

Ithaca, Michigan
April 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RES D) was held at the Mahoney Center, 1131 E. Center Street, Ithaca, Michigan on Wednesday, April 17, 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, Matthew Showalter, Tom Steere, and Dr. Timm Thorsen. Also present were Dr. Jan C. Amsterburg, Superintendent; Wendy Giles, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Marty Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services; Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction; Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance; Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Supervisor; Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology; Douglas Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE.

Under agenda item Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment Ashley Little, ECSE Teacher and Adam Zemke, Lobbyist with Karoub and Associates were present.

The Lobbyist update was moved to the beginning of the agenda. Mr. Zemke updated board members on the budget; Educator Evaluation; snow days forgiveness; expansion of sinking funds; 3rd grade reading law; pre-Labor Day start date.

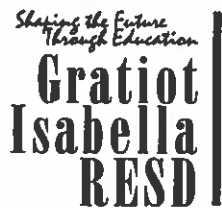
Regular and Executive Meeting minutes of March 20, 2019, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Cheri Booth to approve the regular and executive meeting minutes with the correction to the regular meeting minutes that one motion was made to go into closed session to discuss professional staff negotiations and another motion was made to complete the superintendent's evaluation with both motions carried unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

Financial Statements and Claims for the month of March were presented and reviewed. Claims for the month of March were presented in the amount of \$1,888,112.56. A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Matthew Showalter to approve the Financial Statements and Claims as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Due to the resignation of Ed Lorenz from the Board of Education, effective March 20, 2019, letters of interest were received from Cathy Hungerford, representing Fulton School District and Dr. Katrina Rhymer, representing Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. After much discussion, a motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Bill Henderson to appoint Cathy Hungerford as the new trustee of the GIRESD Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0.

An out of state travel request was presented for Brad Thornburgh, Math Consultant, to attend the Add+VantageMR Champion Course in Egan, MN, August 5-9, 2019. The entire cost of the conference is funded through a Great Lakes Bay MiSTEM grant. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the travel request of Brad Thornburgh as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the following Common Calendar, adding years 2023-2024. Motion carried 6-0.



Gratiot-Isabella RESD Common Calendar Agreement

1. Start date for students – Tuesday after Labor Day in local districts and for center programs (unless a waiver has been granted for an earlier start date).
2. The following days are customarily recognized and observed as holidays: Memorial Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving; day after Thanksgiving; Good Friday; and the Friday before Labor Day.
3. Winter (Holiday) Break and Spring Break dates shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule. Districts may add dates on either end of the established calendar. Parents are reminded to check with their respective districts.

2018-2019	
RESD – Wide PD Day	November 6
Winter Break	December 24 – January 1
Spring Break	March 25 – 29
2019-2020	
RESD – Wide PD Day	November 5
Winter Break	December 24 – January 3
Spring Break	March 30 – April 3
2020-2021	
RESD – Wide PD Day	November 3
Winter Break	December 24 – January 3
Spring Break	March 29 - April 2
2021-2022	
RESD – Wide PD Day	November 2
Winter Break	December 23 – December 31
Spring Break	March 28 – April 1
2022-2023	
RESD – Wide PD Day	November 1
Winter Break	December 23 – January 2
Spring Break	March 27 - 31
2023-2024	
RESD – Wide PD Day	November 6
Winter Break	December 22 – January 1
Spring Break	March 25 - 29

The following NEOLA Bylaws were presented for approval:

- 0100 Definitions – revised
- 0122 Board Powers – revised
- 0131.1 Bylaws and Policies – revised
- 0143.1 Public Expression of Board Members – revised
- 0165.6 Cancellation – new
- 0166 Agenda - revised

After Discussion, a motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the NEOLA policy recommendations as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Added to the Agenda was CTE Fiscal Agency Certification. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Matthew Showalter that this item be tabled until the May Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Added to the Agenda was an employee termination. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to terminate Angela Krause, Occupational Therapist, effective April 17, 2019, due to the inability to reasonably accommodate an indefinite period of leave per the recommendation of Thrun Law Firm. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- Graduation Alliance
- Grants applied for through the 2% Saginaw Chippewa Tribe
- FHNA update (Tribal Council to meet at FHNA, northern mocking bird sited, Middle of the Mitten Beekeepers Association, Alma College spring work/clean-up)
- MASB Spring Institute 2020 will be held at GIRESD
- Basic Budget & Finance Training offering
- MASB sponsored ISD Conference at Ottawa Area ISD
- Grant Award Notification to GIRESD \$446,285.71 per Section 31n
- Jeremy Winsor, Fulton Schools, named the Region 4 winner of Outstanding Michigan Educators
- Tyler Software Services Agreement
- Gratiot Wind Project update
- Negotiations update
- Shelia Line and Kelli Thompson passed their Serv-Safe Tests
- Ashley Schools named Traci Gavenda as their new Superintendent, effective July 1, 2019

Discussion was held on classroom and facility improvements at Forest Hill Nature Area. Superintendent Amsterburg will contact an architect and get some approximate costs and ideas for further development of the FHNA facilities.

Kevin Kolb reviewed the 2019-2020 proposed General Fund Budget. Discussion was held on timelines etc, for a Headlee Over-ride vote in August 2020.

NEOLA Bylaw considerations were reviewed on voting, closed session, public participation at board meetings, and use of social media.

Under Director's Reports, Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Supervisor, apprised board members plans are underway for youth talent tours, Trade Program was monitored and absolutely perfect, and upcoming job fairs.

Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, announced Amy Salogar won a Live United award at the United Way Live United Awards ceremony on April 16, 2019; Ashley Schools contracts with the Instruction Department on the consolidated application and evaluation; and provided additional information on 31n Funding.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology, discussed the network, M-Step testing, MISEN Internet update, SAN replacement and staffing at Breckenridge Schools and a contracted employee.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE, distributed a handout highlighting the Marshall Plan, Perkins Grant Application; CTE Oversight Committee; GI-TEC Counselor Camille Greening selected as the MI ACTE Counselor of the Year; upcoming events.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance, provided additional information on the SAN replacement; parking lot construction project at Winding Brook Conference Centre; meeting on new software; and State Aid.

Marty Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, distributed a handout highlighting a Community Based Education Success Story, 2018-2019 Calendar Changes by Program, and a breakdown of services per disability.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth. President Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Dr. Timm Thorsen, President

Tom Steere, Secretary