

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
MESICK, MI 49668
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023

Mesick Board of Education

Mission Statement:

Developing successful learners, critical thinkers and productive citizens.

Vision Statement:

Creating a community where education is a priority.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was read followed by roll call. Present: Jason Abraham, Heather Bradley, Sally Flatman, Craig Gabier, and William Sexton. Absent: Kirsten Ross and Eric Spencer. Also present were Superintendent Ledford, 2 administrators, 7 staff members, 7 community members and 2 students.

1. Motion by Gabier to approve minutes of the following meetings:
 - a. July 10, 2023 Regular MeetingSeconded by Sexton. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Motion by Abraham to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,467,541.52. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 5-0.

The Mesick Board of Education welcomes comments from the public, public comment is limited to 5 minutes per person.

3. Communications from the Public
 - a. Representatives from Fischer LP submitted their bid for propane for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Superintendent report – Mr. Ledford reported on staffing being nearly complete, currently negotiating with two retired special education teachers who are potentially interested in returning to the classroom; district provided professional development will be focusing on building excitement and increasing morale and focusing on the growth mindset. Updating the student code of conduct and cell phone policy. Receipt of quote from G & M builders for roof hangover at the north end of the school. Freezer has been shipped. Awaiting contact from Sound Environments regarding completion of outdoor field sound system.
5. Administrative Written Reports
 - a. Elementary – Ms. Kastl reported on the success of Kindercamp for the Class of 2036.
 - b. JR/SR High School – Ms. Stephan reported on revisions in student handbook, focusing on the Code of Conduct.

- c. Athletics – Ms. Quiggin reported on fall athletics. Collection of student athletic physicals, Code of Conduct, and concussion forms.
6. New Business
- a. Motion by Gabier to approve hiring of Marie Lance as elementary teacher. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 5-0.
 - b. Motion by Abraham to approve non-union contract for Sharren Williamson as Admissions/Data Specialist. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 5-0.
 - c. Motion by Gabier to approve non-union contract for Kurtis Casto as Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 4-0-1. Abstained: Sexton.
 - d. Motion by Abraham to approve hiring of Tim Parrish as Varsity Football Head Coach. Seconded by Gabier. Motion carried 5-0.
 - e. Motion by Abraham to approve 2023-2024 JR/SR High School course catalog. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 5-0.
 - f. Motion by Abraham to approve First Amendment to Contract to Charter a Public School Academy between HVAM and Mesick Consolidated Schools. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 5-0.
 - g. Motion by Gabier to approve volleyball's request for overnight lock-in on September 23, 2023. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 5-0.
 - h. Motion by Abraham to adopt MDCH and MDE Recommended Head Lice Policy. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried 5-0.
 - i. Motion by Abraham to adopt MHSAA 2023-2024 Membership Resolution. Seconded by Sexton. Motion carried 5-0.
 - j. Motion by Abraham to approve substitute rates for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - i. Teachers - \$100/day
 - ii. Teachers - (long-term) - \$150/day
 - iii. Support Staff Assistants - \$10.25/hour
 - iv. Paraprofessionals - \$10.25/hour
 - v. Secretaries - \$10.25/hour
 - vi. Bus drivers – \$15.90/hour (always follows Step 1 of contract)
 - vii. Custodians - \$10.25/hourSeconded by Bradley. Motion carried 5-0.
 - k. Discuss Turf Tank demonstration and possible lease. Mr. Ledford and Mr. Parrish spoke regarding last week's demonstration of the Turf Tank robot lining the football, baseball, softball, soccer fields.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Abraham, Secretary