

MINUTES

Regular Board of Education Meeting

July 15, 2021

Early Childhood Center

Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.

Open Session – 6:30 p.m.

Tim Mullen, President

Scott Perkins, Vice-President

Kim Grayson, Treasurer

Tana Booker, Member

Jason Evans, Member

Kevin Green, Member

Rebecca Sackman, Member

- I. Call to order and roll call at 5:35 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, Tim Mullen, President, presiding. All members present.
- II. Motion made by Kevin, and second by Kim to approve the July 15, 2021 agenda as presented. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- III. Motion made by Jason, and second by Scott to adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021.1 (Legal) and Section 610.021.3 (Personnel Matters-hiring, firing, promoting). Tim-yea, Scott-yea, Kim-yea, Tana-yea, Jason-yea, Kevin-yea, and Rebecca-yea. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.
- IV. Call to order and roll call at 6:30 p.m. to begin regular open session. Tim Mullen, President, presiding. All members present.
- V. All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VI. Public Comment – none.
- VII. Consent Agenda Items:
Motion made by Tana, and second by Kim, with the exception of item A, to approve the consent agenda items. All members present voted yes on said motion.
Motion made by Kevin, and second by Rebecca to approve item A with noted corrections brought to the floor by board member, Kevin Green. All members present voted yes on said motion.
- VIII. Reports:
 - A. MSBA report – board member, Jason Evans reported that Missouri House bill 349 passed. This bill creates the "Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program" and specifies that any taxpayer may claim a tax credit, not to exceed 50% of the taxpayer's state tax liability, for any qualifying contribution to an educational assistance organization. The bill allows

school districts for qualified students that receive a scholarship and leave their resident district to continue to be counted for state aid purposes for five years, or until criteria outlined in the bill are met. This provision will end five years after the effective date of the bill. Jason also let the Board know of a training opportunity. The 2020-21 Legislative Round Up will be on July 21, 2021 at noon. MASA/MSBA Conference registration is open. The conference is November 4th-7th.

- B. Superintendent report – Mrs. Hess thanked the Board for such a warm welcome and good start to assuming her new role as Superintendent. She let them know she is settling in, learning to match people to names and what their position is. The 4th of July celebration at the Park was great. The Crawford County Fair is wonderful and she said seeing the pigs at the high school has been a joy. Mrs. Hess shared the following items with the Board:
1. I've worked through much of the information I had provided on my entry plan. I still need to get into the community more to meet key people. This will be a main focus next week. The office staff has been wonderful to help; gaining access to needed online portals, DESE, etc. I could not ask for better support.
 2. I have an Open door, Open phone policy. Feel free to communicate with me any time. None of us like surprises and a quick text message can ward that off pretty quickly. I will also reciprocate.
 3. Note on email communication to the Board.
 4. MASA/MSBA conference is approaching and registration/hotel accommodations can be done through Kari. The quicker at getting registered, the better.
 5. I met with the admin team last week. Some of their recommendations/communications are as follows:
 - Virtual school: It is strongly recommended that students return to full time seat time. Building principals will be stressing this in their back to school letters. If virtual: Acellus will be the platform K-12. Local teachers would then only be involved if the school had to shut down; then we would be responsible for delivering instruction. \$300 per student which allows those students to take up to 7 courses a semester. This is far cheaper than most of the other online delivery methods like Launch, etc. Credit Recovery is a different program. We would limit to the first 15 for Acellus for budget purposes.
 - Summer custodial/maintenance work: Playground project and band room renovation has slowed down progress in knocking out the rest of the projects they had lined up to complete. I've advised building principals to revise their lists to prioritize wants vs needs. We did hire two student workers starting last week; one for the MS and one for the EL to help with custodial needs. These will be summer workers at minimum wage.

- We are in the process of planning back to school workshop days. Five total for this year. We will start with a district wide breakfast on August 16th. We will also cater lunch on a day later in the week. We probably will NOT have a board meeting prior to these days so I will communicate that schedule directly to you. You are cordially invited to attend the breakfast and the luncheon. Freshmen Orientation will be Wed, Aug 18th. Kindergarten orientation will be Tuesday, Aug 17th from 5-6:30. There will be Meet Your Teacher Night, most likely on Thursday the 19th. Elementary is 5:00-6:30, MS is 6:00-7:00, and HS is 6:30-7:30 pm.
6. Kim Zeiss, HS counselor – she will be designated as the district’s homeless coordinator.
 7. Initial conversation about MSIP 6 and specifically the curriculum component that will be required by January 2022.
 8. FiredUp Consulting Group – Kevin Daniels. He is helping with CSIP.
 9. Myself and the Admin team would like to create a Theme for the year and maybe have shirts to reinforce the theme. I will communicate ideas soon.
 10. I think it would be nice if all Administrators had polos. This would help them stand out a little more.
 11. Teacher/Admin evaluations – make sure everyone has done the NEE indicator updates.
 12. I met with Fresh Ideas Manager, Ashley Payne on Monday. We are investigating the after school snack program that is fully reimbursable. This is for every student. There are family food needs at all building levels. More info on this will come your way as we investigate the details of the program. Reminder that once again, meals will be free to all students. Meal prices should remain the same. It will still be important for families to continue to fill out the free/reduced application form as that count determines funding in many areas.
 13. Request from the local pharmacy to host a Covid-19 vaccination clinic. Your thoughts? The Board likes this idea but specified that it needs to be done before school begins, anytime between August 16th and August 24th.
 14. Lease agreement w/ the city/park. Discussion item. The Board would like this to be a part of New Business discussion at the August board meeting.
 15. Chairlift at the HS/band room area-ADA compliant commercial quality platform lift. A flyer was passed around to show the Board what the chairlift looks like. She plans to do a site visit at Swedeborg School to see how lift works.
 16. The assessed valuation information was emailed to us this afternoon for the tax levy. This will be presented at the August board meeting.

17. Mrs. Hess will be attending the one-day Missouri Alternative Education Network conference on Monday, July 19th. She will be back in the district on Tuesday.

18. The Pre-K building was power washed last week. The deck will also be painted soon to satisfy Pre-K requirements.

IX. Previous Business:

1. Facilities Update – Jack Mentink of Integrity Engineering presented to the Board plans for the new playground. The Board talked about many ideas with Mr. Mentink. The Board did not like all of the bushes and trees in the plan or the three shade areas, which were very costly. Elementary Principal, Candice Richter stressed to Mr. Mentink that she really would like the side walk to go all the way around, so there can be a walking area for kids. Mr. Mentink is going to take all of these ideas and revise the plan. The Board has asked him to email the revised plan to Mrs. Hess by Monday, July 19th. Mr. Mentink stated that there needs to be three motions this evening. The three motions are for equipment bids, recycled rubber mulch bids, and site & ground work bids. Mr. Mentink was asked if the three bids will be separate costs or will it be one price. He told the board that the school would be billed one price for all three bids. Motion made by Tana, and second by Scott to authorize Integrity Engineering to seek bids for playground equipment, site & ground work, and rubber mulch. All members present voted yes on said motion.

X. New Business:

1. Motion made by Rebecca, and second by Scott to approve MSBA policy 2021-A. All members voted yes on said motion.
Motion made by Scott, and second by Tana to approve MSBA policy 2021-B. All members voted yes on said motion.
2. Motion made by Jason, and second by Jason to declare 1990 Ford Truck surplus property. All members voted yes on said motion.
Motion made by Jason, and second by Kim to declare two pieces of used playground equipment surplus property. All members voted yes on said motion.
3. Motion made by Tana, and second by Jason to approve the Franklin County Special Education Cooperative Membership Agreement. All members voted yes on said motion.
4. Motion made by Tana, and second by Jason to approve the Franklin County Special Education Cooperative Contract Agreement. All members voted yes on said motion.
5. Motion made by Jason, second by Scott to set the Next Regular Board Meeting for Thursday, August 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m. for closed session and 6:30 p.m. for open session. All members present voted yes on said motion.

XI. Motion made by Rebecca, and second by Jason to adjourn the meeting. Tim-yea, Scott-yea, Kim-yea, Tana-yea, Jason-yea, Kevin-yea, and Rebecca-yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

Date