

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held April 20, 2022.

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

Members absent: none

Also Present: Superintendent Curth, Principal Valot, and K. Stritmatter

Meeting called to order by President Powers at 6:29 p.m.

Motion by V. Rogala, Support by L. Jackson to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Finance Report: The taxable value for our district has increased by \$14,081,345 in our 2 largest twps., which translates to an increase of \$290,000 to our revenue for next year. This is mostly due to the new electric lines that run under the Straits of Mackinac. Also, there will be a Revenue Sharing Board meeting at 1pm next Monday.

Secretary's Report: none

Public Participation: none

Motion by E. Trudeau, support by L. Jackson to approve the bills in the amount of \$40,351.75. Carried.

Teacher's Rep Report: Mandy Munger reported that MITES will be on May 6 at the Rec Center with public viewing from 1-6pm. The 1-3 grade camping trip will be May 25-26 and their fundraiser basketball game was tonight. K-5 will go to the Lumberjack show on May 18 and have LOTS of testing coming up. Mrs. Rivera received an FAA grant to become a drone pilot and will be receiving a drone worth around \$1000 for the school and out students. Middle school solo and ensemble was two weeks ago and all students did really well. Tyler Allarie, Nathaniel Petoskey, Chloe Hartman, and Draeven Leithauser all performed, with a special congratulations to Tyler and Chloe who received a "one" rating on their solos. Ms. Vieau conducted Earth Day projects with her Biology class, they planted vegetables for the students to take home. Her 7<sup>th</sup> grade STEM class also designed roller coasters for ping pong balls.

Principal's Report: Becky Valot reported that last week students in grades 8-10 took the PSAT test and students in 11th grade took the SAT test. This week students in many of the grades begin M-Step testing which will be followed by NWEA testing in many of the grades as well. The NHS rewarded honor roll students last Thursday by buying them pizza for lunch. On March 31st we had a small National Honor Society induction in the multipurpose room to induct our 8 new members this year and the 2 from last year. February students of the month were Levi Smith, Haley Straus, and Joe Anderson. March students of the month were Luca Lucchese, Isabella Lieghio, and Connor Robertson. We are coming quickly to the end of another school year and some of the

important upcoming events include Spring concert on May 11<sup>th</sup>, Prom May 14<sup>th</sup>, Project graduation on May 18<sup>th</sup>, High School awards ceremony & Bachelorette ceremony at Church of the Straits on May 25<sup>th</sup>. I am proud to announce this year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian Valedictorian - Ella House  
Salutatorian - Gabi Bell

Old Business: none

New Business:

(a) Teacher Retirement: S. Powers motioned to accept the official retirement of secondary social studies teacher, Linda Hackelberg, support by V. Rogala. Carried.

V. Rogala motioned to go in to closed session to discuss recent attorney correspondence and teacher negotiations, L. Jackson support. Carried.

(b) Attorney Correspondence:

(c) Teacher Negotiations:

V. Rogala motioned to come out of closed session, R. Strittmatter support. Carried.

Public Participation: none

Superintendent's Report: The Athletic banquet will be held at Audie's on May 10 at 5pm with Dr. Jason Spaude as the guest speaker. He was on the University of Kentucky's National Championship shooting team.

Board Comments: J. Bell – “thank Jeff and board for moving graduation and thank Jeff and John Martin for allowing Gabi to fly to Close Up so she can receive an award on Saturday from National Guard and then meet up with the group, really appreciate that!”, L. Jackson – asked about upcoming board seats and election, S. Powers – asked about getting teacher feedback on building and site projects, R. Strittmatter- none, S. Staffan – none, V. Rogala – “thank you Jeff for getting on the contract”, E. Trudeau- none.

Motion by E. Trudeau, support by L. Jackson to adjourn at 7:37. Carried.