

Ithaca, Michigan
February 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RES D) was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Gratiot-Isabella RES 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, Arthur McClintic, Julie Pierce, Michael Pung, Matthew Showalter and Dr. Timm Thorsen. Also present were Paul Hungerford, Superintendent; Wendy Giles, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services; Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance; Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction; Matt McMahan, Associate Superintendent for Technology; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE.

No visitors were present at the meeting.

Minutes of the Rescheduled Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial Statements and Claims for the month of January were presented and reviewed. Claims for the month of January were presented in the amount of \$2,786,743.44. A motion was made by Mathew Showalter and supported by Bill Henderson to approve the financial statements and claims as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the leave of absence request for Molly Slavik, Occupational Therapist, through June 30, 2022 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Julie Pierce to approve Paraprofessionals Jessica Hartman and Marcy Bissonnette to use more than their 7 allotted sick days for family use taken from their accumulated sick leave time. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the retirement requests of Jackie Chaffin, Teacher ECSE, and Dawn Rollin, SLP and wishing Godspeed to both employees' going forward. The effective retirement date for both Jackie Chaffin and Dawn Rollin is June 30, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Booth and supported by Arthur McClintic to approve the following 2022-2023 Work Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 Schedule

Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District shall be open Monday through Friday (261 work days) from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (½ hour lunch) with the following exceptions.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS	
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
December 26	Christmas Day observed
January 2	New Year's Day observed
May 29	Memorial Day
OTHER DAYS	
September 2	Friday before Labor Day
November 25	Friday after Thanksgiving
December 23, 27, 28, 29, 30	Christmas Vacation
April 7	Good Friday

A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Arthur McClintic to approve the out of state travel requests as presented:

- Bonnie Walker, Stacy Longanbach, and April Shaw - Tyler (MUNIS) Connect 2022 Conference in Indianapolis, IN, May 15-18, 2022 – approximate cost is \$3,086.58 per person
- Kim Onstott - National Association of Workforce Development Professional Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV, May 15-19, 2022 – approximate cost is \$1,800 which is all covered through her grants
- Leah VanOrman, Teacher Consultant, Autism Spectrum Disorder – 2022 Wisconsin Autism Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI, April 29-30, 2022 – approximate cost is \$1,178.00

Motion carried 6-0 with Michael Pung abstaining from the vote.

A motion was made by Arthur McClintic and supported by Dr. Cheri Booth to officially cast the MASB Board of Directors Election, Region 4 ballot, for candidate Karen Uebler, Frankenmuth School District. Motion carried 6-0 with Julie Pierce abstaining from the vote.

A motion was made by Julie Pierce and supported Dr. Booth to approve the following NEOLA Policy revisions:

- 1422/3122/4122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- 1623/3123/4123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability
Discrimination Based in Employment
- 1662/3362/4362 – Anti-Harassment
- 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
- 5517 – Anti-Harassment

Motion carried 7-0.

Added to the agenda was revisiting the purchase of the Ford Explorer XLT from Krapohl Ford that was approved at last months meeting. After further review, Krapohl Ford is not part of the MIDeal program. In following GIRESD NEOLA policy, at least three (3) bids for substantiation of purchase are required and shall require approval of the Board prior to the purchase. Bids were received from Krapohl Ford - \$39,445.80; Alma Ford - \$42,995.00; Midland Ford Lincoln - \$44,710. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Matthew Showalter to award the bid to Krapohl Ford. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- Congratulated Matthew Showalter on his appointment to NSBA
- County Board Dinner on March 10, 2022 at Winding Brook Conference Centre
- Shepherd Business After Hours on March 9, 2022
- Forest Hill Nature Area building project update
- GIRESD Strategic Planning, summer 2022
- Superintendent Evaluation, begin process in March

The CTE update will be provided during Doug Bush's Career Technical Education update.

The monthly MUNIS update was provided by Superintendent Hungerford and Kevin Kolb. Tyler has extended the bank of time for training to GIRESD and is also providing training in a timelier manner. The lines of communication with staff and local school district superintendents has increased significantly.

Mr. Hungerford announced the Gratiot Isabella County Board Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Winding Brook Conference Centre. Presentations will be made on our GI-TEC programs and millage renewal and GIRESD budgets.

Dr. Kathy Peasley, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, provided a spotlight on Shane Brook, Technology Integration and MTSS Consultant. Shane provides technology support to districts on PowerSchool Student Information system; Swift K12 notification system; Frontline Educator Evaluation platform; Illuminate DnA Data Warehouse; NWEA Computer Adaptive State Benchmark Assessment; MTSS; Munetrix; and DataHub.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology, revisited the history of MMNET. Adam Lawhorne, our new engineer is auditing fiber, and researching our 10-year old routers and firewalls.

Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance, announced the Governor released her budget proposal and the senate has released their proposal. Much more information to follow in the coming weeks.

Martin Combs, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, apprised board members on the collaborations between special education and the RESD instruction department; complaint with the Office of Civil Rights, MDE Office of Special Education and one of our local school districts; updated open employee positions status and GIRESD student and employee COVID guidance document.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for Career Technical Education, reported on CTE millage materials, GI-TEC Open House; CTE program tours; instructor hired for criminal justice program in Alma and upcoming events.

In Kim Onstott's absence, a paper copy was distributed on Michigan Works! activities including Michigan unemployment rates; Integrated Technology Grant-CNA training; trade sessions for Dayco; Warn notices at Lear Corporation and closing of the Sears Store in Mt. Pleasant; High Concentration Youth Funding and National Association for Workforce Development Professionals National Conference in May.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Julie Pierce and supported by Dr. Booth. President Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

