

Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting - APPROVED 08/03/2020

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, July 13, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Virtual Meeting.

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

A. Pledge of Allegiance - Ms. Thompson

2. **Roll Call**

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

Absent:

3. **Public Fundamentals with Public Comments**

Public Comments Occurred:

Nanette Basler

Amy Lewis

Buddy Marr

Tom Smith

4. **Superintendent Report - Mr. Angel Abdulahad**

Meals update – To date, the district has served 115,000 meals since the start of the pandemic.

Fiber – The fiber cable is now lit and active throughout the district; much faster speeds; Oakland Schools has been great during the transition.

2020-2021 School Year – No decisions have been made yet regarding the 2020-2021 school year; asking parents to please be flexible, as things are changing very rapidly; please address any rumors you hear with the Superintendent.

Football has started, and all safety protocols are being followed; temperatures and health questionnaires are being taken every day.

Marching Band is set to start next. Please help out the Band with their bottle return fundraiser that is happening right now; if you have returnables to donate, you can drop them off at the Board Office.

A meeting is scheduled with NEOLA for this Thursday to discuss the 9000 policies on relations; least argumentative policies to work on.

5. Board of Education Action Items

A. MHSAA membership 2020-2021

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves MHSAA membership resolution from August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021, and to appoint the superintendent as Designee.

Motion by: Mr. Kimble

Support by: Mr. Pittman

No discussion occurred.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 - Mr. Holcomb, Ms. Kastle, Mr. Kimble, Ms. Ott, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Scott, Ms. Thompson

Nays: 0

Motion Passes 7-0

B. Intergovernmental Agreement for Literacy Essentials and Early Literacy Coach

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the intergovernmental agreement for Literacy Essentials – LEO Project between Oakland Schools and the District.

Motion by: Mr. Kimble

Support by: Mr. Holcomb

No discussion occurred.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 – Mr. Pittman, Ms. Scott, Ms. Ott, Ms. Kastle, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Holcomb, Mr. Kimble

Nays: 0

Motion Passes 7-0

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the intergovernmental agreement for an Early Literacy Coach between Oakland Schools and the District.

Motion by: Mr. Kimble

Support by: Ms. Ott

No discussion occurred.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 – Mr. Kimble, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Holcomb, Ms. Scott, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Kastle, Ms. Ott
Nays: 0
Motion passes 7-0

C. Chromebooks

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 250 pre-bided Chromebooks using ESSER (Cares Act) Funding.

Motion by: Mr. Kimble
Support by: Ms. Thompson

Discussion occurred:

Mr. Pittman asked if the new Chromebooks were for the high school students only, how many Chromebooks were purchased earlier? 96; all of the Chromebooks will be used for high school students and staff, as the technology there is outdated. Mr. Pittman said the district should not have advertised about Chromebooks before the Board approved them. Mr. Abdulahad stressed that he wants to push federal money down to the student level.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 – Ms. Thompson, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Holcomb, Ms. Scott, Mr. Kimble, Ms. Kastle, Ms. Ott
Nays: 0
Motion passes 7-0

D. Board Meeting Calendar

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule.

Motion by: Mr. Kimble
Support by: Ms. Kastle

No discussion occurred.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 – Mr. Pittman, Ms. Scott, Mr. Holcomb, Mr. Kimble, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Ott, Ms. Kastle
Nays: 0
Motion passes 7-0

E. Appraisal Quote 1

A motion was made to table the appraisals until a future date.

Motion by: Mr. Kimble
Support by: Ms. Kastle

Discussion occurred:

Mr. Kimble stated that it would be best to wait and see if any more appraisal offers come in, current quotes seem high—Mr. Pittman agreed. Ms. Scott is concerned with paying for appraisals right now when we are most concerned with opening school in the fall; should spend that money elsewhere for what will be needed to reopen. Mr. Kimble discussed how knowing how much property is worth will be useful if more spending is necessary in the future due to the pandemic.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 – Ms. Scott, Mr. Holcomb, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Kastle, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Ott, Mr. Kimble

Nays: 0

Motion passes 7-0

F. Appraisal Quote 2

A motion was made to table the second appraisal quote until a further date.

Motion by: Mr. Kimble
Support by: Mr. Holcomb

No discussion occurred.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 – Ms. Ott, Mr. Kimble, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Scott, Mr. Holcomb, Ms. Kastle, Ms. Thompson

Motion Passes 7-0

6. Approval of Board Minutes

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposed board minutes from 06/15/2020, 06/29/2020, and 06/30/2020.

