

Ithaca, Michigan
December 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RES D) was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. 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, Arthur McClintic, Julie Pierce, Matthew Showalter and Dr. Timm Thorsen. Member absent: Mike Pung. Also present were Paul Hungerford, 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; Matt McMahan, Associate Superintendent for Technology; Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE.

Bill Hirschman, Auditor, Roslund Prestage and Co, was present to provide the MMNET (Middle Michigan Network for Educational Telecommunications) 2021 Financial Audit.

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2021 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 2021 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Financial statements for the month of November were presented and reviewed. Claims for the month of November were presented in the amount of \$2,302,066.84. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to approve the financial statements and claims as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill Hirschman presented the MMNET Financial Audit. After discussion, a motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Julie Pierce to place the audit on file as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

An employment contract was presented for Amy Sura, Temporary Teacher of Early Childhood Special Education, for 3.75 hours per day and Adam Lawhorne, Network Engineer, prorated to \$29,827 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to approve the employment contracts as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Booth and supported by Arthur McClintic to approve the medical leave extension of Amanda Cashen to March 11, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

The RESD received \$30,000 from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for operating expenses at Forest Hill and \$2,0000 from Michigan One Community Credit Union and \$1,700 from Kiwanis Club of Mt. Pleasant for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. A motion was made by Arthur McClintic and supported by Julie Pierce to accept the grant/donations as listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the following NEOLA Policy considerations: Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability; Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in District Programs or Activities and Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitors. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Arthur McClintic to approve the additional position, Facility Manager .4 time at a salary range of \$25,000 - \$30,000 and added to the agenda the salary committee recommendations of an increase of \$5,000 to Kerri Hahn and Kevin O'Brien effective immediately. Motion carried 6-0.

The following items were discussed by Paul Hungerford under the Superintendent's Report:

1. Thank you to the board from Traci Gavenda, Superintendent at Ashley Schools for sponsorship to attend the AESA conference
2. Visited some RESD center-based programs and Breckenridge Schools Optimist special needs lunch
4. LINKS update
5. AESA Conference re-cap

Kevin Kolb gave a report on the Tyler/Munis software implementation. Many questions arose with the budget (change order of \$90,000), the timeframe of full implementation of all of the involved school districts (way beyond the two years projected for completion) and lack of training from Tyler/Munis. The board gave direction to contact legal counsel on several of the terms in the contract that are in question. Superintendent Hungerford and Kevin Kolb will establish go-live dates with each school district involved and provide monthly progress reports.

Under Director's Reports the following information was discussed.

Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, provided an update first thanking the board for allowing her to attend the AESA conference and updates on 31n and 31p grants and purchasing the academic module for Munetrix.

Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator, discussed unemployment rates; increase in foot traffic in both Gratiot and Isabella service centers; upcoming career fairs; CNA class and working with employees with the closing of Dayco in Mt. Pleasant.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology, apprised board members on the Log4j flaw which creates a critical level of security vulnerability and what his department is doing to stay on top of this.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance, also thanked the board for his attendance at AESA and highlighted all of the instructional breakout sessions he attended.

Marty Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, distributed his monthly newsletter highlighting bike helmets purchased for preschoolers at Rosebush from the Isabella Optimist Club and updates on: the oversight committee, staff shortages, Advisory Committee, AESA conference, McKinney-Vento Regional Partnership and parent advisory committee.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for Career Technical Education, provided an update on bringing back mechanical drafting; tech center tours for 7th graders; CTE Consortium participation is at 30.3% and attendance at the Career Tech Vision conference.

Under “Other Business”, President Thorsen acknowledged Bill Henderson’s recent Lifetime Achievement award.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Julie Pierce and supported by Arthur McClintic. President Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Matthew Showalter, Secretary

Dr. Timm Thorsen, President