

Ithaca, Michigan
August 11 2020

The regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RESD) was held at Winding Brook Conference Centre in Shepherd and via ZOOM on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. 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.

Also in attendance was James Henry, Teacher SCI; Kallei Mapes-Hahn, Teacher MoCI; Erin Ulrich, School Psychologist and Abby Cypher, Karoub and Associates.

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 15, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial Statements and Claims in the amount of \$2,129,937.34 for the month of July were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Tom Steere that the financial statements and claims be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

The quote was discussed for the purchase of a Core Network Switch. After discussion a motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the purchase of the Core Network Switch and related components in the amount of \$21,697.38. Motion carried 7-0.

Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, presented the RESD COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Don Schurr to approve the plan as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

An invoice was received from the County of Gratiot for the RESDs share of legal support for the wind turbine MTT cases for the first half of the 2020 calendar year totaling \$12,325.59. After discussion, a motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the payment of the invoice as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A resignation request was presented for Deborah Sweebe, Career Navigator, effective immediately. A motion was made Tom Steere and supported by Bill Henderson to approved the resignation request as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- Wind Meeting with Apex Wind Energy

- Shepherd Board of Education hired Greg McMillan as their Interim Superintendent
- Letter from RESD and our local districts to all Gratiot & Isabella County Residents
- EBS Licenses

Abby Cypher provided the Lobbyist update on the GOP Return to Learn bills.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance, explained the fund equity percentages in the RESD General Fund, Vocational Education Fund and Special Education Fund.

NEOLA policy recommendations were reviewed that are related to Title IX Regulations with action to be taken at the September Board Meeting.

Under Director's Reports, Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, updated board members on the work her department is doing with teachers and administrators on distance learning; fall virtual professional development opportunities, Boardworks, changes to teacher/educator SCECH system and the August 24 regional professional development day.

Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator, discussed retiree's and replacements, case manager training, job fairs, and doors remain locked at the service centers.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE updated board members on Performance Core Indicators associated with Perkins; support to return to school plans involving CTE and career navigators are putting together virtually opportunities for teachers/students.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology, apprised board members over 200 security cameras are on our server and adding more as needed, MMNET is preparing a proposal for Beaverton Schools to purchase Internet from us due to COVID and flooding in that area, and video conferencing tools.

Marty Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, discussed the RESD Preparedness Plan and the new childcare program with Masonic Pathways and St. Louis Schools.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance, provided an update on the RESD health insurance regarding COVID testing, new weight loss program, and drug program.

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 6:37 p.m.

Dr. Timm Thorsen, President

Thomas Steere, Secretary