

**Regional School District No. 8 Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 21, 2021 @ 6:30 pm**

Note: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendees participated via in person and Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Stephanie Bancroft, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

BOE Members Present: Stephanie Bancroft, Judy Benson Clark, Jessica Dapsis, Susan Stolfi, Lori Blake, Mary Cochefski, Mike Morris, Joseph O'Connor, Robert Schadtler, and Jean Wilson.

Administration Present: Scott Leslie, Superintendent
Eva Gallupe, Business Manager

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introduction of New Board Member – Michael Morris – Mike is from Hebron and has children are in the school system. S Leslie met with Mike for orientation.

4. Public Comments - none

5. Recognize David Gostanian and Scott Fleeher – tabled, not present.

6. Add/Delete Agenda Items

S Stolfi moved to add Shared Services Committee topic under New Business 13.7, seconded by S Bancroft. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Student Representative Report - none

8. BOE Chair Report – S Bancroft congratulated the 8th grade and senior class of 2021. She thanked the Lions for their support, as well as Black Ledge Country Club for supporting prom.

9. Report of the Superintendent - S Leslie stated the Middle and High school both hosted perfect graduations and the speaker from the LA Dodgers did a great job via the jumbotron. S Leslie thanked everyone for extraordinary measures this year. He has hopes for a normal, full day schedule for the next school year.

10. Hebron Diversity Committee – Sue, Donna, and Althea from the Hebron Coalition of Diversity and Equity presented a powerpoint reviewing strategies to create a more diverse school system, ideas on how to create an equity council, and details of the focus they place on housing and education.

11. Consent Agenda

11.1. Amend and Approve Minutes: from May 17, 2021 August 23, 2021

S Bancroft moved to amend the meeting minutes to add detail regarding the 316 fence project from the video to written minutes, seconded by M Cochefski. 9 approved with one abstention by L Blake. MOTION CARRIED

- 11.2 Request for Extension of Unpaid Leaves: Ashley Ward, Tiffany Gianini
- 11.3 Request for Child Rearing Leaves: Christina Govoni, Kaitlyn Morse
- 11.4 Resignation Letters: Christina Kingsley, Jennifer Rojas, Jennifer Mocksfield, Desire Nichols

L Blake moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by J Dapsis. Unanimously approved MOTION CARRIED.

12. Old Business - none

13. New Business

13.1 Amend 21/22 School Year Calendar

S Leslie discovered they added an extra day in error to the 20/21 school calendar.

S Stolfi moved to keep 11/2 as a staff development day and eliminate 2/23 as a professional development day and keep it as a regular school day, seconded by J Dapsis. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

J Clark moved to pause the meeting agenda to go back to item #10 and then resume back to item #13.2 seconded by J O'Connor. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13.2 Financials

Expenditure and Revenue Report – E Gallupe reviewed the report as of May 31st. Net favorable projection of \$397,420.

Student Activity Report – E Gallupe reviewed report as of 5/31

Food Service Report – E Gallupe reviewed report as of 5/2021. Cumulative loss of \$114,260.89

13.3 Transfers

Proposed Transfers – E Gallupe presented transfer requests for 1) Invoice for sick and severance payments totaling \$66,559; 2) Replace virtual server \$42,180.

Discussion on how severance payments operate and also the process for procuring server prices.

J Blake moved to approve the transfers as presented, seconded by J Dapsis. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Budget Appropriation Transfers – 35 journal entries totaling \$235,483.90. These do not affect net favorable.

S Stolfi moved to accept the budget appropriation transfers, seconded by J O'Connor. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13.4 First Reading – Fraud Policy – S Leslie stated this does not require action at this point. There will be a second reading at the next meeting with an opportunity to approve.

13.5 Turf Field Discussion – S Leslie gave an overview of the committee's engagement over the last year.

J Clark moved to direct the superintendent to enter into contract with VSC not to exceed \$9,700 and with Tall Timbers marketing not to exceed \$6,940 to provide the services necessary to inform

the public of the proposed turf field project, seconded by R Schadle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

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S Bancroft moved to allow the transfer of \$16,640 from competition field drainage project in the capital incurring account to fund services of VSC and Tall Timbers marketing for the turf field project, seconded by J Clark. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13.6 Possible July and August Board of Ed Meeting Dates – discussed possible July special meeting, 8/2 virtual meeting, 8/23 District meeting and regular meeting, as well as a public forum date to be determined.

J O'Connor moved to cancel the 8/16 regularly scheduled Board meeting, seconded by M Cochefski. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13.7 Shared Services Committee - S Leslie stated that Hebron BOE started discussion of a community wide sharing of resources/services. J Clark will be the contact person for ideas.

14. Reports

Committees

Facilities/Safety/Transportation –no report

Finance/Audit Compliance and Insurance – no report

Negotiations – no updates

Policy – discussed fraud policy earlier in meeting. The non-resident students to attend RHAM policy will not be modified.

Program/Communication – no report

Facilitators

EASTCONN – J Clarke – will forward presentation

CABE – J Clarke –workshop is tomorrow.

- 15. Public Comment** – J O'Connor, Hebron- stated the middle school graduation was outstanding. J Clark also expressed positive sentiments on the graduation.

16. Informational Items

16.1 Student Discipline

HS

MS

S Stolfi inquired on the suspension regarding marijuana vs the wording drugs. S Leslie stated that one was marijuana and the other is THC based drugs.

17. Executive Session

17.1 Appointment of High School Administrators – Principal, 12 Month Assistant Principal and 10 month Assistant

17.2 Superintendent Evaluation

Kathleen Goodwin joined the meeting for Executive Session.

J O'Connor moved to enter into executive session at 9:15pm and invite Superintendent S Leslie, seconded by M Cochefski. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

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18. Action as a Result of Executive Session

J Clark moved to appoint Penny Bryzgel as high school principal, seconded by J O'Connor. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

M Cochefski moved to appoint Chris Mader as 12 month assistant high school principal, seconded by J Clark. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

M Cochefski moved to appoint Bethany Pomerantz as the 10 month assistant at the High School, seconded by K Goodwin. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

19. Adjournment

J O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at p.m., seconded by J Clark. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk