

Shepherd, Michigan
March 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RES D) was held at Winding Brook Conference Centre in Shepherd, Michigan on Thursday, March 20, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board of Education Vice President, Dr. Cheri Booth. Members present were: Dr. Cheri Booth, Bill Henderson, Don Schurr, Matthew Showalter, Tom Steere, Dr. Timm Thorsen (arrival 5:07 p.m.). Member absent: Ed Lorenz. Also present were Dr. Jan Amsterburg, Superintendent; Wendy Giles, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance; Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services; Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction; Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator; Matt McMahan, Associate Superintendent for Technology; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for Career Technical Education.

Visitors present included Cathy Rayburn, Comprehensive School Health Program Coordinator, and Laura Angera, School Social Worker. Laura Campbell, Matt Campbell, Brant Clark and Matthew Haag arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2019 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Don Schurr and supported by Matthew Showalter to approve the minutes as submitted with the correction to remove Ed Lorenz's name from the Tax Levy as a nay vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Financial statements for the month of February were presented and reviewed. Claims for the month of February were presented in the amount of \$2,932,947.00. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the financial statements and claims as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Dr. Cheri Booth to approve the payment of the Gratiot County Legal Fees for Wind Turbine MTT Cases for \$34,870.14. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to award the low bidder McGuirk Sand-Gravel, Inc. the Winding Brook Parking Lot project in the amount of \$264,420.00. (GIRES D will pay the full amount and invoice the Golf Course owners for their share of the project costs.) Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Don Schurr to approve GIRES D employee purchasing cards to switch from JP Morgan Chase to BMO Harris Bank, effective immediately. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to officially post the GIRES D Biennial Election, June 3, 2019, 5:00 p.m. at Winding Brook Conference Centre in Shepherd. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to appoint Roslund Prestage as our official auditors for GIRES D and MMNET. The cost for GIRES D is \$21,750 and MMNET is \$4,200. Motion carried 6-0.

Cathy Rayburn, Comprehensive School Health Program Coordinator, apprised board members she had held two Public Hearings (March 13, 201 and March 20, 2019) to review 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th grade HIV video's, 7th and 8th grade HIV Curriculum, and review 4th and 5th grade HIV lesson (approved by SEAB on February 27, 2019). A motion was made by Dr. Booth and supported by Bill Henderson to approve the Revised Special Education Sex Education curriculum as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

After discussion, a motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Don Schurr that the negotiations team will consist of Jan Amsterburg, Debbi Miller, Martin Combs, Kevin Kolb, Dr. Cheri Booth, Dr. Timm Thorsen, and Matthew Showalter. Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent's Evaluation was moved to the end of the agenda.

Added to the Agenda was the resignation request of Zachary Kipfmiller, Associate Technician, effective April 12, 2019. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Cheri Booth to approve the resignation request of Zachary Kipfmiller as presented with regrets and good luck. Motion carried 6-0.

Added to the Agenda was an Out of State Travel request from Doug Bush. Doug is requesting permission to attend the 2019 ACTE Region 1 Conference, in Pittsburgh, PA, April 24-26, 2019. This conference is at no cost to the RESD. A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Don Schurr to approve the Out of State Travel request of Doug Bush as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Also added to the Agenda was the resignation of Ed Lorenz, Board Trustee, effective March 20, 2019. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Matthew Showalter to approve the resignation of Ed Lorenz as presented with a thank you and deep appreciation of his time. Motion carried 6-0.

President Thorsen recognized the visitors that arrived after the Agenda Item, Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment, and allowed them to address the Board. Matt Campbell had several questions regarding the DNR Project at Forest Hill Nature Area and the projects completion date of March 1, 2019.

Dr. Amsterburg gave his Superintendent's Report on the following items:

- County Board Dinner Presentation on March 7, 2019
- FHNA/DNR Project – feeder was pulled on March 1, 2019 due to lack of activity
- CMMA Associate Member Block Party @ Buck's Run on February 21, 2019
- Thrun Law Firm – developing policies
- School Finance Research Collaborative (trainer)
- March 1, 2019 RESD Lockdown
- Employee Appreciation, June 6, 2019

Board Policy considerations were presented for discussion and will be recommended for approval at the April Board Meeting. The policies in review are Board Definitions, Board Powers, Bylaws and Policies, Public Expression of Board Members, Cancellation and Agenda.

Directors Reports were distributed in hard copy form this month.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to go into closed session to discuss the professional staff negotiations and the superintendent's evaluation. In a roll call vote, all members voted yes to commence an executive session of the Board of Education. The Board approved the motion at 6:08 p.m. President Thorsen reconvened the regular session of the Board at 7:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Dr. Booth to place Superintendent Amsterburg's evaluation on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Steere and supported by Don Schurr. President Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Thomas Steere, Secretary

Dr. Timm Thorsen, President