Motion by: Mr. Kimble
Support by: Ms. Ott

Discussion occurred:

Ms. Scott requested that Mr. Abdulahad speak to the situation regarding Ms. Scott missing a large portion of the 06/15/2020 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Abdulahad spoke with Brad from MASB about not being able to recover the video from the meeting. Brad said that revisiting the discussions that Ms. Scott missed is a viable option. Ms. Scott is not asking for a revote, she just

wants to be a part of the discussions. Mr. Kimble requests that Ms. Scott submit a request to add the discussion to the agenda of the next board meeting. Mr. Abdulahad asks if it will be acceptable to discuss at next morning. This is the second meeting that Ms. Scott has requested to repeat discussions that were missed. Mr. Kimble again requests that Ms. Scott put her request in writing and it will be added to the agenda of the next meeting. Mrs. Kastle suggests not voting on 06/15/2020 minutes, only the minutes from 06/29/2020 and 06/30/2020 meetings. Motion remains the same, board trustees are asked to vote on all three sets of minutes.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 4 – Mr. Holcomb, Mr. Kimble, Ms. Ott, Ms. Thompson

Nays: 3 – Mr. Pittman, Ms. Scott, Ms. Kastle

Motion passes 4-3

7. Business Office

A. Check Register Approval

Check Register For Board Approval

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves the monthly expenditures totaling: One Million, Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Three Dollars and Two Cents. \$1,228,403.02

Motion by: Mr. Kimble

Support by: Ms. Thompson

Discussion occurred:

Ms. Scott asked for clarification on payment to Thrun Law for 6-7 hours of billing; Mr. Abdulahad responded that this was for work done by Thrun on behalf of the district in regards to the 2017 Pupil Accounting Appeal.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Holcomb, Ms. Kastle, Mr. Kimble, Ms. Ott, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Thompson

Nays: 1 – Ms. Scott

Motion passes 6-1

It is recommended that the Board of Education convene in a closed session of the Open Meetings Act to consider a letter from attorneys dated 07/13/2020 that is exempt from disclosure under state law due to attorney/client privilege.

Motion by: Mr. Kimble

Support by: Ms. Thompson

Discussion occurred:

Mr. Pittman wants to confirm that the motion is to go into closed session to solely discuss the contents of the letter. Ms. Scott wants to ensure that the motion is clearly explaining why this is a closed session matter.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Pittman, Ms. Ott, Ms. Kastle, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Holcomb, Mr. Kimble

Nays: 1 – Ms. Scott

Motion passes 6-1

Board of Education enters Closed Session at 8:06 PM.

Board of Education returns from Closed Session at 8:30 PM. (Ms. Kastle does not return to meeting with notice.)

8. Board items - Officers and Committee Reports

A. Board Members Open Table Discussion

Mr. Pittman started a discussion on keeping parents informed regarding the start of the new school year. Mr. Abdulahad stated that a new virtual platform was purchased (Edmentum), but this is not the re-opening plan that will be submitted to the state. Edmentum is an option if we need to go virtual.

Mr. Pittman said there are three MASB MIStaff job postings for Madison District Public Schools. Mr. Abdulahad stated that the district is not presenting a new position, but there is restructuring of Central Office happening in regards to assigned duties.

B. Board Comments

Mr. Holcomb – Mr. Abdulahad is doing a great job, keep it up. Thanks to everyone helping out with the garden.

Ms. Thompson – Kudos to Mr. Abdulahad and his crew for the Unanticipated Closure Food Program; to date the program has generated over \$370,000 in revenue for the district. Thank you, Cat Vyse.

Mr. Pittman – Mr. Abdulahad is interviewing for another superintendent position; the Board needs to be prepared for what might happen if he leaves.

Ms. Ott – Hopes that we can rectify the issue with the minutes for Ms. Scott; taking notes during the meeting is the reason for not always looking at her screen. The negativity being thrown at the Board is disheartening; we're all here for the kids, hopefully we can become a cohesive board.

Ms. Scott – Thank you to parents and neighbors for helping with the garden, thanks to the Mossey family for their donations; thank you to the board members that have backed me on the minutes; thank you Mr. Abdulahad for answering all of my questions and listening to my opinions on Special Education and school reopening.

Mr. Kimble – Since everyone is concerned with what I'm looking at during meeting, it's the agenda projected on a screen. More than willing to give everyone their opportunity to speak if they are respectful.

9. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Motion by: Ms. Ott

Support by: Ms. Thompson

No discussion occurred.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 6 – Mr. Kimble, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Holcomb, Ms. Scott, Ms. Ott

Nays: 0

Absent with notice: Mrs. Kastle

Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.