

APPROVED  
MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
10.9.17

A regular meeting of the Essexville-Hampton Board of Education was held on Monday, October 9, 2017 in 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, Charles Rochow, Amber Davis-Johnson, Michael O'Neill and Student Representative Payton Wolbert

- Members Absent

Joseph Pergande (excused), Jill Urban (excused) and Dean Verhaeghe (excused)

ALSO PRESENT

Matt Cortez, Eric Allshouse, Leigh Ann Foret, Dawn Bromberg, Nate Cholger, Chris Foret, Tim Hoffman, Barry Kenniston, Bonnie Middleton, Randy Morse, Walter Reames, Marty Reder, Nancy Reder, Kim Wright

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM BOARD/  
SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Cortez updated the Board on the kickoff of Project Duke, as well as, the Distinguished Duke Recognition notices. He also added item E3, student rep report.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

MINUTES APPROVED

Moved by Rochow, supported by Davis-Johnson, to approved the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 11, 2017, as presented.

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

No: None

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED

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

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

No: None

EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT APPROVED

Moved by Rochow, supported by Davis-Johnson, to approve the Expenditure Committee report in the amount of \$1,698,860.76 for the month of September 2017, as presented.

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

No: None

STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE  
REPORT

Student representatives Payton Wolbert, reported on the following:

1. Decorated for spirit week
2. SLS crash cart to discourage distracted driving
3. Students signed safe Homecoming pledge and safe driving simulators
4. Trooper will be in the student parking lot checking for seatbelts
5. Homecoming events: Thursday, Powder Puff Game, Friday, mocktails to show kids they don't have to drink to have fun, Pep Assembly, parade and game, Saturday, dance.
6. 10/19 Garber Fall Concert
7. Duke Zone t-shirts on sale for \$10
8. Yellow Ribbon Spirit Week – November 6-10

AUDIT  
PRESENTATION

AHP, Randy Morse, presented the audit to the Board. The final report will be brought to the Board for approval at the November 2017 meeting.

GAA  
PRESENTATION  
APPROVED

Chris Foret, GAA President, Addressed the Board regarding the purchase of a food trailer to be purchased and owned by the district and rented by the GAA. Moved by Rochow, supported by O'Neill, to purchase a food trailer not to exceed the amount of \$35,000. If additional funds are needed, it is to be brought to the Finance Committee if under \$5,000 or to the Board if over \$5,000.

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

No: None

WALSWORTH  
GALLERY OF  
EXCELLENCE  
AWARD

Dawn Bromberg and the Yearbook team have done it again! They have received the Walsworth Gallery of Excellence Award for the second year in a row. This is huge honor that does not routinely occur two years in a row. The Gallery of Excellence winners are chosen based on a variety of things such as Consistency, Theme, photography, journalism, captions, headlines, layout and design. They also look at indexing to see how well the overall student body is represented throughout the book.

The Gallery of Excellence is a showcase of books that Walsworth feels are a great representation of all those things. Copies of Garber's yearbooks will be sent to Walsworth reps around the nation to use as an example of an excellence book to emulate for other schools looking for ideas, guidance and direction. Garber's book will also be showcased in the Walsworth booth at State and National conferences. Less than 1% of all the books published by Walsworth Publishing Company receive this award nationwide.

OUT OF STATE  
TRAVEL  
GARBER  
MUSIC  
APPROVED

Moved by Davis-Johnson, supported by Martin, to approve out of state travel to New York City for the Garber music program students April 25-29, 2018, as presented.

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

No: None

DRESS CODE  
SCHOOL POLICY  
UPDATE  
APPROVED

Moved by Martin, supported by Davis-Johnson, to approve the changes to the Garber and Cramer dress codes with the adjustment that necklines should expose minimal cleavage, as presented.

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

No: None

PUPIL COUNT  
UPDATE

Superintendent Cortez updated the Board regarding current enrollment numbers. Our current enrollment count number is 1718. This is above 1670; the number of students that were budgeted for.

PROJECT DUKE  
UPDATE

Superintendent Cortez addressed the Board regarding the kickoff of Project D.U.K.E., as well as, upcoming events. Project D.U.K.E. (Donating and Uniting for Key Essentials) will help donate essentials to those in need in our district during unforeseen emergencies or circumstances. On launch day, the district earned a total of \$1,201.50 for the fund.

ANNUAL  
NOTICE OF  
SUPERINTENDENT  
EVALUATION

Superintendent Cortez gave notice to the Board of their responsibility in regard to his evaluation and contract renewal. The evaluation is to be completed in March, 2018, and is required by the state on a yearly basis.

NEOLA POLICY  
BIANNUAL  
UPDATE  
DISCUSSION

NEOLA biannual update was discussed.

RETIREMENT  
LETTER  
APPROVED

Moved by O'Neill with regret, supported by Rochow, to approved the retirement of Gary Gordon from the Essexville-Hampton School District, as presented.

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

No: None

STATEMENTS  
FROM BOARD/  
ADMINISTRATION

1. Brandy Wilk reintroducing after school Spanish Club
2. 3 Distinguished Duke notices: Pam Loomis, Marilyn Walkowiak & Jane Chamberlain
3. Brandon Green Memorial Scoreboard complete in the pool area

STATEMENTS  
FROM THE PUBLIC

None

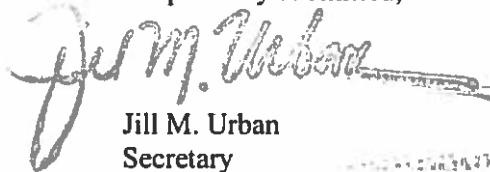
ADJOURN

Moved by O'Neill, supported by Martin, to adjourn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill M. Urban  
Secretary