

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 12, 2021

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the boardroom.

Members present: Alexander, Davis, Caudill, Herman, Palmer, Van Sickler, Zinn

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Hubbard, Groulx, Leja, Reedy, Simpson

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Sharon Davis, Larry Koutz, Emily Clayton, Lori Wolfe, Frank Sebastian.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Alexander, support by Palmer to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Superintendent Report

Questions on Department Reports: None

Committee Reports: The Facilities Committee met and discussed projects. They discussed the roof project. The group also discussed the resurfacing parking lots and looking at the bus garage. They also talked about purchasing things on a rotation basis. The Governance Committee met tonight before the board meeting and discussed the governors order and spring activities. They also discussed the superintendent's evaluation.

Staffing Update: Hubbard let the board know that we have hired Dan Palmer through Edustaff for the varsity baseball position and Matt Koutz for the varsity softball position. Coach Palmer has had a few people step up to help out and Coach Koutz has some past players helping out.

Legislative Update: There has not been a lot from them as they have been on spring break.

Shoutouts - Recognition: Traci McCormick takes the extra time in the morning and afternoon to make sure all students enter the building safely and are picked up in the afternoon and not left behind.

Laura Kimbell gave a shout out to her staff. No matter the amount of work, my staff is always willing to step up to the plate and take on more. Whether it is a change from the state or being short a staff member or two, they always get the job done and with a smile on their face. Laura stated she is very lucky to have a

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staff that cares about our kids this much and will do anything to get them the nutrition they need. This is what school nutrition hero's look like.

Emily Groulx thanked Laura Neelis, Amy Johnston and Katie Salladay for setting up March is Reading month. They organized a sports trivia with classroom zooms, hallway art/visuals and prizes. This took a lot of planning and preparation. They went above and beyond to organize additional fun for our students.

The Preschool staff for all of their work to "redo" preschool hallway. They have created decorations, learning charts, student work displays, etc. It looks amazing and is engaging for our students.

Communications: None

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the Special Board meeting held March 4, 2021
- B. Minutes of the Executive session held during the Special Board meeting March 4, 2021.
- C. Minutes of the Regular meeting held March 8, 2021
- D. Minutes of the Executive session held during the Regular meeting March 8, 2021.

Treasurer's Report- April

- E. \$258,832.02 Bills to be Allowed, Check#41773-41808
- F. \$132,464.89 Bills to be Ratified, Check# 41705-41772

G. Hire

- 1. Matt Koutz - Varsity Softball Coach

Motion by Caudill, support by Herman to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

New Business

Approve 2020-2021 MAISD Budget

Hubbard stated that their budget is pretty straightforward. Hubbard appreciates the ISD Superintendent and Tricia Root for being very transparent.

Motion by Caudill, support by Davis to approve the MAISD 2020-2021 Budget.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Old Business

Reconfirm the Continuity of Learning Plan

Hubbard talked to the board about the governor's recommendation on Friday morning. Hubbard met with the ISD Superintendents and the health department.

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Hubbard reached out to the MSAC, and the Gratiot superintendents that were to see if they were closing down. The health department stated the kids are as safe in school as anywhere else. Hubbard stated we are seeing an increase in our school district. We have not had a lot of positive cases, but have people that have been exposed and in quarantine. Hubbard stated that if the numbers are high enough and we do not have enough staff to cover we might need to close down. Most of our staff has now had the vaccine. Hubbard also stated that we are now testing our student athletes weekly. Hubbard believes that we are doing what is best for the students.

Herman asked if staff members are allowed to opt out of teaching face to face. Hubbard stated we do not have the subs to cover. Zinn stated that State of Michigan employees were able to file a workmans comp claim if there are not subs available and they have to work.

Hubbard stated that we are going to continue with our Continuity of Learning Plan that we have been doing throughout the year.

Caudill asked about virtual students testing. Hubbard stated that the state does not recommend having virtual students come in for testing. Both principals gave the board an overview of the testing schedule for face to face and what is offered for virtual.

Motion by Zinn, support by Palmer to approve the Continuity of Learning Plan
Motion CARRIED: 7-0

Items for Discussion

Prom: Hubbard turned this discussion over to Dr. Warner. Dr. Warner stated that all of these ideas were discussed with the area school districts. We are going to offer an outdoor movie. It will be Saturday, May 1st. Each student will bring their own blanket to sit on. There will be snacks provided. The rules will be the same, if they leave, they are not able to reenter the football field. Hubbard stated the committee has met several times to make this decision. Hubbard also stated that there is a rumor that some parents are planning a prom for the students. The school and staff will not be involved or support this. Dr. Warner stated that May 1st is the day and there will not be an inclement weather day.

Dr. Warner stated that the MSAC Awards banquet will be inviting eight student athletes. This year it will be held in a park in Mt. Pleasant. They will bring in food trucks for the food to keep them socially distanced.

Senior Night: Will be held virtually.

Senior Walk Through: We will have all of the students lined up socially distanced outside and the seniors will walk around the perimeter of the building.

Graduation: Will be held Sunday, June 6th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This is tentatively being planned to be in the high school gym. Each student will be given 4 tickets.

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All of these details are subject to change and will be communicated as soon as possible. Herman suggested that they RSVP the staff to see who is actually coming. That might free up some tickets for families.

Baccalaureate: Dr. Warner has been meeting with the community and they are looking at an outdoor event.

Groulx stated that we are doing kindergarten roundup virtually. They have set up a facebook group that they are included in when they enroll.

Dr. Warner stated that if you hear of other ideas from other schools, please forward those ideas to her.

Success Virtual Testimonials: The testimonials were shared with you in the board packet. Hubbard also shared one on the screen with the board.

Recognition of Guests: None

Works in Progress: Hubbard stated that the exception that allowed virtual meetings under the open meeting act has expired and we are back to face to face. There are only 3 exceptions. One would be that the state would need to be in a State of Emergency,

Motion by Alexander, support by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary