

APPROVED
MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD
MEETING
3.12.2018

A regular meeting of the Essexville-Hampton Board of Education was held on Monday, March 12, 2018, at the Garber High School Library, 213 Pine Street, Essexville, MI.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

- Members Present

- Members Absent

John Martin (excused)

ALSO PRESENT

Matthew Cortez, Eric Allshouse, Leigh Ann Foret, Jillian Flippin, Miranda Antcliff, Tony Brey, Dawn Bromberg, Chuck Burrows, Nate Cholger, James Coleman, Jeff Dinauer, Kevin Discher, Fred Funston, Tim Hoffman, Mark Knapp, Shelly Mahar, Bonnie Middleton, Thomas Piggott, Jessica Reder, Jeanne Rezmer, Ethan Shannon, Missy Szczepanski, Tom Szczepanski, Tommy Szczepanski, Sandra Villaire, Shawna Walraven, Angela Zaucha

ADDITIONAL ITEMS
FROM BOARD /
SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent added an item after M regarding retirements.

STATEMENTS
FROM THE
PUBLIC

-Nate Cholger addressed the board regarding the spending of funds to hire new teachers.
-Fred Funston addressed the board regarding suggestions for school safety and security.
-Lynne Moore addressed the board to compliment the district for their forward thinking and also coming together for the needs of a student.
-Mark Knapp addressed the board regarding the hiring of new teachers.
-Amber Davis-Johnson addressed Knapp.
Jeanne Rezmer addressed the board regarding Knapp's comments.

MINUTES
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Moved by Rochow, supported by Verhaeghe, to approve the minutes of the special board meeting, held on February 15, 2018, as presented.

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

No: None

TREASURER'S
REPORT
ACCEPTED

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

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

No: None

EXPENDITURE
REVIEW
COMMITTEE
REPORT
APPROVED

Moved by Verhaeghe, supported by Urban, to approve the Expenditure Committee report in the amount of \$1,434,020.63 for the month of February 2018, as presented.

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

No: None

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT**

Student representative Jillian Flippin reported on the following:

1. 3/12 SAT practice seminar with students from surrounding schools
2. 3/15 – 3/18 Garber Musical – The Little Mermaid
3. 3/17 Garber Robotics first competition
4. Spanish Club hosted a fiesta where they learned salsa and had ethnic food
5. Garber boys won districts for basketball
6. Garber bands received all 1's at festival

**DISTINGUISHED
DUKE
RECOGNITION**

Superintendent Cortez presented the Board with this Month's Distinguished Duke Recognition recipients: Hannah Wolschlager, Tommy Szczepanski, Shelly Mahar, Brady Kenniston Photography, Skorupski Family Funeral Home, Kare & Serve Foundation, Heritage Wise Group, Insurance, Garber Athletic Association, Grampa Tony's Restaurant, Graff Chevrolet, Jim & Lynne Moore, Cheryl Blank - Shear Attractions, Theron & Angela Zaucha, James Coleman, Sandra Villaire, Keri Worden, Chris & Kim Kokaly, Niki Napolitano, Brendon Grawburg, Chris & Amy Lopez, Marc & Stacie Murphy, Cramer Junior High Staff Member, Cramer Junior High Staff Member, Lisa Reynolds, Jane Chamberlain, Jeannie Rezmer, Dawn Bromberg, Dave Schwartz, Bill Harris, Jeff Dinauer, Chuck Burrows, Suzanne Brown, Tim Hoffman, Eric Allshouse, Leigh Ann Foret, and Miranda Antcliff.

**TEACHER NEW
HIRE – APPROVED**

Moved by Verhaeghe, supported by O'Neill, to approve the hiring of 7th grade math teacher, Elizabeth DeBeau, as presented.

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

No: None

**ROBOTICS
PRESENTATION**

Ethan Shannon and his team presented their latest robot. Mr. Shannon is very proud of his students. This is the most advanced robot they are created in five years. It can accomplish all requirements at competition.

**SCHOOL FINANCE
RESEARCH
COLLABORATIVE
APPROVED**

Moved by Urban, supported by Rochow, to approve the resolution from the School Finance Research Collaboration, as presented.

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

No: None

**SUPERINTENDENT
CONTRACT
RENEWAL
APPROVED**

Moved by Pergande, supported by Rochow, to approve a one year extension of the superintendent's contract for an expiration of 2021, as presented.

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

No: None

**SECOND READING
NEOLA POLICY
SECTION #2000 –
#2105 - 2700
APPROVED**

Moved by Rochow, supported by O'Neill, to approved the second reading of NEOLA Board Policy, Section #2000, #2105 – 2700, as presented.

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

No: None

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION DISCUSSED

Moved by Urban, supported by Verhaeghe, to approve the adoption of a new board evaluation tool from MASB, as presented.

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

No: None

RESIGNATION LETTERS APPROVED

Moved by Rochow with regret, supported by Urban, to accept the resignations of Rose Oliver, Bonnie Middleton, and Donna Roller from the Essexville-Hampton school district, as presented.

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

No: None

SINKING FUND DISCUSSION

Recommendations from the sinking fund committee and Thrun Law Firm were discussed. Looking at the possibility of a Sinking Fund Replacement opposed to a Renewal due to the funds being used for safety, health, and security. It would potentially be a ten year replacement from 2020 – 2029 lining it up with the bond.

STATEMENTS FROM BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

-Amber Davis-Johnson addressed the board regarding the question of how communication can be improved upon between administration and staff. She also discussed the three potential options of an early start: one week early, two weeks early, or always the last week of August.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

-Tom Piggott addressed the board regarding the new hire of teachers, their steps and how the current staff may feel regarding these topics.

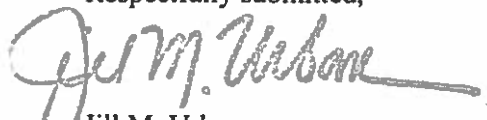
ADJOURN

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

Voice Vote: All Ayes

Vice President Pergande adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill M. Urban
Secretary