

APPROVED  
MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING  
4.9.2018

A regular meeting of the Essexville-Hampton Board of Education was held on Monday, April 9, 2018, at the Garber High School Library, 213 Pine Street, Essexville, MI.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Members Present

John Martin, Joseph Pergande, Charles Rochow, Jill Urban, Amber Davis-Johnson, Michael O'Neill, Dean Verhaeghe

- Members Absent

None

ALSO PRESENT

Matthew Cortez, Eric Allshouse, Leigh Ann Foret, Steve Lenar, Jillian Flippin, Tony Brey, Nate Cholger, Shannon Flippin, Wendy Friend, Tim Hoffman, Nancy Humphries, Sarah Knapp, Mike Leppek, Bonnie Middleton, Jennifer Reames, Marty Reder, Nancy Reder, Susie Rondeau, Ethan Shannon, Kim Wright, Rebecca Yaworski

ADDITIONAL ITEMS  
FROM BOARD /  
SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Cortez added an item after L regarding a concession trailer update.

STATEMENTS  
FROM THE  
PUBLIC

- Rebecca Yaworski addressed the board to thank the administration for their openness in regard to future staffing plans. She described her class size observations throughout her career and their differences.
- Nancy Humphries addressed the board to thank the superintendent and Mr. Kenniston for their openness regarding student numbers. She questions why class sizes may rise when they can flourish at smaller sizes. She wishes to keep class sizes low.
- Ethan Shannon addressed the board to thank them for their support in the Robotics program. The high school robotics team qualified for the state competition, placing #62 out of 509 schools in Michigan.
- Susie Rondeau addressed the board as to her thanks for the district's openness regarding upcoming potential staffing changes. She asks as a parent and staff member to keep incoming third grade class sizes low.

MINUTES  
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Moved by Pergande, supported by Urban, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting, held on March 12, 2018, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Verhaeghe

No: None

TREASURER'S  
REPORT  
ACCEPTED

Moved by Davis-Johnson, supported by O'Neill, to accept the treasurer's report, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Verhaeghe, Martin

No: None

EXPENDITURE  
REVIEW  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT  
APPROVED

Moved by Urban, supported by Rochow, to approve the Expenditure Committee report in the amount of \$1,962,635.58 for the month of March 2018, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Verhaeghe, Martin, Pergande

No: None

STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE  
REPORT

Student representative Jillian Flippin reported on the following:

1. Garber baseball and softball teams went to Ft. Myer, FL over spring break for training
2. Spring sports begin tomorrow with their first games and matches

DISTINGUISHED  
DUKE  
RECOGNITION

Superintendent Cortez presented the Board with this Month's Distinguished Duke Recognition recipients: Autumn Reyes and Sue from Studio 23, Melissa Pavlik, Tanya Boler, Bill Harris and Tim Hoffman.

RETIREMENT  
LETTER  
APPROVED

Moved by Urban, supported by O'Neill, to approve the resignation of parapro, Carol Szelogowski, from the Essexville-Hampton Public Schools, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Verhaeghe, Martin, Pergande, Rochow

No: None

BOYS & GIRLS  
CLUB UPDATE

Wendy Friend, Essexville Director of Boys & Girls Club, presented the board with the club's current enrollment and summer plans. The club continues to grow, teachers give their time and this summer's theme will be "animals".

BOARD SELF-  
EVALUATION  
APPROVED

Moved by Urban, supported by Verhaeghe, to approve the use of the MASB self-evaluation tool by the Board, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Verhaeghe, Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban

No: None

STATE AID  
NOTE  
RESOLUTION  
APPROVED

Superintendent Cortez recommended that the board approve a resolution to borrow up to \$4.5 million by accepting bids for operating expenses for fiscal year 2018-2019. Thrun Law Firm would handle all aspects of the resolution and accompanying documents.

Moved by Pergande, supported by Davis-Johnson, to approve the State Aid Operating Loan Resolution, as provided by Thrun Law Firm, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: O'Neill, Verhaeghe, Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson

No: None

SUMMER  
PROJECT  
UPDATE

Superintendent Cortez and Steve Barlow updated the Board regarding upcoming building projects to take place during the summer of 2018 including moving the Garber office to the front of the building, in addition to, asbestos removal in the flooring.

**CONCESSIONS  
TRAILER UPDATE  
APPROVED**

Moved by Pergande, supported by Urban, to purchase a concessions trailer for \$38,641.10, as presented along with addressing current graphic changes.

Roll Call: Yes: Verhaeghe, Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill  
No: None

**2018-2019 BUDGET  
DISCUSSIONS**

Steve Lenar presented the Board with discussions pertaining to the 2018-2019 school year budget as well as new employment positions. The finance committee will meet on May 3, 2018 to review our budget in regard to an additional new teacher hire.

**NEW TEACHER/  
COORDINATOR  
HIRES  
APPROVED**

Moved by Pergande, supported by Verhaeghe, to approve the new hires of an MTSS coordinator, choir teacher and two secondary teachers, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Verhaeghe  
No: None

**NEW MDE SCHOOL  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
REPORTING**

Eric Allshouse presented the Board with the new MDE accountability report released last week for the 2016-2017 school year. The state average is 71%. Our schools fall above this average, with the exception of Cramer. Cramer identifies as targeted support for special education, which we are working to improve.

**STATEMENTS  
FROM BOARD/  
ADMINISTRATION**

None

**STATEMENTS  
FROM THE  
PUBLIC**

- Shannon Flippin addressed the board regarding clarification on the MTSS Coordinator job description.
- Susie Rondeau addressed the board to invite them to visit her room to see her daily foundational processes. She thanked the board for listening to the need for an MTSS coordinator.
- Tim Hoffman addressed the board regarding how beneficial an MTSS coordinator will be to our district. He also gave praise to Bill Harris and Tanya Boler for their amazing work prepping for testing days.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

President Martin requested that the board move into closed session for the purpose of negotiations.

Moved by Urban, supported by Rochow, that the Board of Education, and those persons recommended by Superintendent Cortez, namely Eric Allshouse and Steve Lenar, move into closed session for the purpose of an expulsion hearing at 8:37 p.m.

Roll Call: Yes: Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Verhaeghe, Martin  
No: None

ADJOURN CLOSED  
SESSION AND  
RECONVENE  
OPEN MEETING

Moved by Pergande, supported by Davis-Johnson to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into open session.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Verhaeghe, Martin, Pergande

No: None

The open session convened at 9:10 p.m.

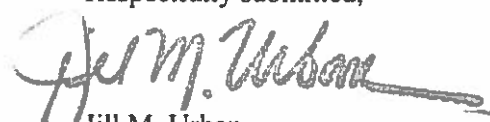
ADJOURN

Moved by Pergande, supported by Davis-Johnson, to adjourn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jill M. Urban  
Secretary