

Ithaca, Michigan  
August 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District (RES D) was held at Gratiot-Isabella RES D, Mahoney Center in Ithaca on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. 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, Mike Pung, Matthew Showalter, Dr. Timm Thorsen. Also present was Paul Hungerford, Superintendent; Chelsea Giles, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance; Leanne Barton, Associate Superintendent for Special Services; Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE; Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent of Technology; and Kim Onstott Employment Programs Supervisor.

Minutes of the July Organizational Meeting of July 20, 2022 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Mike Pung to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial Statements and Claims in the amount of \$2,252,944.70 for the month of July were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Julie Pierce that the financial statements and claims be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A resignation request was presented for Dr. Cheri Booth, Vice President of the Board effective August 18, 2022. Dr. Booth read a personal letter thanking the board and additional members for their support of her service over the years. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Mike Pung to approve the resignation request for Dr. Cheri Booth as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Multiple out of state travel requests were presented for the following: Paul Hungerford, Chelsea Giles, Julie Pierce and Doug Bush will travel to Germany October 22-29, 2022. Paul Hungerford will be traveling to Atlanta, GA to attend the Superintendents Roundtable Conference October 14-16, 2022. Also, the following individuals will travel to Atlanta, GA, to attend the AESA Conference November 30-December 2, 2022 (Superintendent Paul Hungerford, Jennifer Verleger (Mount Pleasant), Stacey Criner (Alma), Traci Gavenda (Ashley), Bill Chilman (Beal City), Terry Starr (Shepherd), Julie Pierce, and Matthew Showalter. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Arthur McClintic to approve all conference requests as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Associate Superintendent, Kevin Kolb, presented information regarding the LED Light Project for the lighting to be completed on the west side of the Mahoney Center. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and supported by Dr. Booth to approve the light project as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

The salary committee presented with the recommendation to post a new position for an additional Early-On Home Visitor due to student needs. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter with support from Julie Pierce to approve the new position. Motion carried 7-0.

Leave of Absence requests were presented for the following individuals: Amanda Cashen, paraprofessional, is requesting a 6-month extension. Louise Lohrer, paraprofessional, is requesting an extension until 12/31/2022. A motion was made by Julie Pierce and supported by Arthur McClintic to approve the leave of absence requests as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Employment contracts were presented for Megan Petersen, Occupational Therapist. Her annual salary/benefits will follow the MEA Professional Contract. A motion was made by Matthew Showalter and supported by Julie Pierce to approve the employment contract as presented above. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- MidMichigan College Update: meetings regarding a consortium agreement with President Tim Hood
- Forest Hill Update- more information to come next month
- Individual meetings with Local Superintendents, working on progress forward
- Strategic Planning Date (TBD)

Under Director's Reports, Kevin Kolb, Associate Superintendent for Finance, gave an updated that the masonry project was completed successfully.

Doug Bush, Associate Superintendent for CTE spoke about the four components of CTE program. Doug also spoke about an upcoming/potential agreement with MidMichigan College to improve dual enrollment for students. Also gave an update about meeting with Michigan Legislature.

Leanne Barton, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, discussed current job openings, in process of Medicaid audit and applauded her team for working hard on the audit.

Kim Onstott, Employment Programs Supervisor, apprised board members of the "Grow with Google" program. Funding available for 500 people in the state.

Matt McMahon, Associate Superintendent for Technology, discussed the new firewall and is hoping for installment in the middle of September. Matt mentioned that he is working on reviewing the tech model for local support. Also, in discussion was the talk of new/additional chromebooks for students.

Under "Other", a conversation was had regarding the process of posting/hiring for vacant board seat.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Julie Pierce and supported by Dr. Booth. President Dr. Timm Thorsen adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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Dr. Timm Thorsen, President

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Matthew Showalter, Secretary