

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
MESICK, MI 49668
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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, William Sexton and Eric Spencer. Absent: Kirsten Ross. Also present were Superintendent Ledford, 2 administrators, 12 staff members, 16 community members and 14 students.

1. Motion by Spencer to approve minutes of the following meeting:
 - a. September 11, 2023 Regular MeetingSeconded by Sexton. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Motion by Abraham to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,258,892.13. Seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 6-0.

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. None.
4. Superintendent report – Mr. Ledford reported on count day; tour of school forest with Paul Drysdale and discussion regarding possibilities for school use – some ideas to help it grow for the district and the community, possible development and other ideas to make the property grow into the investment it can be. November 1st professional development will focus on CPI training which will focus on what steps to take to deescalate situations; also setting learning goals; and also teacher growth plans. After school professional development will provide different choices for teachers throughout the year. The high school will be having a Veterans' Day assembly on Friday, November 10th. Our first vaping violation occurred last week. A deputy from Wexford County came to the school to take a report. Our goal is not to punish students but to make them aware of what is not allowed on school property. Mr. Ledford will be meeting with Mary Moorman at HVAM next week.
5. Administrative Written Reports
 - a. Elementary – Ms. Kastl reported on Granola for Grandparents about 250 students and grandparents attended; thank you to the PTO for providing the food and to NHS for serving the food; Science Lab activities were enjoyed by

students; backpack program is up and running and serving 83 of our K-4 students. The SEEDS after school program has started. Hiring new part-time special education teacher. There has been a change to the 3rd Grade Reading Law – the mandatory retention portion is no longer part of the law.

- b. JR/SR High School – Ms. Stephan reported on homecoming week. Ms. Hagerman organized a lot of activities that were enjoyed by the students. A JR high dance was held on Friday after school and SR high dance on Saturday night. 9th grade attended Manufacturing Day field trip. 8th grade attended Inland Seas – School ship field trip. National Honor Society induction ceremony was held and 11 students were inducted. Two of our CTC students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held next week. The band will be attending a marching competition at Thirlby Field in Traverse City next week. The math position has been posted – awaiting applicants.
- c. Athletics
- d. Transportation/Maintenance

6. New Business

- a. Motion by Spencer to hire William Cunningham as part-time special education teacher. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. Motion by Spencer to accept bid from Crystal Flash for propane. Seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. Motion by Gabier to accept bid from Teall Excavating, Inc. for snowplowing for the 2023-2024 winter season. Seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. Motion by Abraham to accept bids from Greg Blach for Bus #13 and Bus #11-1. Seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 6-0.
- e. Motion by Spencer to accept bid from Gary Stoner, Jr. for Dodge pick-up truck. Seconded by Abraham. Motion carried 6-0.
- f. Discussion regarding November 13, 2023 board meeting. The November meet has been rescheduled to November 6, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Abraham, Secretary