

Ithaca, Michigan
January 18, 2022

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RESA) was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Winding Brook Conference Centre, 8240 S. Genuine Rd., Shepherd. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Superintendent Paul Hungerford. Members present were: Bill Henderson, Arthur McClintic, Julie Pierce and Michael Pung. Members absent: Dr. Cheri Booth, Matthew Showalter, Dr. Timm Thorsen. Also present were Paul Hungerford, Superintendent; Wendy Giles, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction; Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology; Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator; Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE; Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance.

No visitors were present.

The first order of business was to elect a temporary chairperson for this evening's meeting. A motion was made by Julie Pierce and supported by Arthur McClintic to nominate Bill Henderson as the temporary chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2021 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Michael Pung and supported by Julie Pierce to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

Financial Statements and Claims for the month of December were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Arthur McClintic and supported by Julie Pierce that the Financial Statements and Claims in the amount of \$3,327,792.74 be approved as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The following employment contracts were presented for approval: Amber Brown, Occupational Therapist; Holly Paksi, Itinerant/Sub Teacher; and Nicole Green, Itinerant/Sub Teacher. All three contracts are in line with the association agreements currently in place. A motion was made by Michael Pung and supported by Julie Pierce to approve the employment contracts as presented above. Motion carried 4-0.

Retirement requests were presented for Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services and Wendy Giles, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, both effective July 1, 2022. A motion was made by Julie Pierce and supported by Arthur McClintic to accept the retirement requests with deep regrets. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Arthur McClintic and supported by Julie Pierce to accept the gracious donation from Commercial Bank for \$5,000 to be used towards the building project at Forest Hill Nature Area. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Julie Pierce and supported by Michael Pung to approve the Out of State Travel requests for the following individuals:

- Brad Thornburgh, Math/Science Consultant and Michelle Spayd Math/Science Consultant at Clare-Gladwin RESD to attend the US Math Recovery Council Conference in Oak Brook, IL, April 25-28, 2022 (approximate cost for each person is \$1,548)
- Shane Brooks, Data Integration and MTSS Consultant; Lisa Reynolds, Enrollment, Membership, and Pupil Accounting Specialist; Martha Stellow, Administrative Specialist and Natalie Anderson, Office Specialist to attend the PowerSchool User Group National Conference, March 21-24, 2022 in Westgate Las Vegas (approximate cost for each person is \$1,950)

Motion carried 4-0.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance presented information on replacing the Ford Edge (superintendent vehicle). He stated that Krapohl Ford in Mt. Pleasant is part of the MiDeal and presented two bids for a Ford Explorer advising on the Explorer XLT all-wheel drive, \$42,469 which doesn't include the trade-in for the Edge. After discussion a motion was made by Arthur McClintic and supported by Michael Pung to approve the purchase of the Explorer XLT through the MiDeal as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Julie Pierce and supported by Arthur McClintic to approve the RESD sponsored District and Building Leaders Retreat June 29, 30, and July 1, 2022 at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, MI at an estimated cost of \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Hungerford gave his report/updates on the following:

- Board appreciation month
- County Board Dinner, March 10 at Winding Brook Conference Centre (CTE Millage Renewal Presentation)
- Shepherd Business After Hours, March 9, 2022 (CTE Millage Renewal Presentation)
- Joint Safety Alliance Meeting including both Gratiot and Isabella County
- Annual Superintendent Evaluation

A CTE millage update was provided by Superintendent Hungerford and Doug Bush. They are working with GI-TEC students, Pat Onstott and Mary Kay Voeks on brochures, power point presentations, etc.

The monthly MUNIS update was provided. Kevin distributed a budget vs. actual cost report and stated Beal City went live with payroll and the RESD is running parallel's right now. Mt. Pleasant has a little more to do and then St. Louis will be next. Breckenridge and Vestaburg need to go live on the finance side.

The following NEOLA policies were presented for the first reading: Title IX regulations, Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, Section 504/ADA, and Anti-Harassment.

Directors Reports were as follows. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, provided curriculum updates on the early literacy collaborative initiatives; LEA collaboration with science and social studies curriculum; ESSR funds for purchasing text books and math K-12 initiatives.

Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Administrator, reported on unemployment rates; office traffic; Going Pro Talent Fund; Fast Start Trainings; education job fairs and shared a success story of a participant in the WIOA Out of School Youth program.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology provided an update on cyber security assessments, phishing security measures and LSC screens in classrooms.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance, stated the company that was awarded the brick work on the Mahoney building last summer didn't get it started so the RESD is first on their list this spring; future renovations in the reception area at Winding Brook Conference Centre; consensus revenue conference.

Marty Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, provided an update via his monthly newsletter on new employees; presentation by Sarah Ostahowski to the Parent Advisory committee; program closures; SEI and MoCI field trip to Soaring Eagle Water Park and his retirement.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE, reported career navigators are scheduling tours for all 7th grades to visit our CTE programs; criminal justice instructor recently resigned; Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment; MI ACTE Teacher of the Year is Pat Onstott.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Arthur McClintic and supported by Julie Pierce. Temporary Chairperson Bill Henderson adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Matthew Showalter, Secretary

Temporary Chairperson Bill Henderson