

Ithaca, Michigan
January 16, 2019

The regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RES D) was held at Winding Brook Conference Centre in Shepherd on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board of Education President Dr. Timm Thorsen. Members present were: Dr. Cheri Booth, Bill Henderson, Don Schurr (arrival 5:09 p.m.), Matthew Showalter, Tom Steere, Dr. Timm Thorsen. Member absent: Ed Lorenz. Also present were Dr. Jan Amsterburg, Superintendent; Wendy Giles, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction; Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology; Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator; Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE (arrival 6:00 p.m.) and Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance.

Also in attendance was Pam Steere, visitor.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2018 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Financial Statements and Claims for the month of December were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth that the Financial Statements and Claims in the amount of \$3,091,053.73 be approved as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

A leave request was presented for Angela Krause, Occupational Therapist, to extend her current leave of absence request through January 31, 2019. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to extend Angela Krause's leave request through January 31, 2019 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Amsterburg gave his report/updates on the following:

- Recognized Board Members in honor of Board Recognition Month
- County Board Dinner tentatively scheduled for March 7, 2019
- Employee Recognition Dinner, June 6, 2019 at Riverwood in Mt. Pleasant
- FHNA deer harvesting update
- Michigan Works in Alma (GTEC) receiving an award from Alma Action Council on renovations
- Biennial RESD Board Election on Monday, June 3, 2019
- Marshall Plan Update
- Meeting with Erin Kricher, Invenergy, on Gratiot County Wind Projects

Matt Kurta provided the Lobbyist report on the Consensus Revenue Conference; Lame Duck, Governor's State of the State Address, K-12 funding and the Marshall Plan.

Dr. Peasley provided information on the Pre-Labor Day Start Waiver Hearing being held on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at GIRESD, Technology Lab, Ithaca.

The possibility of asking the voters to approve a Headlee Override was discussed with a possible election in November 2019. Several questions were raised and the discussion will continue at the February Regular Board Meeting.

Superintendent Amsterburg's Evaluation was distributed to each board member. The final evaluation process will continue at the February 20, 2019 Board Meeting.

The first reading of NEOLA Policies 7530 Lending of Board-Owned Equipment; 7530.02 Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices; 7542 Access to District Technology Resources and/or Information Resources from Personal Communication Devices and 7543 Utilization of the District's Website and Remote Access to the District's Network were discussed.

Directors Reports were as follows. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, reported her department is finishing up with K-12 curriculum documents and they are continuing to work with our local school districts on educator evaluation protocols and processes to be used across all of our local school districts.

Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator, reported on Hope House, the new Gratiot County homeless shelter; unemployment rates; Michigan Works! staff working on site now at the Strickler Center and working with lots of individuals; Great Lakes Bay Active Shooter Training on February 8 at the Alma Service Center and; the award the Alma Service Center is receiving on January 18, 2019 from the Alma Action Association on the recent remodeling project.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology provided an update on the accessibility of broadband internet to rural areas.

Marty Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, provided an update via his monthly newsletter on information for the National School Board Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C., January 27-29, 2019 and special education eligibility data.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE, reported that all core performance indicators were met and the Marshall Plan group is reconvening on January 24, 2019.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance, provided a wind turbine update and stated that half were up and running in Pine River Township by the end of 2018. They are experiencing fiber issues with them.

Under "Other", Matthew Showalter gave reminders on the MASA/MASB Joint Conference and Winter Institute, February 8-10, 2019 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center and the NSBA Advocacy Institute, January 27-29, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mathew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson. President Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Tom Steere, Secretary

Dr. Timm Thorsen, President