

Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Trustees Madison District Public Schools

A Regular Board of Education Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Madison District Public Schools was held Monday, January 13, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Madison Elementary Cafeteria.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Pittman

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Pittman

B. Roll Call & Public fundamental with Public comments

Present: Ms. Kastle, Mr. Kimble, Ms. Ott, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Scott, Ms. Thompson

Comments from: Ms. Cindy Holder and Mr. Tom Smith

C. Plante Moran Presentation

Lisa Vargo, CPA. Plante Moran presented the audit for the period ending June 30, 2019

D. Interview candidates for Open Board Seat

Each board member asked each candidate one question.

Candidates Interviewed: Mark Holcomb, Jonathan Beaver, Cindy Holder, and Alexandra Shepherd.

Candidates not present: Kenneth Taylor, Isabella Leo, Wayne LaForge, withdrew his request to be considered.

President Kimble asked for a motion to select a candidate to fill the vacant seat.

Mr. Pittman made a motion to appoint Mark Holcomb. Support: Ms. Ott

All in favor: Ayes 5 Nays 1, Ms. Scott

Motion carries: 5-1

2. Superintendent Report - Mr. Angel Abdulahad

No report

3. Board of Education Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes from: Regular Board Meeting

Approval of Minutes from: Monday, December 2, 2019.

Motion by: Ms. Ott

Support by: Ms. Thompson

No Discussion

Action went to vote.

All in favor: Ayes: 6 Nays: 1, Ms. Scott
Motion carries: 6-1

B. Closing of Child Care

Dr. Edwina Hill made a presentation with data supporting the recommendation to close the child care portion of the ECC because it is not fiscally sustaining. GSRP will remain. After her presentation, Dr. Hill and Mr. Abdulahad answered questions from the audience and the board.

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education close the day care program at the Early Childhood Center Building as of January 31, 2020.

Motion by: Ms. Thompson

Support by: Ms. Kastle

Action went to vote.

All in favor: Ayes: 5 Nays: 2, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Scott
Motion carries: 5-2

C. Neola

Neola is a company that partners with the Michigan Association of School Boards and provides policy services to public schools. The Board By Laws and Policies of the Madison District BOE have not been updated for seven years. Public meetings will be held to discuss and revise these documents, after which they will be put on line for all to access.

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Neola to update Board Policies and put them on line.

Motion by: Ms. Kastle

Support by: Ms. Thompson

Action went to vote.

All in favor: Ayes 7 Nays: 0
Motion carries: 7-0

D. November 4, 2019 Board Meeting Payment

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve payment for the November 4, 2019 Special Board Meeting.

Motion by: Mr. Pittman

Support by: Ms. Scott

Discussion: No quorum existed. Board members that did not attend gave notice. It was known there was not going to be a quorum. Mr. Abdulahad had informed three board members in his office that there was not going to be a quorum. The three board members did not want the meeting canceled. So, the meeting was set to happen. When it was obvious that a quorum was not present, Mr. Abdulahad canceled the meeting and left. The three board members present decided to carry on with a meeting and labeled it an informal informational meeting for the public. The MASB was contacted for a recommendation on payment under the circumstances. MASB said it was the superintendent's decision to pay or not. Discussion escalated.

President Kimble called for a recess. 5 minutes.

Meeting reconvened. President Kimble called for another recess when he was unable to move to a vote due to lack of order. 5 minutes.

Meeting back in session.

Action went to vote.

All in favor: Ayes: 2, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Scott Nays: 5

Motion failed: 5-2

E. Suspension of Board of Education Pay

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the suspension of board payments effective immediately due to budgetary reasons.

Motion by: Gloria Thompson

Support by: Bill Pittman

Discussion: Some expenditures were questioned and answered. The superintendent stated that we are all making sacrifices and have to work together.

Action went to vote.

All in favor: Ayes: 6, Nays: 1, Ms. Scott

Motion carries: 6-1

4. Human Resources

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education accepts the Personnel Report for Madison District Public Schools as presented, January 2020.

Motion by: Ms. Kastle

Support by: Ms. Thompson

New Hires:

Rasha Essa – GSRP Associate Teacher

Michelle Scott – Early Education Secretary

Martha Hutchinson – Special Education Teacher WMS

Resignations: Kelli Hoffman – GSRP Associate Teacher

Terminations: Ashley Trontski – Food Service

Position Eliminations:

Retirements:

Reassignments/Promotions: Shelia Fisher – ECC Afternoon Custodian

Discussion: Ms. Scott requested that the Human Resources changes be sent via email as they occur, instead of waiting for the monthly report.

Action went to vote.

All is favor: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passes: 7-0

5. Business Office

A. Check Register Approval

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves the monthly expenditures totaling: \$1,583,700.55 minus two payments, Brenner Electric, LLC (\$2226.75). More information regarding these two items is needed.

Motion by: Ms. Thompson
Support by: Ms. Kastle
Action went to vote.
All in favor: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion passes: 7-0

A second motion was made to withhold payment to C & G Newspapers (\$4,597.80 due to the ad for the Madison District Public Schools open enrollment add being inaccurate. It was deemed ad errors are not the fault of C & G Newspapers.

Motion by: Ms. Scott
Support by: Mr. Pittman
Action went to vote.
All in favor: Ayes 2, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Scott Nays: 5
Motion failed: 5-2

B. Budget Amendment

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education accepts the proposed budget amendment as of January 13, 2020 as presented by Dr. Edwina Hill.

Motion by: Ms. Ott
Support by: Ms. Kastle

Presentation High Points: The budget was projected in June, 2019. So, a budget amendment was necessary to reflect a truer picture of where the district stands to date. Student count was not as high as projected and expenses were up due to increased amount of benefits for the current year as well as raised for some bargaining units. The state also took back 5.7 million from us due to our virtual program that was not in compliance. However, the state gave it back to us agreeing that we could pay it back over the next five years at \$110,000.00 per month. Zero interest. This kept our district viable. Otherwise, the district would have been shut down.

Action went to vote.
All in favor: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion carried: 7-0

6. Board items - Officers and Committee Reports

A. Committee Reports - Annual Review of Committee Designee's

B. Board Comments

C. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:19 P.M.

Motion by: Ms. Thompson
Support by: Ms. Kastle

All in favor: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion carries: 7-0