

Ithaca, Michigan
July 15, 2020

The Organizational Meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RESD) was held at Winding Brook Conference Centre, 8240 S. Genuine Rd., Shepherd, on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Superintendent Dr. Jan Amsterburg. Members present at the call to order were: Dr. Cheri Booth, Bill Henderson, Cathy Hungerford, Don Schurr, Matthew Showalter, Tom Steere, Dr. Timm Thorsen. Also present were Wendy Giles, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology; and via ZOOM, Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services; Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance; Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Supervisor; Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for Career Technical Education.

There were no visitors in attendance.

The first order of business was to elect a President. A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Bill Henderson to elect Dr. Timm Thorsen as President. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Don Schurr that a unanimous ballot be cast to nominate Dr. Cheri Booth for the position of Vice-President; Tom Steere be nominated as Secretary/Treasurer; and Kevin Kolb, Debra Miller and April Shaw be nominated as Assistant Treasurers. Motion carried unanimously.

Listed below are the positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

President:	Dr. Timm Thorsen
Vice-President:	Dr. Cheri Booth
Secretary/Treasurer:	Tom Steere
Assistant Treasurers:	Kevin Kolb, Debra Miller, and April Shaw

It was moved by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Cheri Booth that BMA Harris Bank NA; Commercial Bank; Mercantile Bank of Michigan; Isabella Bank and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MILAF) be depositories for school funds. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Tom Steere that two signatures be required on all checks and all checks and bank deposits are to be signed by either the treasurer, superintendent or assistant treasurers. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Bill Henderson that the Board authorizes the President, Superintendent, and/or Associate Superintendent for Finance to sign general contracts and the Superintendent and Board President sign employment contracts on behalf of the RESD Board of Education (after prior approval of the RESD Board of Education). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to appoint Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance as the Electronic Transfer Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson that Thrun Law Firm be retained as general counsel for the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Tom Steere and supported by Bill Henderson that the following "Call to Order" resolution be approved as follows:

"SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - CALL FOR MEETING RESOLUTION"

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, notice is hereby given that regular meetings of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District Board of Education will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the dates and locations listed below. If prior to the time of a regularly scheduled Board meeting, it becomes evident that a quorum will not be present, the Board president may notify (or cause to be notified) Board members of the rescheduled meeting. Public notice of each rescheduled meeting shall be given as to the date, time and place of the meeting by posting a copy of the notice on the front door of the office at least eighteen hours prior to the time of the meeting. Special meetings of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District Board of Education may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other member's notice of the date, time and place of such special meetings.

Service of the notice for special meetings shall be by:

- a. Delivering the notice to members personally at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place; or
- b. Leaving the same at the members' residences with some person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place; or
- c. Depositing the same in a government mail receptacle (enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his or her last known address) at least forty-eight (48) hours before such meeting is to take place.

Services as above prescribed maybe made by a member of the Board, the Secretary of the Board or an employee of the Board.

Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District

2020-2021 Regular Meeting Dates		
August 11, 2020 <i>Winding Brook CC Shepherd</i>	December 16, 2020 <i>Winding Brook CC Shepherd</i>	April 21, 2021 <i>Mahoney Center Ithaca</i>
September 16, 2020 <i>Forest Hill Nature Area 11297 N. Rich Rd., Alma</i>	January 20, 2021 <i>Michigan Works! Facility 327 E. Center St., Alma</i>	May 19, 2021 <i>Winding Brook CC Shepherd</i>
October 21, 2020 <i>Winding Brook CC Shepherd</i>	February 17, 2021 <i>Winding Brook CC Shepherd</i>	June 16, 2021 <i>Winding Brook CC Shepherd</i>
November 18, 2020 <i>Winding Brook CC Shepherd</i>	March 17, 2021 <i>Winding Brook CC Shepherd</i>	

All Board of Education meeting minutes are available for inspection at the Superintendent's office.

Upon request to the Superintendent or appointed designee, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in this activity.

The motion was carried unanimously 7-0.

Superintendent Amsterburg discussed the request from MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) for continued membership in the MASB organization. A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Bill Henderson to continue membership in the MASB organization for 2020-2021. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2020 were presented for approval. It was moved by Dr. Cheri Booth and supported by Bill Henderson that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson that June claims in the amount of \$4,652,122.80 be authorized for payment. Motion carried 7-0.

A resignation request was presented for Meghan Barrett, Speech and Language Pathologist (effective June 30, 2020) and a resignation request for retirement purposes for Connie Strader, Career Manager (effective October 1, 2020). A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Cathy Hungerford to approve the resignation requests as presented with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Don Schurr and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the \$1,000 donation from the Ithaca Rotary for the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Steere and supported by Matthew Showalter to approve \$34,000 from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe 2% Distribution for regional professional development hosted at Soaring Eagle. Motion carried unanimously.

Under the Superintendents Report, Dr. Amsterburg apprised board members of the following:

1. Gratiot County Legislative Forum held on July 9, 2020
2. Shepherd Superintendent update
3. Lay-off of district receptionist and part-time custodian
4. Working with our local health departments with the Back to School plan
5. All major district properties postponed until further notice
6. Alma teachers creating 3D botany models for FHNA

The RESD is exploring the possibility of setting up a child care center in Gratiot County. This would be a partnership (3 equal partners) between Masonic Pathways, St. Louis Public Schools and GIRESD. After discussion, a motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Don Schurr to authorize Dr. Amsterburg to enter into an agreement with all three entities, GIRESD, Masonic Pathways and St. Louis Public Schools with the total commitment not to exceed \$95,680 contingent upon all 3 entities approving this commitment.

GIRESD is putting the AESA Annual conference and other out of state conference requests on hold due to COVID-19 and unknown budget reductions.

Under Director's Reports, Kathy Peasley, apprised board members on what she and her department are doing to assist districts in preparing for the 2020-21 school year including the Preparedness and Response Plans and Regional Professional Development Day on August 24, 2020.

Kim Onstott announced the doors at the service centers remain locked for safety reasons until the unemployment and DHHS offices open to the public. Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! is hosting several outdoor job fairs in each of the five counties they serve.

Marty Combs apprised board members of the RESDs return to school roadmap, staffing information and childcare.

Doug Bush, provided an update on the Snap-On Precision Measurement Carts we received through the RESDs partnership with CMMA and SME-PRIME and the Mt. Pleasant and Alma Vocational Center's are looking at bringing back seniors for their industry-recognized credentials.

Matt McMahon announced all of our districts have been upgraded to operate at 10G speeds for network access, provided a local tech support update, and the Cybersecurity Task Force is developing a Secure Michigan Schools plan.

Kevin Kolb gave an update on our bank accounts, finance software implementation, and school funding.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Don Schurr. President Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Timm Thorsen, President

Thomas Steere, Secretary