

WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 15, 2022

PLACE: VAC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Means, Paula Martin, Chris Mahoney, Jim TenBrink, Rachel Mitteer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Ogden, Shannon McGoran

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry McDowell, Steve Aardema, Michelle Pulver, other staff and community members

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion Means/Martin to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes (5) Means, Martin, Mahoney, TenBrink, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Public Comment

None

Consent Action Agenda

Motion TenBrink/Martin to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes (5) TenBrink, Martin, Mahoney, Means, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Items Approved: minutes of meetings dated July 18 and 29, Hackley Community Care Interagency Agreement, new hire recommendations of Daniels and Smith, 22-23 Board Approved course offerings for Shoreline, Ealy, Middle, High, homeschool, Duck Creek and MCVA, disbursements for the month of July 2022: general fund \$679,589.92, community education \$80,209.50, food service \$38,840.75, technology MAISD \$102,203.56, activity account \$18,621.13, common debt \$0, capital projects–bond \$0

Martin asked what positions the new hires filled. McDowell answered that Daniels will be the new Ealy art teacher and Smith will be a teacher at Shoreline.

Committee Reports and any Discussions

Facilities chair TenBrink said a variety of building improvements that may be needed in the future were discussed at the July 29 facility committee meeting. The committee asked Jerry and Steve to come back with some options on what a potential bond request could look like in the future to help accommodate these future facility needs.

Unfinished Business - None

Hope Squad

Sue Erndteman, Hope Squad advisor, shared details of the group. The group originally started in Utah. Whitehall High School is the first school in Michigan to offer the Hope Squad program to its students. The squad focuses on supporting students. McDowell shared that this is a school sponsored activity. Martin applauded and

thanked Ms. Erndteman's for her efforts and many years of work she has done with the students at Whitehall. Means is happy to see this program and believes it can really help the mental health of students today.

Ms. Oldenburg shared that with the rise of anxiety and depression in students over the last few years, the high school is offering a mental health summit for families on Wednesday, August 24th from 5 to 8 p.m. (during their back to school open house).

Monthly Financial Reports

Finance Director Aardema shared the monthly financials with the Board.

Superintendent Report

Dr. McDowell shared the back to school week of activities for staff.

TenBrink asked if transportation department is fully staffed. McDowell said the district is fully staffed at this time, including the transportation department.

Adjournment

Motion TenBrink/Means to adjourn.

Ayes (5) TenBrink, Means, Martin, Mahoney, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Board Secretary or Designee