon Cook, student representative Kaeli Davis

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry McDowell, Steve Aardema, Michelle Pulver, Ron Bailey, Dale McKenzie, Karen Abraham, CJ VanWieren, other staff members, students and community members

President Mahoney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion Johnson/Evert to approve the agenda as presented, with the spotlight being moved further down in the agenda.

Ayes (6) Johnson, Evert, Mitteer, TenBrink, Ogden, Mahoney
Nays (0)
Motion Carried

Communication From the Audience

none

Consent Action Agenda

Motion Evert/TenBrink to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Ayes (6) Evert, TenBrink, Mitteer, Ogden, Johnson, Mahoney
Nays (0)
Motion Carried

Items approved: minutes of meetings dated March 18 and April 12, disbursements for the month of March 2019: general fund $462,435.07, community education $41,063.50, food service $9,271.53, technology $12,148.92, MAISD common debt $0, capital projects–bond $449,424.73, activity account $21,799.21, Out of state band trip, new hire recommendations for Tessa Hagen and Elaina Schlukebir and the request for an extension of a Board approved leave of absence.

Student Representative Monthly Building Update

Student Rep Davis was unable to make tonight's meeting.

Board Correspondence

none

Board Reports

Committee chairs shared a summary of their recent meetings.

MAISD Biennial Election Resolution Consideration

The Board reviewed the MAISD biennial election resolution that will be adopted at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

none

Monthly Financials

Mr. Aardema shared a presentation on financials, specifically the debt fund.

Spotlight

Seniors Liam Johnson, Jacob Loudermilk and Ethan McKenzie, shared a project they built in their machine engineering class at the CTC. They were recognized as one of five finalists for the Innovator of the Year award for their design, which was a student desk integrated with a document camera and ipad to accommodate student with a severe vision disability at Oehrli Elementary.

Superintendent Report

Dr. McDowell shared that the construction project is approximately 5 to 6 weeks behind schedule. The district was recently awarded a grant for $84,000 from the Michigan State Police for keyless and video entries at all building entrances. Dr. McDowell is attending a GVSU teacher fair this week looking to specifically fill art, special ed and math teacher positions as well as an elementary counselor position. Dr. McDowell shared a letter of intention for the Lakeshore History Museum Center and WDS to explore WDS eventually assuming responsibility for the history park at the Hilt Landing property in Whitehall Township. The property would specifically to be used for educational purposes and an outdoor learning center.

Audience Comments

none

Adjournment

Motion TenBrink/Ogden to adjourn.
Ayes (6) TenBrink, Ogden, Johnson, Mitteer, Evert, Mahoney
Nays (0)
Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Shon Cook, Board Secretary