

**Hillsdale County Intermediate School District
Board of Education Meeting
February 21, 2019 ~ 5:30 P.M.
DRAFT MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Brandes, Gutowski, Leininger, Nye, Vanlerberg (after appointment at 6:07p; excused at 6:49p)

HCISD Staff: Steel, Svacha, Shaffer, Lawless, McDowell, Ellison, Swan, Rathburn, Iffland, Burlew, Slamka, Quigley

Guests: Debby Kerr, retired; Mary Halley, Jonesville; Linc Miller, citizen; Maxine Vanlerberg, citizen; Kathleen Schmitt, citizen; Char Cole, citizen

CALL TO ORDER

President Leininger called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes, Meeting on January 17, 2019, Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes, January 10, 2019, Closed Session
- C. Minutes, January 17, 2019, Closed Session
- D. Minutes, February 13, 2019, Countywide Board Informational Workshop
- E. Report on Investments
- F. Bills Payable
- G. Resignation: L. Crowell

Nye/Brandes to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

Linc Miller spoke unsolicited, per his own admission, on behalf of Mary Halley to support her interest in serving on the HCISD Board of Education. Mr. Miller referenced a statement.

Debby Kerr stated that her greatest pride has been working for the HCISD and surrounding herself with smart and ethical people: Mary Halley is one of those people.

ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Val White resigned on January 23, 2019, effective immediately. President Bonnie Leininger thanked Val for the time she served and her input on the Board.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Candidates interviewed in the order in which their letter of interests and resumes were received. The Board asked each candidate a list of standardized questions. The candidates interviewed were Mary Halley (5:37p), Maxine Vanlerberg (5:44p), and Kathleen Schmitt (5:58p).

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

Nye/Brandes to appoint Maxine Vanlerberg for the position of board of education member and to serve in the open position to expire June 30, 2019. Roll Call: Nye, Brandes, Gutowski, Leininger

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

OATH OF OFFICE

Maxine Vanlerberg was issued the Oath of Office. President Leininger read the oath of office statement. Maxine raised her hand and agreed to the statement. Belinda Shaffer took Maxine's signatures and notarized the document.

Maxine took a board seat at 6:07p.

OTHER BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

A. New Hire: Ashley Burlew

Brandes/Gutowski to hire Ashley Burlew as LEA business manager and pupil auditor for the HCISD.

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

B. New Hire: Ashly Risk

Brandes/Gutowski to hire Ashly Risk as a para-professional for the HCISD.

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

C. New Hire: Nichole Dunlap

D. New Hire: Betty Everline

Gutowski/Nye to hire Nichole Dunlap and Betty Everline as social workers for the HCISD.

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carrie***

E. Budget Amendments, 2018/2019

Nye/Brandes to approve the 2018/2019 budget amendments for general education, special education, CTE, Food Service, Fiber Consortium, Capital Projects for General Education, Capital Projects for Special Education, and Capital Projects for CTE.

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

F. Calendar Approval, Winter & Spring Break Calendar

Brandes/Nye to approve the winter and spring break countywide calendar to reflect a change in the spring break in the school year 2019-2020.

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

A. Potential Hires

B. Ratification of Professional Staff Contract

C. HACC, Chromebooks Purchase

BUSINESS SERVICES REPORT

Director Shaffer provided a report in the board book.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Steel provided a report in the board book. Superintendent Steel reported on the following: the revenue consensus is that things are looking better; the new governor's budget will be interesting - our locals are significantly under-funded when providing services for poverty, special needs, and transportation, we are likely to hear much more in the next 12 months; and during the Governor's State of State she talked about securing more funding.

Superintendent Steel asked if the Board could relook at a date to go over the strategic planning, or suggested that the Board could review one section at a time during scheduled meetings. The HCISD special education plan also needs to be reviewed by the Board.

Superintendent Steel reported that graduation is scheduled for May 29, 2019.

Superintendent Steel reported that the HCISD currently has full accreditation for AdvancED, however, most ISDs are backing off because AdvancED has not been able to adapt to ISDs. The cost of an Advanced visit and/or accreditation is typically between \$10-\$15K. Laurie Brandes asked which ISD have opted out. Ronna will gather data. Ronna's recommendation is that the HCISD needs to focus time and energy on the strategic plan.

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GENERAL EDUCATION

Jonathan Tobar provided a report in the board book. Director Tobar highlighted the following: they have been focused on literacy, meeting with LEA coaches and principals in the near future; the team is launching instructional rounds; PreSchool Connect is scheduled for March 25; two, common PDs were provided for the county's educators, positive feedback was received.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Susanne Masters provided a report in the board book. Chelsea Iffland spoke on Susanne's behalf and shared that the team has been working on special education strategic planning and that special education's first newsletter has been issued.

HILLSDALE AREA CAREER CENTER

Jonathan Tobar provided a report in the board book. The Going Pro event is a partnership with EDP, Michigan works Southeast, and HCCAP. The event hopes to show types of careers available in Hillsdale County.

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS

Nye/Brandes to convene to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 7:10 PM. Roll Call: Brandes, Gutowski, Leininger, Nye
Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

Present: Leininger, Nye, Brandes, Gutowski, Steel, Svacha, Shaffer, Lawless

Leininger to reconvene to open session at 7:43 PM. Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

OTHER MATTERS

President Leininger asked the Board to consider rescheduling the board workshop canceled in January.
March 12, 6:00 PM
March 19th, 6:00 PM

Laurie texted Maxine to check Dates.

Brandes/Nye to schedule either March 12 or March 19 for a board workshop dependent upon confirmation that one of the dates will work for all board members.
Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

There were no comments from guests.

Brandes stated she was given positive feedback after the recent countywide board workshop. Brandes suggested that perhaps the content is lessened and group activities are added.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandes/Gutowski to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Svacha