

Ithaca, Michigan
August 21, 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, August 21, 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, Cathy Hungerford, Don Schurr, Matthew Showalter, Tom Steere, Dr. Timm Thorsen. 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; Matthew McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE.

There were no visitors in attendance.

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 17, 2019 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Cheri Booth to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial Statements and Claims in the amount of \$3,243,759.18 for the month of July were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Bill Henderson that the financial statements and claims be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

An invoice was received from Gratiot County for the RESDs share of legal support for the wind turbine MTT cases for the first half of the 2019 calendar year totaling \$23,163.86. After discussion, a motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to approve the payment of the invoice as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Theda Simon, Paraprofessional, submitted a request to be eligible for payment of accumulated sick leave for retirement purposes. The March 1 deadline was missed due to reoccurring medical issues and she had planned to work one more year. A motion was made by Don Schurr and supported by Bill Henderson to approve the sick leave payout request of Theda Simon as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

There were no salary committee recommendations at this time.

A motion was made by Don Schurr and supported by Tom Steere to change the October 16, 2019 regular board meeting to October 22, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Out of state travel requests were presented for the following individuals to attend the AESA Annual Conference, December 4 – 7, 2019 at the JW Marriott Phoenix Ridge Resort, Arizona: Tom Steere, Cathy Hungerford, Kathy Peasley, Marty Combs, Kevin Kolb, Dr. Amsterburg and Paul Hungerford, Fulton Superintendent. And a request was also received from Michele Monroe, Great Start Parent Liaison, to attend Chicago Hope Café and Blue Lacuna in Chicago, Illinois,

October 4-5, 2019. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the travel requests as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to approve NEOLA Board Policy Revisions: Policy 4162 Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers and other Employees Who Perform Safety Sensitive Functions; Policy 5330 – Use of Medications; Policy 5630.01 Student Seclusion and Restraint; Policy 6325 Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds; Policy 6350 Prevailing Wage Coordinator (rescind policy); Policy 8210 – School Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Added to the Agenda was MASB's 2019 Delegate Assembly, November 8, 2019. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to certify Matthew Showalter as GIRESD's delegate. Motion carried 7-0.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Amsterburg, reported on the following:

- Wind Brochure
- Headlee Override Update
- FHNA – deer head box and DNR update
- Greater Michigan Construction Academy and the Tribe
- Alma-St. Louis Rotary Club Steak Fry
- Meeting with new superintendent's Jen McKittrick and Traci Gavenda
- MASA New Superintendent's Panel
- Employee Insurance Meetings
- New Employee Orientation
- First Pitch at the Loon's Game (Region IV)

Bill Henderson, on behalf of CMMA, presented GIRESD with Premiere Sponsorship Recognition.

Superintendent Amsterburg provided a Welding Lab and Mid Michigan College update with the need for possibly two labs. A meeting is scheduled with MMC.

Matt Kurta provided the Lobbyist update on revenue for roads, MPSERS, MERIT Curriculum and teacher evaluations.

NEOLA policy recommendations were reviewed that are related to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Added to the Agenda was Steve Netzley, Ithaca Public Schools Superintendent, inquiring if the RESD would be interested in the purchase of South Elementary for housing programs. There is no interest in the purchase.

Also added to the Agenda was a LINKS update provided by Superintendent Amsterburg and Tom Steere. There will be 89 students and chaperones arriving on September 24, 2019 and the chaperone dinner will be held at the Shepherd Bar on October 6, 2019.

Director's reports were given. Kim Onstott, Employment Program Supervisor, distributed a handout highlighting unemployment rates in the GLB counties, training funds, Alma Michigan Works Office Lease RFP, retirement of Helen Clark, WIOA adult Program Success Story on Marion Storms.

Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, mentioned lots of new principals and elementary teacher openings in our area. She and Dr. Amsterburg are working with MMC and Alma Schools as a dual enrollment site for students and provided a 31n update.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology, apprised board members of the Merit/Misen Internet map and current conditions; SAN upgrade and installation and his tour of the Switch building (data center) in Grand Rapids.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE updated board members on the Grant award from Sherwin-Williams (Mt. Pleasant center); AWS Welder Workforce grant award (Alma Center); and the Marshall Plan.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance provided an update on construction/building projects at WBCC including the new parking lot; financial software conversion; and auditors field work completed.

Marty Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, discussed Opening Day and the dynamic speakers; new staff; and student first language;

Under "Other", Matthew Showalter thanked Dr. Amsterburg for attending his MASB Presidential Installation, announced he is on the National School Boards Association Policies and Regulations Board and appreciated the use of WBCC for MASB Interviews.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson. President Dr. Timm Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Dr. Timm Thorsen, President

Thomas Steere, Secretary