

Ithaca, Michigan
November 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RES D) was held at Winding Brook Conference Centre, Shepherd, Michigan on Wednesday, November 20, 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 C. Amsterburg, Superintendent; Wendy Giles, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services; Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology; Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance; Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction; Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE.

Brett Hyble, Business Resource Navigator was in attendance.

Minutes of the Rescheduled Regular Meeting of October 22, 2019 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to approve the minutes of October 22, 2019 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial Statements and Claims in the amount of \$2,425,592.15 for the month of October were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Don Schurr that the financial statements and claims be approved as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with one abstention from Tom Steere.

Resignation Requests were presented for Career Managers Alese Evon (effective November 19, 2019) and Kara Howell Maney (effective November 26, 2019). A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the resignation requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A retirement request was presented for David Andrews, effective December 31, 2019. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the retirement request of David Andrews as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

NEOLA policy revisions were presented for approval on the following: 2700 – PA 25 Annual Report; 3120 Employment of Professional Staff; 3120.04 Employment of Substitutes; 3130 Assignment and Transfer; 5540 Interrogation of Students; 5610 Emergency Removal, Suspension and Expulsion of Students; 5610.01 Expulsions/Suspension Required by Statute and 5611 Due Process Rights. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the policy revisions as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Bill Henderson to nominate Matthew Showalter for Region 4 MASB Board of Director's. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Dr. Booth for the creation of a new position, Success Coach, in accordance with the Office Specialist Salary Schedule. This position may require 3 career coaches over a 4-year period. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Amsterburg presented the Superintendent's Report on the following:

- Visit on October 25, 2019 by Linda Forward, Executive Policy Advisor with MDE
- Visit on November 22, 2018 by Scott Koenigschnecht, Deputy Superintendent with MDE
- Tour of MacMillan Center and Midland Center for the Arts for nature area type programs and buildings
- Kid Wind training sponsored by APEX Clean Energy
- Michigan Manufacturer's Association annual awards dinner
- Sinking Fund Meeting with Superintendents
- Title IX Training for our local district superintendents
- Isabella County MASB Advocacy Workshop
- Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, 2% Distribution
- Presentation to the Ithaca Rotary with Tom Steere on LINKS
- Isabella County letter from Board of Commissioners on upcoming Headlee Override Proposal in March 2020

The Legislative Update was presented by Matt Kurta, Karoub Associates. Mr. Kurta reported that everything is on a standstill, Governor is not allowed to transfer money for budgets, senate and house on a different page; on a 2-week recess; Merit Curriculum.

NEOLA Policy updates were presented for review on updates to the Open Meetings Act, Closed Session, Drug-Free Workplace, Curriculum Development, Reproductive Health and Family Planning and Attendance.

Under Director's Report, Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, provided an overview on Kid Wind professional development; Early Math Task Force; Counselor Tour of CTE Programs; School Mental Health and Support Services 31n(6).

Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator, referred to Brett Hyble, Business Resource Navigator for her update. Brett apprised board members on the Business Resource Network which is to work with businesses on employee retention and to assist their employees with budget management, mental health issues, and other work barriers. Kim also announced Great Lakes Bay was closing the offices down on Friday afternoon, November 22 for security training.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology, discussed cyber awareness and attendance at the Michigan State Police headquarters on cyber resilience.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE, provided an update on MiCareer Quest and the Marshall Plan. He also reviewed and presented the process on the information that is required per the new Perkins V legislation for completing the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance reported that the Headlee Override Proposition, if successful, 2/3 of the funds will go directly to special education and also discussed the tax tribunal (wind) case.

Marty Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, distributed his Special Education Board report highlighting paraprofessional trainings, revised school code – physical/verbal assault on staff, and the Trauma Informed School Conference he recently attended.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson. President Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Tom Steere, Secretary

Dr. Timm Thorsen, President