

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held March 17, 2021.

Members Present: V. Rogala, R. Strittmatter, E. Trudeau, S. Staffan, S. Powers, J. Bell, and L. Jackson.

Members absent: none

Also Present: Superintendent Curth, J. Huffman, and K. Strittmatter.

Meeting called to order by President Rogala at 6:38 p.m.

Motion by E. Trudeau, Support by J. Bell to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Finance Report: Supt. Curth gave an update on the Revenue Sharing Board and the Casino funds disbursements. Also, Mackinaw and Wawatam Twps. have experienced a significant taxable value increase this year, which will greatly benefit the school since we are out of formula.

Secretary's Report: none

Public Participation: none

Motion by V. Rogala, support by S. Powers to approve the bills in the amount of \$62,304.31. Carried.

Teacher's Rep Report: Natalie Postula thanked Sam Staffan for helping with the art kits that were sent home with students. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders made clay pitch pots with Petoskey arts council; and elementary students are participating in March reading month. Yesterday, the staff met with LTC and are planning on some projects at the Hathaway property. The high school band had a saxophone quartet that participated in solo and ensemble and the middle school and a few entries participating virtually as well. The spring concert is planned for May 5, and the band trip is planned for May 7-8. Quiz Bowl will air on PBS on March 24. Grades 8-11 will be taking the PSAT on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Principal's Report: Principal Huffman reported that the end of the marking period is March 26 and conferences will be held the beginning of April, after spring break. The boys' basketball team had a tough loss last Saturday, and will finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the conference. The girls play Ellsworth next Saturday, and are in play to win the conference. Spring sports (baseball, softball, golf) are set to start the week we return from spring break.

Old Business:

(a) School Reopening Plan: V. Rogala motioned to accept the school reopening plan for another month, support by J. Bell. Carried.

(b) Close-Up: John Martin, Vince Rogala, and Supt Curth met with Close-Up advisers and decided that only Seniors will be going on the trip. Next year, the current juniors and sophomores will go. This year they will be flying and following extra safety and COVID protocols.

New Business:

(a) Building and Site: Building & Site Committee met and are looking at some projects for next summer. Some ideas are replacing a section of roof, replacing the terrazzo floor, update electrical wiring, replacing gym floor, exterior window/door replacements, replace carpeting in some rooms, remodel coach's bathroom/shower, add cabinets in English room, have plans drawn up for covered entryway and possible addition of gym/classroom/office/storage space area, and resurface blacktop driveway.

(b) ESD Wide Millage: Voters in the school district will have the chance to vote on the ESD wide millage on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a renewal millage used for special education services. All Mackinaw City School District residents must vote in Mackinaw Twp.

Public Participation: none

Superintendent's Report: Next month the board will complete the Supt. evaluation. We will be replacing some classroom projectors, usually we could use sinking funds for these, but this year we will use some left over Title funds for this purpose. Spring break starts next Friday at 11AM.

Board Comments:

J. Bell – none, L. Jackson – questioned about status of Rec Center, answer is we are exploring all our options at this point, S. Powers – none, R. Strittmatter – echo what Ed said, nice to see other kids and parents in other than sports all the time, S. Staffan – none, E. Trudeau- mentioned that he enjoyed the March band concert and that the people playing the saxophones were quite amazing, V. Rogala – none

Motion by V. Rogala, Support by J. Bell to adjourn. Carried. 7:10 p.m.