

Ithaca, Michigan
September 14, 2021

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RES D) was held on Tuesday, September 14 at GIRES D, Mahoney Center, 1131 E. Center Street, Ithaca, MI. 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, Julie Pierce, Matthew Showalter, and Timm Thorsen. Also present were Paul Hungerford, Superintendent; Wendy Giles, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology; Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services; Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction; Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE; Kim Onstott, Program Director.

Also present was Arthur McClintic, Alma and Michael Pung, Mt. Pleasant, appointments for open board positions.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2021 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Julie Pierce to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Financial Statements and Claims in the amount of \$2,846,110.97 for the month of August were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth that the financial statements and claims be approved as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Julie Pierce to approve appointments of Arthur McClintic (completing Cathy Hungerford's term expiring 2023) representing the Alma School District and Michael Pung (completing Tom Steere's term expiring 2025) representing the Mt. Pleasant School District, effective September 14, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Employment resignations were presented for Kiley Kochensparger, Career Navigator, effective September 3, 2021 and Whitney LaVictor (effective September 22, 2021) and Danielle Eppert (effective September 24, 2021), Career Coaches. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to accept the resignations as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Booth and supported by Bill Henderson to appoint Matthew Showalter to the MASB 2021 Delegate Assembly representing Gratiot-Isabella RES D. Motion carried unanimously.

Added to the agenda was the AESA Annual Conference, December 1-4, 2021 in Houston, TX. A motion was made by Julie Pierce and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the RES D to financially support two local district superintendents to attend. Motion carried 7-0. Also related to the conference, a motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Michael Pung to approve Paul Hungerford, Marty Combs, Kevin Kolb and Kathy Peasley to attend the AESA Annual Conference as well. Motion carried 7-0.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Hungerford, reported on the following:

- Has made lots of classroom visits to RES D programs
- CTE Millage Renewal, August 2022
- Truancy Referral (handout)
- Forest Hill Nature Area Project update

- LINKS update – Tom Steere’s visit to Germany representing the Board
- Biden’s Mandatory Vaccination/Face Mask requirements – waiting for direction from MIOSHA

Director’s reports were given. Marty Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, gave an update on: RESD first in region to split employee child care costs through new state program; classroom visits; elementary moderate cognitive impaired program (MoCI) in St. Louis; parent advisory committee; COVID update.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for Career Technical Education, provided an update on: posting for the Career Navigator position, CMMA Associate Member Block Party; Career Navigator Network meeting; Workplace Citizenship Credential; CTE Legislative Advocacy Day in Lansing.

Kim Onstott, Program Director, provided an update on: Michigan Works Service Centers; unemployment rates for July; PATH, Manufacturing Warehouse & Logistics Fast Start training; staffing.

Dr. Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, provided an update on the pricing and cost sharing of districts for Swift K-12 and Frontline and the RESD was featured in a case study with Boardworks, an on-line curriculum tool.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology, provided an update on the delay of receiving chromebooks and laptops; Carson City Schools reaching out to GIRESD for technology assistance; audio improvements in GIRESD conference rooms.

Kevin Kolb Associate Superintendent for Finance, provided an update on the new lights installed at the Mahoney Center parking lot and financial audits for GIRESD, Ashley and Ithaca Schools.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to go into closed session to consider the contents of an attorney-client communication from Clark Hill. In a roll call vote, all 7 members voted yes to commence an executive session of the Board of Education at 6:05 p.m.

President Thorsen reconvened the regular session of the board at 6:21 p.m.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Julie Pierce. President Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Dr. Timm Thorsen, President

Matthew Showalter, Secretary